



West Floral Park Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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Message From The Vice President

Hello Residents,

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and find you and your loved ones well this New Year. This is an exciting time for the West Floral Park Neighborhood Association (WFPNA), the time to begin planning our 2005 events and projects. Attached you'll find the membership applications for this calendar year. For those of you who have been so generous and have been members in the past years, I hope you will continue to support the neighborhood. For our new residents and those who have not yet been involved, this is a great opportunity for you to be a part of the social events, meet your neighbors and support the beautification of West Floral Park. Our committees are currently planning the events and projects for 2005! WFPNA is so unique as we have more social events than any other association in the City of Santa Ana.

Beautification and preservation of this neighborhood is a primary goal for this association. Every year volunteers, again led this year by Beautification Chair, Mel Steiner, continue to keep this wonderful area looking great and preserving the character and beauty that makes this neighborhood so desirable and special. Our Neighborhood Volunteers are also dedicated in putting forth some great events for you to enjoy. Janita Galliford chairs the Social Committee this year, and whether it's the Wine Walk, our annual Progressive Dinner, the Fall's Oktoberfest or this year's new Christmas/Holiday Neighborhood Party, these events give us all the rare chance to meet and enjoy the company of our friends and neighbors.

But all this does not come free. We need all of you to continue to show your support for this wonderful neighborhood of ours, West Floral Park. If anyone has any questions whatsoever in regards to the membership or volunteering for any committee, please feel free to contact me. My home number is (714) 953-1056 and my email is stpstr@aol.com. I promise to get back to all of your questions as soon as possible. Thank you for your time and I am looking so forward to a memorable 2005.

Steve Doughty
Vice President, West Floral Park Neighborhood Association

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2004 Holiday Decorating Contest Winners

The West Floral Park neighborhood was well decorated during the recent holiday season. The Beautification Committee spent December 19th strolling the neighborhood in search of the best decorated homes for the holiday season. The homes that won top honors for the 2004 Holiday Season were:



Best Lights
2337 & 1015 18th Street

Best Animation
2107 Baker Street

**Most Lights/
Griswold Award**
1002 Riviera Drive

Potential Development Near MainPlace Mall

A developer is currently working with the City of Santa Ana to obtain approval for an urban village on the parcel across from MainPlace. The \$32 million development, if approved, would have 168 townhouses, 73 live-work lofts, an amphitheater, 57,700 square feet of retail space.

Help A Neighbor Raise Funds for Charity

Hi Neighbors, right now I am training for the Aids/Life Cycle 4 taking place June 5-11, 2005. I will be among thousands of cyclist and volunteers cycling 585 miles from San Francisco to Los Angeles. This is a very important fund-raising event to end the human suffering caused by HIV. I continually participate in this event as this year will be my 4th as a cyclist. If you would like to participate in this life changing event or if you could help me by making a tax deductible donation please give me a call at 648-0020. Thanks in advance for your support, Dean Guzman.



West Floral Park Helps Neighboring Business

Early Tuesday morning February 1, a fire swept through EK Williams Bookkeeping & Tax Service near 17th Street and Towner Avenue. The fire killed one employee and caused \$1.5 million in damages including \$500,000 in contents. The owners of the Tax Services have requested and the WFP Board and members in attendance at the February 9th General Meeting, agreed to allow the Tax Service to move temporary office trailers to the Park Site adjacent to Towner & 17th.

New Neighbor Corner

New residents of West Floral Park are welcomed to the neighborhood within weeks of moving in by Joan Squillacioti and the Welcoming Committee. Upon being notified of a new resident, Joan makes a personal visit to the new resident, offering a gift bag of treats along with valuable neighborhood information. Joan's dedication to this important function helps new residents feel part of the neighborhood immediately. During the six months between 2003, Joan visited 19 homes. In 2004, she welcomed 31 new residents. Many of the visits occurred only after more than one attempt. Thank you Joan for your countless hours of service contributed to West Floral Park.



Please Welcome the following New Residents:

Kenneth Carter of Olive Drive
Octovio Mendez of Rosewood Drive
Eugenio & Lucy Espinoza of 18th Street
Chris and Sharon Paul of 18th Street
Maria Murillo of N. Greenbriar Street
Julio, Celina & Lillian Turcios of Freeman Street



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A New Neighbor Comes to West Floral Park

On Friday January 28, 2005 the Floral Park Promenade Shopping Center welcomed a new tenant, Rite Aid Drug Store. The drug store replaces the site vacated by La Rioja Market at the north east corner of Memory Lane and Bristol Avenue. The manager at this new store is Ms. Lisa Leon, an 18 yr. veteran of Rite Aid. This location has a pharmacy, a picture center and Chocolate Malted Crunch Ice Cream. Yes, this new neighbor has Thrifty Ice Cream by the scoop.

Rite Aid
2725 N Bristol Street
Santa Ana , CA 92706
(714) 543-4575
www.riteaid.com

Store Hours

Mon - Friday	7am - 9pm
Saturday	7am - 9pm
Sunday	7am - 9pm

Pharmacy Hours

Mon - Friday	7am - 9pm
Saturday	9am - 7pm
Sunday	10am - 6pm

Santiago School Needs You

Santiago School is in need of local residents to volunteer in the Library Corner. The Library Corner is a location in the Library where the kids gather and are read to by volunteers. If you have time available before 2:30 in the afternoon to read to the students then there is a place for you at the Library Corner of Santiago School. If you would like to help the kids, please contact Maggie Miller at 953-0181.



Beautification Day Saturday April 16, 2005.

The West Floral Park Beautification Committee and the City of Santa Ana will be distributing dumpsters throughout the West Floral Park neighborhood for you to clean out the garage, closet and yes, the stuff you put on the side of the garage. This annual event, made possible through the City of Santa Ana, offers residents the opportunity to rid themselves of unwanted trash, furniture and other household items. Dumpsters will be available in front of designated homes from 8:00 am to noon. It's first come, first serve, so get there early. There are a few rules:



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| No paint | No oil | No tires |
| No TV's | No Monitors | No Cement |

Dumpsters can't be removed if overfilled

New Buyer for Farmers Site

The Santa Ana Unified School District, owners of the 9-acre plot of land in northern Santa Ana once designated as Lorin Grisette Elementary School, are now negotiating with new developers. The previous developer backed out of a deal and therefore the district will sell to the next in line. The new developers, Olson Urban Housing and Shea Homes also plan to build single-family homes.

Historic Homes

There are a few homes in West Floral Park under consideration for Historic designation by the City. At this point the City is simply surveying properties throughout our wonderful neighborhood.



West Floral Park Neighborhood Association

Membership Drive 2005

Neighbors: the new 2005 West Floral Park Board Members wish you a very healthy and happy New Year. We accomplished all of our goals in 2004, completely replanting the medians on Santa Clara at Towner and Lowell, replanting the beds of our neighborhood entrance at Bristol, organizing our Second Annual WFPNA Golf Tournament, putting together the Progressive Dinner and ending the year with the holiday event, just to name a few.

With your support, we want to keep that momentum moving in 2005!

The West Floral Park Neighborhood Association is a not for profit community organization committed to developing a sense of unity within and preserving the integrity of our neighborhood. Members are residents, both owners and renters, living within the defined borders of West Floral Park. Dues are completely voluntary, but greatly appreciated, and are used to maintain the high level of events and support of neighborhood concerns and projects.

Why WFPNA?

- To have a stronger voice in the greater community of Santa Ana.
- To sponsor improvement projects that continues to augment the ambience, amenities and value of our neighborhood.
- To gather at social events to build stronger relationships both as neighbors and as a community. Those events include:
 - Easter Egg Hunt
 - Wine Walk
 - Progressive Dinner Party
 - Oktoberfest
 - New Christmas/Holiday Dinner Party

Please fill out this membership information form and mail it to the address on the following page. Feel free to contact Steve Doughty, WFPNA Membership Chair at (714) 953-1056 for more information.

Make the commitment today to support WFPNA! Your donations will help continue to make our community a special place to live and relax.



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Membership Drive 2005

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Voluntary Membership Donations (per household):

- \$400.00 Corporate Sponsor** 1/4 page ads in 4 newsletters. (Includes admission for **two** to the Progressive Dinner, Wine Walk, Oktoberfest, New Christmas Holiday Party & **two** engraved wine glass)
- \$200.00 Benefactor** (Includes admission for **two** to the Progressive Dinner, Wine Walk, Oktoberfest, New Christmas Holiday Party & **two** engraved wine glass)
- \$100.00 Gold Member** (Includes admission for **one** to the Progressive Dinner, Wine Walk, Oktoberfest, New Christmas Holiday Party & **one** engraved wine glass)
- \$50.00 Patron** (Includes admission for **two** to the Progressive Dinner)
- \$30.00 Friendly Neighbor**
- \$15.00 Seniors**

Membership from 1/1/2005 to 12/31/2005

**Please make checks payable to West Floral Park Neighborhood Association
(WFPNA)**

Mail To:

**West Floral Park Neighborhood Association
ATTN: Steve Tancredi, Treasurer
P.O. Box 6243
Santa Ana, CA 92706**



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Do You Like Seeing Old Pictures of West Floral Park Homes? We Do!

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. Along with the pictures, we would really enjoy an explanation about the picture. Help us take a look back. If you would like to participate, please contact Communications Chair, Steven Mendoza at 542-5828.

Come On...Tell your story!

This home was built by Mr. Hugh Neighbor.



Can you guess the location of this West Floral Park Home?

Most Beautiful Yard Judging Begins April 1

Judging for the City of Santa Ana's annual "Most Beautiful Yard" contest begins April 1, 2005. Beautification Committee Members will canvass West Floral Park looking for properties that represent the highest degree of exterior maintenance and care. This Santa Ana tradition recognizes residents for their hard work and has served to encourage the maintenance of local properties. Sponsored by the Keep America Beautiful Program, the City of Santa Ana honors homes across the City each year in an effort to instill pride and friendly competition while increasing awareness about neighborhood beautification.



The answer will be printed in the next newsletter.





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State of the (Financial) Union February 2005

We are starting the year off in better financial shape than any previous year due in large part to your generosity of last year. I would like to



extend a special thank you to last year's membership team, headed by Gary Castro, for their dedication to building membership contribution – again the largest percentage of household participation than ever before. The

2005 West Floral Park Budget is based on actual 2004 expenditures and revenues with some modifications requested by the Committee Chairpersons. I am particularly excited about the changes in Membership Donations – the more you give, the more you get! The 'Bottom Line' for 2005 is an estimated 20% increase (over 2004) in Net Profit.

Remember, your donations are essential to each committee's ability to continue making West Floral Park a better place to live. You may contact me 542-5219 if you have any questions about the Association's finances.



22 Freeway Update

The Orange County Transportation Authority, in partnership with the California Department of Transportation, has begun work to add capacity to the Garden Grove Freeway (SR-22). Currently, the SR-22 carries more than 200,000 cars daily. This 12-mile freeway intersects most of the major north/south corridors in Orange County - making it a vital link to residents, businesses, employees and visitors. Please adhere to posted speed limits. Measure M will fund approximately half of the project. The balance is covered by a combination of federal, state and local funds. For more information go to www.octa.net/freeway/sr22.

West Floral Park Neighborhood Association 2005 Budget

INCOME

Membership / Donations	\$ 7,500	
Misc. Contributions		
Membership Revenue		\$ 7,500
Wine Walk	\$ 2,750	
Progressive Dinner	\$ 2,750	
Golf Tournament	\$ 1,800	
Fall Block Party	\$ 3,200	
Event Revenue		\$ 10,500
Total Income		\$ 18,000

EXPENSES

Park Maintenance	\$ 1,500	
Bank Charges	\$ 145	
Misc. Business	\$ 400	
General Meetings	\$ 600	
Newsletter	\$ 2,000	
Website	\$ 125	
Welcome Baskets	\$ 500	
Beautification	\$ 750	
Committee Expense		\$ 3,375
Wine Walk	\$ 2,200	
Progressive Dinner	\$ 1,500	
Golf Tournament	\$ 1,800	
Fall Block Party	\$ 4,800	
Holiday Celebration	\$ 400	
Fourth of July Parade	\$ 100	
Easter Egg Hunt	\$ 200	
Event Expense		\$ 11,000
Total Expenses		\$ 17,020

Net Income

\$ 980



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Hop On Over to Where The Fun Begins

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Annual Childrens Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday March 19th at 10:00 a.m.
2135 N. Rosewood Avenue

Come join us for crafts, fun and refreshments.
Bring your cameras and take a picture with our
special guest.....The Easter Bunny.

**EGG HUNTING BEGINS
PROMPTLY AT 10:15 A.M.**

I would like to thank all of the neighbors that distribute
the flyers and newsletters to West Floral Park
residents. It is a great Help.

Dean Guzman
Gary and Susan Buse
Gary Castro
Matt and Lisa Speer
Brad & Davana Greenameyer
Danny & Guida Quon
Henry & Cheryl Henderson
Juanita Galliford
Diana Jensen & Rick Evans
Donna Lane
Steven Tancredi

Communication Chair, Steven Mendoza 542-5828

2005 Social Calendar

March 19	Easter Event
April 16	Wine Walk
June 11	Progressive Dinner
July 4	4th of July Event
TBD	Golf Tournament
Oct. 8	Fall Event
Dec. 3	Christmas Event

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

Other 2005 Dates

March 5	Garage Sale Weekend
April 1	Beautiful Yard Judging
April 5	City Election
April 16	Dumpster Day

Floral Park

Home & Garden Tour

April 23-24, 2005 ~ 10 am - 4 pm
Tickets \$17 in advance or \$20 at ticket booths April 23-24
located at Flower & 19th Sts and Heliotrope Dr. & Santa
Clara Ave in North Santa Ana. For more info visit
www.floral-park.com or call (714) 567-4795.

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Lisa Speer, President

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**West Floral Park
Resident**