



West Floral Park Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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Walking The Dog.....

Many people think that dog walking is only done for exercise, but socialization of your dog with other dogs and people is healthy for our pets. (And don't forget yourself too!)



Who would ever think that a simple walk with your dog(s) would be the easiest way to meet your neighbors and make friends? Well, that is exactly what happened to me when we got our dog nearly 14 years ago. I couldn't believe how many neighbors I have met over the years just on a simple dog walk.

So many times people will come up and ask all sorts of questions from, "What kind of a dog is that?" to, "Can I pet your dog?" And sometimes they'll comment on what a beautiful dog you have. And before you know it, the conversation shifts to "Where do you live?" "Have we met before at a neighborhood function?" or, "Do you plan on attending the next social event?"

Well, what are you waiting for? Start walking and you may meet some new friends, four legged as well as two legged.

And be sure to remember this: 1) When taking your dog on a walk always be sure to clean up after your dog. 2) Walk your dog on a leash. 3) Keep your pet under your control at all times and respect other people and animals along the way. Remember some people or animals are not as dog friendly as you.

Now for a bit of dog friendly fun. Can you match the dogs on the page 5 to their owners? Look for the answers on page 6.

Mel Steiner

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Social Calendar

Beer Crawl	October 20
General Meeting	November 8
Holiday Party	December 2

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New Neighbors

Mel Steiner and his 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:

Rich & Amy Dutrisac & Family, 2205 N. Westwood

Adam & Johanna Baird & Family, 2408 N. Olive Ln.

Maryann & Mary Margaret Zimmerman, 927 W. 19th St.

Bob & Lois Wadsworth, 910 W. Riviera Dr.



West Floral Park Committee News

WFPNA General Meeting Minutes August 8, 2007

Welcome:

Steve Tancredi welcomed all guests and members of WFP to the meeting. He thanked them for their attendance.

Speakers:

Darlene Glenn: The Jack Fisher Park project has been allotted \$125 K from the Shea Homes. The next meeting is scheduled for August 15th at 6:30pm to discuss equipment and proposed budget. All are encouraged to attend and help with this project. The monies need to be spent prior to the end of SA FY 2007 ending in May 2008. For more information please look for Donna Layne's article that follows.

Officer Mike Claborn: SAPD received a break in some of the recent burglaries in our area through the rapid reporting and identification of suspects. The PD were able to catch the suspects and they were positively identified by two of our neighbors who witness the crime. They recovered some of the stolen equipment. A big Thank You goes to our alert neighbors. Officer Claborn reiterated safety measures, e.g. lock all windows and doors – placing a rod in removable entries, use house alarms and motion detector lights, and reporting suspicious people in the neighborhood. His direct line is 714 245-8728.

Supervisor Janet Nguyen: Supervisor Nguyen distributed her CD and the latest version of her newsletter (on file with these minutes). In these first few months in office she has been focusing on bringing much needed money to Santa Ana from the County of Orange. So far, the First District has received \$2.7 million, Santa Ana will received \$1,186,006.

Issues suggested by the audience were: use of the vacant lot on Memory Lane and City Drive, clean-up of the bike trail along the River bed, and feeding of the homeless on Civic Center property.

Member at Large Report:

It was reported that the restaurant to open on Flower and 17th received approval for beer and wine sales. It will be called Pico d' Gallo and is owned by people who already have two successful restaurants in Orange County. It is due to open shortly.

Steve Tancredi attended the 7/18 update on the Village Green project along with representatives of 7 Neighborhood Associations impacted by the development. The project is currently in the EIR process and is expected to go into public hearings (Planning Commission & City Council) in the coming months. There is an advisory group comprised of neighborhood leaders that are monitoring this project. When the project gets closer to the public hearing process, expect to see a lot of community activity.

IRS 501C3 Status: The papers have been submitted to the State for the second time. After approval, the request for a tax exempt status will be made.

Many thanks to the chef for the Green Parrot restaurant who brought coupons for lunches and dinners for all attendees. The restaurant also donated a salad for the recent Progressive dinner.

WFPNA Community News

Makeover *Westfield* MainPlace ?

Westfield is talking with the city of Santa ana about overhauling the mall. According to news reports, they want to turn it into a mixed-use project complete with condominiums, a senior living complex, a hotel, office buildings, and outdoor shopping. The redevelopment, the details of which Westfield is not disclosing, could occur over the next three to five years. The outdoor retail space would likely be put in front of Nordstrom. They are also discussing replacing surface parking with a parking structure.

Show Your Neighborhood Pride!

Look for our colorful West Floral Park decals on cars around the neighborhood. The Beautification Committee is selling them to raise funds for the Street Sign Topper Project. The decals come in two different sizes: Large for \$5 and small for \$3. Call Donna for more information.

Keep Checking Your Mailbox

Erlinda Martinez, President of SAC has called to say the VIP cards mentioned in the last newsletter will be mailed out shortly.

WFPNA T Shirts are still for sale for \$10. Mel Steiner showed examples of the two colors – beige and golden. Call him for orders (714) 269-4138.

C'mon Have Some Fun by Getting Involved! The Social Committee welcomes NEW! volunteers. We have several more events coming up in the months ahead. Please call Susan Marie @ 714.973.1179 if you are interested in helping out.

A worthy cause...close to our hearts

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I recently accepted the challenge to raise funds to support the **Komen Orange County Race for the Cure®** in the fight against breast cancer. Our local event is being held on September 23, 2007. 1 in 8 women will be stricken with breast cancer in her lifetime and the more we raise, the more the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation can give back to fund vital breast cancer education, screening, and treatment programs in our own community.

My personal goal is to raise \$5000.00. Please join me in the fight by pledging in support of my participation or contributing generously to Komen Orange County. Your tax-deductible contribution is greatly appreciated. Please call for Tracy Matheny @ 714.836.5860 for details. She will gladly deliver a pledge form to your door.



West Floral Park Beautification Committee News

Beautification Committee Projects

Our committee currently has two active projects that are rather exciting. Our first project is adding solar spot lighting to our Bristol/Santa Clara neighborhood entrance. This is being paid for by a Grant for Blocks from the City. We hope to have this lighting installed by the end of October.

Our second project is the street sign topper project. The cost of the project is \$3100 which includes 30 sign toppers. We have raised over \$700 for this project already. The sign company is developing a mock-up of the topper for us to see. Hopefully, this display will be ready for our fall social event. Donations to this project are accepted at any time. We look forward to adding neighborhood distinction with these identification toppers.

Our committee is still looking for people to serve. We have fun while adding beauty to our neighborhood. Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 18 at 7:00 p.m. at 2315 Westwood Avenue. We would love for you to join us. Please call Donna at 836-9777 if you have any questions.

Jack Fisher Park Revitalization Project

Jack Fisher Park, named after a decorated World War I veteran, is a central gathering spot for many residents of Floral Park, West Floral Park, Fisher Park and other surrounding neighborhoods. It is a natural park with trees, a log cabin, and a fire pit. It is where children have parties and bounce around on playground equipment.

Still, the park needs some help. The City currently has set aside \$125,000 for revitalization. The plan was developed through input from the neighborhoods and would be implemented in phases.

At the August 15 neighborhood meeting, the City presented the cost of the plan if all elements were completed. The proposed total was almost \$900,000, far more than we have at the present. Therefore, the revitalization will be done in phases. The two main phases discussed were the addition of play equipment for older children and a face lift for the park entrance that would include a split rail fence and stone pilasters. It was decided that all residents of surrounding communities will be able to cast their vote on which phase of the project should be completed first.

Open Garden Day

Donna Layne - Beautification Committee Chairman

Wow! Our first annual Open Garden Day on July 28 was a huge success! There were 9 gardens open for view plus one garden tea luncheon available. Although the weather was a little warm, we had over 70 visitors to the gardens. The event was informal where visitors leisurely strolled through the gardens.

Each garden was different and reflected the personalities, tastes, and living styles of the owners. Our visitors were treated to an

Australian Native Hibbertia blanketing a driveway arbor, a restful garden oasis in the shade of huge avocado and banyan trees, a newly constructed garden pergola used for outdoor dining, two giant crepe myrtle trees in bloom, a feng shui designed front and back yard, a garden with 72 rose bushes, a plant lover's paradise equal to their award winning front yard, a Key West inspired backyard oasis, and a huge knarled Brazilian pepper tree.

Entrance to the gardens was free although donations were accepted. We received \$300 in donations which will be put into the street sign topper project fund.

Our garden homeowners put a lot of work into preparing for this event and everyone reported that they loved doing this. The Beautification Committee plans to do this again next year sometime in May or June.

If you are interested in opening up your garden, please contact me.



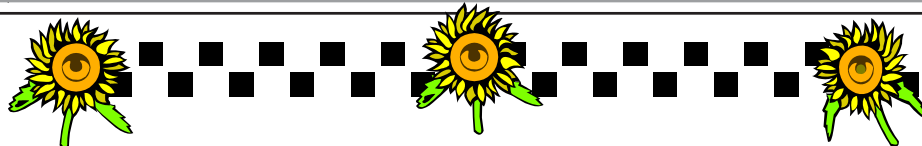


West Floral Park Social Committee News



July 4th Children's Parade

It was great seeing everyone join in the FUN as the neighborhood flock hit the streets on the afternoon of July 4th. Led by the Santa Ana Fire Department with sirens blaring, Patriots of all ages expressed their joy in celebration of our Country's Independence. Many were dressed in variations on the stars & stripes theme with red, white, and blue dominating the day. Awesome job of decorating bikes, wagons, strollers, kids, spouses, and pets! The festivities officially concluded with the enthusiastic feasting on ice cream treats at the end of the route. THANKS to our neighbor Eric Arel for organizing & hosting our event again this year!



Progressive Dinner 2007



Inspired by California-style hometown spirit, sunflowers, flags, and tiki torches greeted 125 neighbors and friends as they strolled between three lovely neighborhood homes. It was obvious that everyone really got into this potluck extravaganza! Never before has anyone seen so many fabulous appetizers in one location. Of course it didn't stop there – the side dishes were incredible – and delicious too. To top it off and finish the evening - dessert tables were overflowing with numerous culinary creations – how about that flag-in-berries cake? Ahhh, how we enjoyed ourselves.

Thanks to our host homeowners: The Kunde's on Sharon Road, The Schaefer's on Riviera, and to Diona on Riviera. Thanks to all of you who donated items for the SILENT AUCTION – and to those of you who bid on and "won" the goodies. You all raved about the BBQ - we are grateful to Santa Ana's Richard Jones Pit BBQ for cooking up the scrumptious main dish. My thanks to Jill Lee and the Social Committee members for their help and support in facilitating this wonderful event.



Get ready for the Beer Crawl!



October 20th is when beer will have its day in WFP. While wine has long been the choice of the sophisticated drinkers, craft beer has become the fastest growing segment of the alcohol beverage market. Believe it or not there is a whole spectrum of beer that does not end in 'light'. Beer has been around quite a while as there is evidence of beer being produced as early as 3500-3100 BC. Belgium has all but perfected the art of delivering styles of beer brewed by monks since the middle ages. There are close to 500 standard varieties of beers produced by Belgium alone. America's craft brewers have done their share over the last 10 years of raising the bar by pushing the limits of beer as we know it by introducing more extreme beers. These are ales that have evolved with massive amounts of hops leading to IPA's (Imperial Pale Ale) and Double IPA's whose strength and bitterness will make any beer drinker stand up and take notice. Stouts and sour ales are just a few of the many new styles that have benefited from this movement pushing the boundaries of what beer is. In an article from [Beer Advocate](#) the extreme beer movement of today is explained, "we have new beer styles like the Double IPA, Pils, Stout, Wit, and Wheat Wine; beers aged in wooden vessels ranging from bourbon to red wine barrels; beers exposed to wild yeast and bacteria strain; crazy hybrid styles and blends; 50-proof beers; and every exotic ingredients under the sun employed in the brewing of beer." There are styles of beer to suit all occasions and satisfy anyone's taste. Many people do not realize that beer is much easier to pair with foods and cheeses than wine, offering more ranges to complement. With this in mind, I look forward to seeing everyone at the beer crawl where we will explore the ranges of beers available today. I hope that the knowledge gained and possible spark of passion for beer will make you think twice about bringing over that bottle of Pinot Noir to a friend's house for dinner and instead introduce them to something such as an Ale Smith Speedway Stout that has been aged in bourbon barrels, served at 55 degrees, and then poured into an oversized wine glass.

Name That Dog Owner!

The grid contains the following images:

- 1. A small black and white dog with a red collar.
- 2. A white dog, possibly a Weimaraner, sitting on a sidewalk.
- 3. A large, shaggy brown dog.
- 4. A black dog with its tongue out, wearing a red collar.
- 5. A beagle dog.
- 6. A white dog and a small black dog sitting on grass.
- 7. A small tan dog sitting on a brick path.
- A. A woman in a green polo shirt.
- B. A woman in a white polo shirt.
- C. An older man in a yellow polo shirt and a woman in a blue top.
- D. A woman in a floral patterned top.
- E. A woman in a black tank top.
- F. A woman in a brown top.
- G. Two men standing in front of an American flag.



West Floral Park News

Profit & Loss Statement

Jan 1 - Jun 19, 2007

Income

Miscellaneous Donations	1,452.00
Membership/Donations	6,195.00
Wine Walk	4,176.69
Progressive Dinner	3,549.00
Fall Event	350.00
Total Income	15,722.69

Expense

Newsletter & Printing	1,620.89
General Meetings	309.17
Computer Services	99.95
Wine Walk	4,327.40
Progressive Dinner	3,897.30
Easter Egg Hunt	343.30
4th of July Celebration	144.10
Christma Celebration	184.12
Beautification Projects	778.67
Welcome Baskets	179.86
T-Shirts	408.00
Business Expenses	150.30
Total Expense	12,443.06
Net Income	3,279.63

Street	Total Donations	& of Households Participating
18th Street	\$150	7.32%
19th Street	\$605	40.00%
20th Street	\$155	21.74%
21st Street	\$50	5.26%
22nd Street	\$0	0.00%
Baker Street	\$420	10.45%
Buffalo Avenue	\$25	8.33%
Flower Street	\$150	5.26%
Freeman Street	\$160	20.00%
Greenbrier	\$75	15.79%
Louise Street	\$120	11.11%
Lowell Lane	\$110	33.33%
Marion Way	\$15	12.50%
Olive Lane	\$115	15.79%
Olive Street	\$205	17.02%
Riviera Drive	\$1,120	32.43%
Rosewood	\$800	31.43%
Ruth Circle	\$0	0.00%
Santa Clara Avenue	\$400	10.34%
Towner Street	\$245	15.25%



Our apologies Marion!

Marion Buchheim's home (above) on Riviera was accidentally omitted in the last newsletter as one of the finalist for the neighborhood's Most Beautiful Yard Award.

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“ Name that Dog Owner” Quiz Answers:

(A+5) Gary Buse and Buster (B+3) Pat Nelson and Roscoe (C+2) Mike & Kathi McLean and Fletcher (B+1) Joyce O'Brien and Mini (E+7) Laurie Hampton and Rocky (F+6) Jill Lee and Chinook & Peanut (G+4) Jeffrey Tebeau & Joe Chatelle and Maggie



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West Floral Park Community News (Cont.)

Who To Call

Code Enforcement	667-2780
Police Services	647-5062
Police—non emergency	834-4211
Development Services	647-2791
Graffiti Hotline	647-3380
Obstructing Trees & Bushes	647-3380
Potholes	647-3380
Sanitation	647-3380
Shopping Cart Removal	800-252-4613
Street Cleaning	647-3380
Street Lights (Edison)	800-990-7788
Street Lights (City)	647-3380
Traffic Engineering	647-5673
General Traffic Concerns	647-5673
Neighborhood Traffic	647-5645
Permit Parking	647-5612
School Traffic Concerns	647-5612
Traffic Signals	647-5611
Traffic Control Plans	647-5605
Street Striping	647-5605
Trash Pick Up & Dumpsters	558-7761
Tree Trimming	647-3380

What's Up at the Zoo?

Bats in Orange County - Oct 12 6_30-7:15 pm - Natural History Lecture series is free to the public

Boo at the Zoo! Oct. 20,21,26,28 - Halloween family festival with trick-or-treating.

Grandparents' Night - Oct 26 - Grandparents get in free!

For more information call (714) 953-8555 x4 or visit www.santaanazoo.org

The Discovery Science Center

SPOOKY SCIENCE-MUMMIES

Oct 12 - Nov 4: Get your young ghouls & goblins ready for a SPOOKtacular good time! Explore the more mysterious sides of science, participate in fun science experiments, enjoy trick-or-treat goodie bags and explore a spooky 3D maze. It's Halloween fun for the whole family!

SANTA ANA FREE DAY

Nov 5: Part of an ongoing program sponsored by First American providing Santa Ana residents with FREE ADMISSION the first Monday of each month. You must bring a valid ID to receive free admission for up to four people. Parking is \$3.

THE SCIENCE OF GINGERBREAD

Nov 19 - Jan 6: Inside our kitchen, much more is going on than pouring and mixing - it's science at work! From taking measurements for successfully baking a recipe to calculating the load of gum drops a frosted roof can hold, building a gingerbread house requires knowledge of math, physics, architecture, and engineering. Learn about these topics and more during this holiday exhibit. You'll hear talks from area architects, plus see cooking demonstrations and the award-winning gingerbread houses on display. Who knew science could be so tasty?!

For more information call (714) 542-2823 or visit

Annual Historical Cemetary Tour

The Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society presents this walking tour each October. This year's the guided tour will feature costumed actors portraying colorful men & women with connections to stage in screen from Hollywood to Woodstock.

For reservations & tickets call (714) 547-9645

Annual Taste of Santora & Casino Night

Held in October at the Historic Santora Building of the Arts and adjoining Artists Village Plaza. This evening is filled with delicious cuisine, wonderful live music, casino games, silent auction and fine art.

For more information call (714) 972-2610

Annual Police Canine Benefit Show

See demonstrations of dog obedience, narcotics detection, apprehension, and helicopter deployment. Proceeds go to Police Canine units.

For more information call (714) 535-0741