

West Floral Park



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Neighborhood Newsletter

General Meeting Tuesday, November 4th at Santiago School 7 pm

BOARD ELECTIONS

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED NAME CHANGE ~ FLORAL PARK WEST

CLAUDIA ALVAREZ, COUNCILMEMBER, STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Take some time out of your busy schedule and attend our last General Meeting of the year. We will be voting for new board officers and looking for people who would like to chair and participate in a wide variety of committees next year. Get involved! West Floral Park Neighborhood Association sponsors more activities than any other neighborhood association in the city and we can't do it without you.

Animal Services

At our last General meeting Nathan Hittle, Animal Control Officer gave us an update. The shelter that was at the Grand Avenue Pet Hospital has been moved to a new location - 561 City Drive South. For more information call 935-6848 or go to www.ocpetinfo.com. Officers are in the field from 7:00 am - 9:30 pm.

All dogs must be on a leash and licensed. Please make sure you are considerate and clean up after your pet!

Patrick Mitchell, a coyote tracker from the Parks and Recreation Dept. talked about coyotes. Several people mentioned they had seen coyotes early in the morning traveling in packs on the streets of our neighborhood. Coyotes have been responsible for the deaths of many of our neighborhood cats and dogs. Patrick said that the coyotes come down the Santa Ana river bed searching for food. During the years that are particularly dry, the coyotes travel further in thier search. There have been fewer coyotes in our neighborhood this year because there has been more water.

Don't encourage visits from coyotes and other wild animals. Keep your trash enclosed. Keep pet food off the ground and pick fruit before it drops off the tree or vine. Keep your pets indoors at night. For more information call Patrick Mitchell at 571.4288.

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Letter from the President

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Can you believe that we will soon be saying good-bye to another year? I speak on behalf of your West Floral Park Neighborhood Association Board when I say it's been an incredible year! We've welcomed many new neighbors and have sadly said good-bye to others.

More neighbors participated in social events this year than ever before. Did you know that of the 57+ neighborhood associations in the city, that West Floral Park is the most active in the entire city? We as board members and committee chairs, know that it takes a lot of planning and coordination to pull off our 10 plus activities per year.

This year Dean Guzman and Bill Stacy organized our first annual West Floral Park Golf Invitational. Our very own Steve "Tiger" Doughty and teammates walked away with the first prize trophy. The highly anticipated Wine Walk returned this year by popular demand and the "Komanna Wanna Luau" progressive dinner proved to be the annual neighborhood favorite once again.

I want to personally thank all those that volunteered their time and talents to making each and every one of our events so successful. Your dedication to details really made it appear as if everything was done so effortlessly.

I also want to encourage all our neighbors to get involved. The November general meeting is election time and we need volunteers to step up and take a leadership role. Additionally, the Welcome, Beautification, Communication and Social Committees need chairs and volunteers to continue the high caliber of events and activities that we have become known for within the city.

On behalf of your Neighborhood Association board, Shelli Horan, Susan Buse, Lisa Speer and myself, Robert Muñoz, we want to say "THANK YOU" West Floral Park for being such a great neighborhood and sharing with us your beauty.

Robert Muñoz



Oktoberfest



This year's Oktoberfest was once again a big success. Over 150 people polkaed the night away and raised their mugs in a neighborhood toast. Gary Castro and the members of the Social Committee, Cheryl Henderson, Ed Flohra, Amy Miller, Susan Buse, Shelli Horan, and Jim Gartner, worked very hard to make this fun event happen. Thanks to The Brown's, Molly and Steve Doughty for their financial contributions and the other volunteers who contributed their time to this event.

Contractor's Corner

Lowell Martin of Lowell Martin Electric, Inc. grew up at the corner of 21st and Towner. He was inspired by his stepfather, Jim Housley of Housley Electric in Orange. Lowell now has his own business in Orange in the same building. Kay Housley says, "Someone needing electrical service can trust Lowell and know the work will be done correctly."

Do you have a favorite contractor? Let us know and we'll print your recommendation.

Photo Gallery

West Floral Park Neighborhood Association hosted several fun and noteworthy events since our last newsletter in July and we thought it would be fun to share some of the photos from these events. If you weren't in attendance, you can see by the smiles that everyone had fun even when the event was a work party!

Pancake Breakfast

Over 60 people attended the pancake breakfast this year. Neighbors came to eat and meet other neighbors. The fire department was there to WOW the kids with their trucks and equipment. A big thanks to Dean Guzman, this year's chairperson and his cooks, Rick Boxter, Gary Buse, Bill Stacey, and Steve Mendoza.



Concert in the Park ~ A "Trip" Back in Time



Miracle on Santa Clara

The Beautification Committee along with volunteers worked miracles on Santa Clara by ripping out the old overgrown shrubbery and replanting with white roses and other drought tolerant plants. Many neighbors contributed with generous financial donations and sweat equity. A BIG THANK YOU to Bill Stacey and the entire Beautification Committee who made this happen!!





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Upcoming Events in Santa Ana

Saturday, November 1

- Artists Village Open House 7:00-10:00 pm
Santora Art Gallery 207 Broadway 543.1856

Sunday, November 2

- Annual Police Canine Benefit show at Eddie West Field 5-7:00 pm call for tickets 714.535.0741

Monday, December 1

- Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting at Sasser Park

Saturday, December 6

- Artists Village Open House 7:00-10:00 pm
Santora Art Gallery Open House 207 Broadway 543.1856
- Garage Sale Weekend

Sunday, December 7

- Garage Sale Weekend
- Casa de Santiago Holiday Concert and Fisher Park tree lighting ceremony

Saturday, December 13

- 8th Anniversary Group Show & Holiday Sale Legacy Art Gallery 207 N. Broadway, suite B7A Friday-Saturday noon - 3:00 pm
- Childrens' Winter Party at Santa Ana Stadium
- French Park Holiday Home Tour 10:00-4:00 pm \$20 in advance contact Jon and Janice Gotthold 714.569.0467 or \$25 at the booth at 915 French Street on event days

Sunday, December 14

- French Park Holiday Home Tour 10:00-4:00 pm \$20 in advance contact Jon and Janice Gotthold 714.569.0467 or \$25 at the booth at 915 French Street on event days

Get Ready for 2004!

Yes, it's around the corner - a new year and the calendar is filling up fast with fun and exciting neighborhood events. The more neighbors who are involved in committees, the less work it is for everyone. Start thinking about what you would like to work on and sign up early so you can get in on all the fun!