



# West Floral Park Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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*The Parrots are here! Find out why on page 2 of the newsletter.*

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Golf Tournament	Sept. 17
Fall Block Party	Oct. 8
General Meeting	Nov. 10
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## *Message From The Treasurer*

*Hello Residents,*

Judi and I had a vision of living in this area for a long time and now that we're here, it's been everything (and more) than we dreamed it would be. We immediately became involved in our neighborhood association – first by attending the social events and now by our past and present involvement in the Board. This involvement has really enhanced our lives by enlarging our perception of West Floral Park to the greater community and beyond.

All of you that have contributed your valuable dollars and time can surely agree WFP is a wonderful neighborhood with high quality landscape improvements (Towner & 17<sup>th</sup> Park), magnificent social events such as the Wine Walk, Progressive Dinner, Oktoberfest, etc., as well as this Newsletter and our website ([www.westfloralpark.com](http://www.westfloralpark.com)).but what makes WFP great is the community that surrounds us.

Our cultural, and civic diversity is unrivaled by any other OC community. We're minutes from some of the best hospitals, in OC, Saint Joseph and UCI. There are excellent regional shopping malls at our northern edge, Main Place, and southern boundaries, South Coast Plaza. There is a vibrant Hispanic business community that has endured decades of change and will continue to play a major role in our future. Santa Ana is home to County, State, and Federal Administration offices. The Discovery Science Center, Bowers Museum, Saint Joseph Ballet, Downtown Artist's Village, Farmers Market are remarkably wonderful cultural organizations.

We have a community nestled within a city that is vibrant and culturally diverse; a community that offers the benefits of a small town neighborhood, yet minutes away from a vibrant metropolitan city. I urge you to step outside the confines of West Floral Park as often as you can and become an active participant in the community at large. Simply put, I encourage you to continue supporting the WFPNA ...but, there's a great city out there waiting for you to help it continue to be 'the best it can be'.

Steve Tancredi

### **The Board**

*President, Lisa Speer  
Vice President, Steve Doughty  
Treasurer, Steve Tancredi  
Secretary, Debra Lawler*

### **The Committee Chairs**

*Social, Juanita Galliford  
Beautification, Mel Steiner  
Welcoming, Joan Squillacioti  
Communication, Steven Mendoza*



## West Floral Park

### The Naturalized Parrots of West Floral Park



The plight of the parrot is well known and widely regarded as one of the most pressing conservation issues of our time. With numbers decreasing at alarming rates, wildlife organizations worldwide have struggled to save their natural habitats and do everything possible to stop the trade of wild-caught parrots. While this struggle continues, thousands of miles away from their native land in a most unlikely place, some species of parrot have (not so quietly) made their presence known.

Within the flock frequently roosting in the West Floral Park area are Red-crowned Parrots (an

endangered species), Lilac-crowned Parrots (recently categorized as CITES Appendix I), Red-lored Parrots, White-fronted Parrots, Yellow-headed Parrots (an endangered species), and Blue-fronted Parrots. There are even those who, for now, are one of a kind - a Blue-crowned Parakeet, Rose-ringed Parakeet, and an Orange-winged Parrot. Occasionally, members of the Mitred Parakeet flock may also be seen visiting from nearby Orange.

Throughout California naturalized parrot populations of various species have been documented as far back as the 1960s and have established themselves in Santa Ana, Orange, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, Riverside, San Bernardino, Bakersfield, and other locations.

In 1994, Kimball Garrett, Ornithology Collections Manager at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County established the California Parrot Project. His initial objective — to determine the prevalence of parrots in southern California. By 1995 extensive research began on the wild parrot flocks in the San Gabriel Valley, but other than estimated population sizes, little was known about other flocks around the southland. By 2001, working independently, bird photographers Mike Bowles and Loretta Erickson began monitoring, documenting and photographing the Orange County flocks. Joining the California Parrot Project in early 2004, their extensive research continues.

At the West Floral Park General Meeting in November, representatives of the California Parrot Project will give a presentation on Santa Ana's naturalized parrots. The presentation will include a general overall view of parrot conservation including some scientific facts not commonly known; the present status of those species in West Floral Park currently on the Endangered Species List; a brief outline of other flocks of parrots in California; how the parrots got here, how they are surviving, how they live their lives and what is being seen among the Santa Ana flock that has never been documented before. There will be dozens of "up-close and personal" photographs of individual members of the flock along with some fun stories about them. Current research will also be outlined and there will be an opportunity for questions.

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### Keyta

#### The Little Parrot Who Couldn't Fly

*Keyta's life began high atop the trees in the heart of West Floral Park. One of only a handful of his kind among the area's wild parrots, he was destined to fly with the wind beneath his wings.*

*Sadly one day, something went tragically wrong. Spotted by two caring observers, it became obvious that something was wrong with Keyta's right wing — it drooped badly. With no outward signs of what could have happened to this young parrot's wing, the observers knew that should Keyta be unable to fly, he would eventually be abandoned.*

*One morning, life changed drastically for little Keyta. He no longer sat in the top of his towering tree. He no longer climbed through the leaves that had protected him in recent weeks. He tried to - fly. Unfortunately, his wings couldn't carry him like the wings of the other birds and suddenly he found himself in a tree below.*

*Sadly, it was discovered that Keyta had a badly fractured wing and nothing could be done to help him realize his dream...he would never join the other young parrots...he would never fly. In the few short days following, matters became worse for Keyta when he began to suffer from lead poisoning. Now the question as to what happened to Keyta's wing would be answered - he was shot with a pellet gun. Keyta underwent emergency surgery to remove the pellet from his leg, followed by a series of treatments to combat the lead poisoning.*

*Though he will never experience the thrill of flight, nor acquire the survival skills taught by his parents; though he will never experience what it is like to be free...the spirit in his eyes will forever be seen in the other young parrots flying over West Floral Park.*

Loretta Erickson



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### City of Santa Ana's 2005 Most Beautiful Yard Contest

The Winner of this years Most Beautiful Yard Contest is .....1009 W. 20th Street.

Check  out the **New**  
 Santa Ana Community Calendar at...  
[www.santa-ana.org/todo](http://www.santa-ana.org/todo)

The Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society Presents Its **8th Annual Cemetery Tour**. Tours from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Tickets: \$18. Save by purchasing tickets in advance for \$15.00. Reservations recommended to hold your preferred tour time. To receive an advance ticket flier when mailed, email your postal address to [sahps@sahps.org](mailto:sahps@sahps.org) or leave a message at 714/547-9645. Visit our website at [www.SantaAnaHistory.com](http://www.SantaAnaHistory.com) for additional tour information. [View detail info.](#)

**October 22-23,28-30**

10am-5pm. October 15-16 and October 22-31. — **SPOOKY SCIENCE** at Discovery Science Center. Explore the more mysterious sides of science at this fun and educational Halloween event. Learn about Mummies & participate in spooky hands-on activities. Don't forget to wear your costume! 2500 N. Main St., Santa Ana. 714-542-2823 or [www.discoverycube.org](http://www.discoverycube.org) for more information.

**Santa Ana Free Days** is an ongoing program that provides Santa Ana residents with FREE admission to Discovery Science Center the first Monday of every month. Santa Ana residents should bring a valid drivers license or another ID with a Santa Ana address to the ticket counter and receive free admission for up to four people (children and adults). Visitors can then let their imaginations turn, twist and fly through the approximately 120 hands-on exhibits in Discovery Science Center [www.discoverycube.org](http://www.discoverycube.org).

### Board Elections

The November General Meeting of the West Floral Park Neighborhood Association will include elections for the upcoming year. .

Serving on the board is both an honor and a prevelidge and a great way to give back to the communiity. Below are descriptions of the offices up for election.

The **President** presides over all meetings and shall perform such duties as are necessary for the proper administration of the affairs of WFPNA.

The **Vice President** assist in the administration of the affairs assigned to the President, and in the absence of the President presides over association meetings. The VP shall co-chair and direct the Membership Drive, and oversee all Committee Chairs and neighborhood projects.

The **Treasurer** shall have custody of the funds of the WFPNA. Shall provide accounting to the Board at its monthly meetings and at such other times as prescribed by the Board Members.

The **Secretary** shall serve as Recording and Corresponding Secretary maintaining the association records, minutes and agendas. Shall take roll call at Board meetings and maintain the Standing Rules. Shall annually review Bylaws and the Standing Rules making recommendations to the Board.

**Welcoming Committee Chair** shall conduct regular meetings of committee members, prepare and deliver a welcome gift to new neighbors within two months of move-in date.

**Social Committee Chair** shall conduct regular meetings of committee members. Shall, plan with the Board approval all social events and dates.

**Communication Committee Chair:** Shall conduct regular meetings of committee members. Shall, publish, edit and distribute a minimum of 4 newsletters per year. Shall sell advertising space and collect fees. General newsletter content is to be approved by the Board. Shall establish and maintain Street Reps to distribute Board approved communication.

**Beautification Committee Chair:** Shall conduct regular meetings of committee members. Shall plan with Board approval all beautification projects within the WFPNA.



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### Safety Tips

Parking in your garage or driveway get cars off the street and when we do not park on the street, it is much easier to tell when a stranger is parked in our neighborhood.

If you left your car on the street, it may not be there in the morning. If it is still there, you might need to replace a windshield or a radio thanks to theft and vandalism.

If at all possible, please park in your garage or up in your driveway close to your home, to avoid your car from becoming an easy target.



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**Wednesday Afternoons**  
3 - 7 PM \* RAIN-or-SHINE  
**Corner of 3rd & Bush**  
Fiesta Marketplace Parking Lot

*Unpacked Goods\** *Squeezed Juices\**



## West Floral Park

### Take a Walk into the Past

Below is a picture of a West Floral Park Home during it's original construction. Can you guess where this house is? The West Floral Park Communications Committee is looking for vintage photographs of West Floral Park homes from the 1950's 1960's or 1970's to publish in the newsletter. Help us take a look back. If you would like to participate, please contact Communications Chair, Steven Mendoza at 542-5828. **Tell your story!**



### West Floral Park Neighborhood Association

#### 8/25/05 Profit & Loss Statement

#### INCOME

Membership / Donations	\$ 4,100
Misc. Contributions	\$ 1,400
Event Contributions	\$ 3,260
Membership Revenue	\$ 8,760

Wine Walk	\$ 3,003
Progressive Dinner	\$ 2,824
Fall Block Party	
Christmas Celebration	
Event Revenue	\$ 5,827

**Total Income** \$ 14,587

#### EXPENSES

Park Maintenance	\$ 425
Bank Charges	\$ -
Misc. Business	\$ 310
General Meetings	\$ 170

Newsletter	\$ 1,081
Website	\$ 149
Welcome Baskets	\$ 319
Beautification	\$ 204
Committee Expense	\$ 1,754
Wine Walk	\$ 3,337
Progressive Dinner	\$ 3,723
Golf Tournament	\$ 900
Fall Block Party	\$ -
Holiday Celebration	\$ -
Fourth of July Parade	\$ 100
Easter Egg Hunt	\$ 200
Event Expense	\$ 8,260

**Total Expenses** \$ 10,919

**Net Income** \$ 3,668

### Membership Wine Glass



If you signed up and still haven't received your wine glass, please contact Mr. Steve Doughty at (714) 953-1056. Steve will make sure you get it.



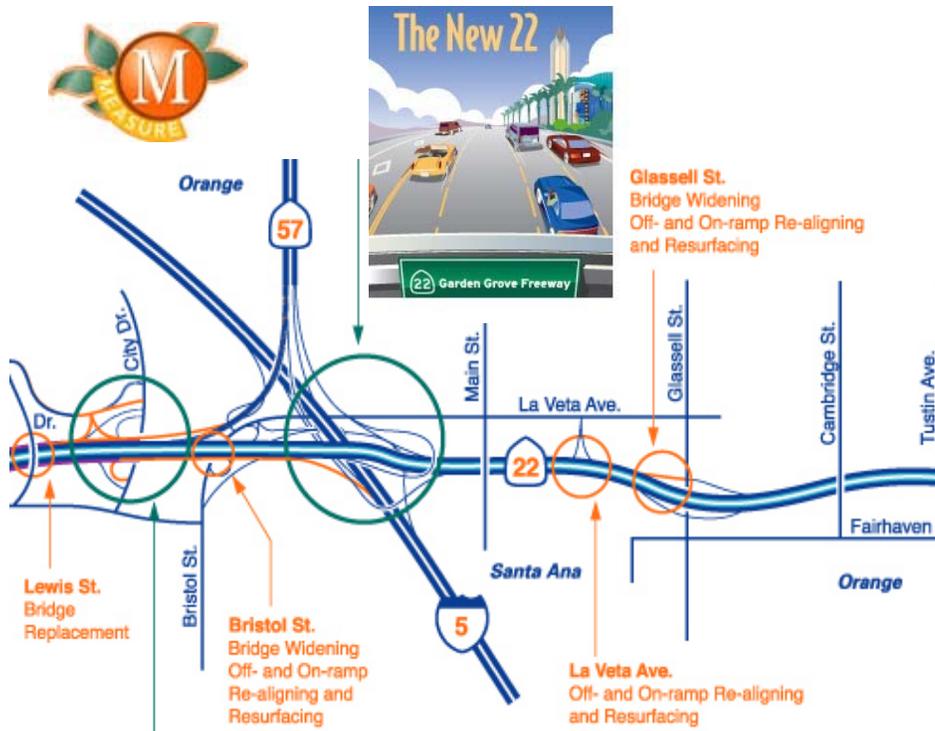
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### It's the New 22 Coming Right at You!

A Better Drive is On the Way thanks to Measure M — the half-cent sales tax for Orange County transportation improvements — you'll soon be traveling from home to work, shopping and entertainment better than ever before. The New 22 will:

- Increase traffic flow and speed
- Eliminate bottlenecks
- Correct freeway transitions
- Add HOV lanes
- Make ramps easier to navigate
- Widen bridges
- Enhance community aesthetics
- Mitigate noise

OCTA is moving ahead with one of its largest freeway improvement projects to date. Although most California counties have postponed necessary roadway improvements, OCTA has secured the majority of funding for this critical project from our local Measure M, allowing us to improve O.C. transportation when we need it — now, not later. The SR-22 project is the first freeway to use the “design-build”, where a single contract is awarded for both design and construction. By utilizing design-build, we'll save almost three years from the original estimated completion date. We'll finish in only 800 days — much faster than typical for a project of this size. For more information, please see <http://www.octa.net/freeway/sr22/overview.asp>. This site is dedicated to keeping you informed about the 22 Improvement Project.



### West Floral Park Neighborhood Association 2005 Membership Drive

Street	# of HH's	Current Ttl Donations	Avg Don Per HH	# of Partic. HH's	% of Partic. HH's.
Lowell Lane	15	\$245	\$16.33	5	33.33%
Marion Way	8	\$30	\$3.75	1	12.50%
Baker Street	67	\$300	\$4.48	9	13.43%
Olive Lane	19	\$280	\$14.74	7	36.84%
Freeman Street	25	\$180	\$7.20	8	32.00%
Greenbrier	19	\$30	\$1.58	1	5.26%
Louise Street	36	\$75	\$2.08	3	8.33%
Olive Street	47	\$185	\$3.94	7	14.89%
Rosewood	35	\$825	\$23.57	9	25.71%
Towner Street	59	\$460	\$7.80	10	16.95%
Westwood Avenue	68	\$1,740	\$25.59	18	26.47%
Ruth Circle	5	\$50	\$10.00	1	20.00%
18th Street	41	\$45	\$1.10	2	4.88%
Flower Street	38	\$215	\$5.66	2	5.26%
19th Street	25	\$1,100	\$44.00	8	32.00%
20th Street	23	\$0	\$0.00	0	0.00%
21st Street	19	\$50	\$2.63	1	5.26%
22nd Street	5	\$0	\$0.00	0	0.00%
Buffalo Avenue	12	\$30	\$2.50	1	8.33%
Riviera Drive	37	\$1,715	\$46.35	13	35.14%
Santa Clara Avenue	29	\$230	\$7.93	3	10.34%
<b>Total</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>\$7,785</b>	<b>\$12.32</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>17.25%</b>



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# West Floral Park Golf Tournament



**PRIZES**

**Trophies for 1st,  
2nd, & 3rd Place  
Teams**

**Men & Women Long Drive  
Closest To The Pin**

**September 17, 2005**

**Riverview Golf Course**

**1800 W. 22nd Street Santa Ana, CA. 714-543-1115**

## *3rd Annual WFPNA Golf Tournament*

Best Ball Format , Mulligans (3 for \$5)

Players Packages provided by Roger Dunn Golf Stores

Trophies provided by Mastercraft Homes

*WFPNA —Making your Neighborhood a Better Place*

### **Schedule**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>9:00 AM—9:45 AM</b>	<b>Check In: Team &amp; Cart Assignments</b>
<b>10:00 AM—3:30 PM</b>	<b>Play Begins: Best Ball Format</b>
<b>2:30 PM—4:30 PM</b>	<b>BBQ &amp; Awards</b>

Make checks payable to : WFPNA, P.O. Box 6243, Santa Ana, CA. 92706

Tournament Coordinator ; Steve Tancredi, 714-542-5219, stancredi@mastercrafthomesllc.com

Player \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Player \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Player \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Player \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Players \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$60.00 per Player = \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## West Floral Park

### SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>

WEST FLORAL PARK NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION

PRESENTS

### FALL BLOCK PARTY

6PM-10PM

FOOD, DANCING, FUN!

MORE DETAILS WILL BE COMING SOON!

### New Neighbor Corner

Joan Squillacioti and her Welcoming Committee are busy making new friends in West Floral Park by making personal visits offering a gift bag of treats along with valuable neighborhood information. Please welcome the following new residents:

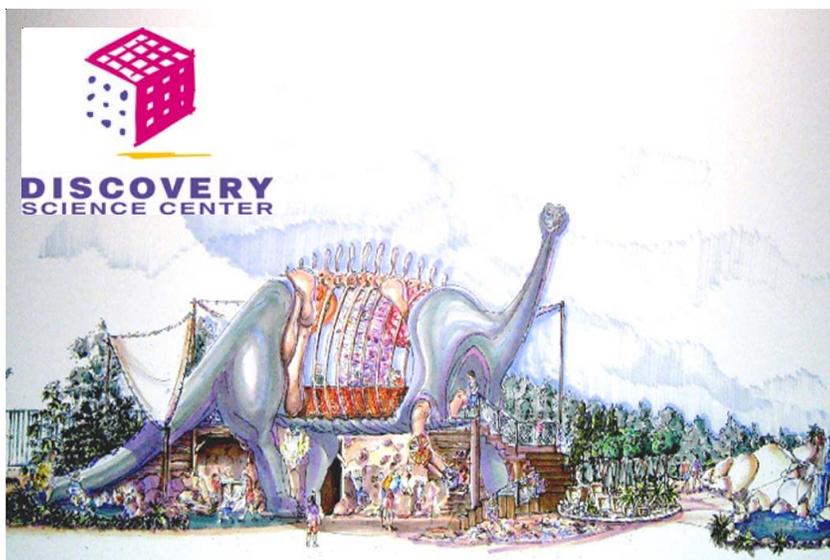
Jenny Baranick & Jeremy Aoun  
21st Street

Diona Fonte  
Riviera Drive

The Raul Ochoa Family  
Baker Ave

Gabriella Aueniles & Jerome Barnes  
Lowell Lane

Buddy Clark  
Olive Street



**Dinosaurs-** A Life Science Exhibit is coming soon to Discovery Science Center. This is a Life Science Exhibit using dinosaurs as large scale models of living organisms. The exhibit ties in directly to the California State Science Standards and features a life-size rgentinosaurus and T-Rex.

### 2005 Social Calendar

Sept. 17	Golf Tournament
Oct. 8	Fall Event
Nov. 10	General Meeting
Nov. 10	WFPNA Elections

To volunteer or for more information regarding one of these events, please feel free to contact Social Chair Juanita Galliford at 550-0133.

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Lisa Speer, President

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### West Floral Park Resident