

Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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2006 Calendar **Events**

April 8 **Easter Egg Hunt**

April 22 **Dumpster Day**

> April 29 Wine Walk

April 29 Floral Park Tour

May 10 **General Meeting**

June 24 **Progressive Dinner**

> July 4 July 4 Parade

August 19 **Concert in the Park**

TBD Golf Tournament

October 7 **Fall Block Party**

December 3 Holiday Party

Hello Residents - I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and that 2006 finds you and your loved ones healthy and happy in the new year. This is an exciting time for the West Floral Park Neighborhood Association (WFPNA), the time to begin planning our 2006 events and projects. I was reminiscing about all the changes and progress the association has made over the years. This will be my 11th year volunteering for the association and it never ceases to amaze me how far we have come and how fortunate we are to have such a close group of neighbors who are willing to volunteer their time, efforts and money to make this special and unique neighborhood even better!

I would like to say thank you on behalf of the Association for those of you who have contributed in the past years. I want to welcome new and existing residents and encourage you to get involved in various events and projects. As you will read in this edition of the neighborhood



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newsletter, the opportunities are abundant. In fact, our West Floral Park Neighborhood Association has more social events than any other Santa Ana association.

The primary goal of our community is the beautification and preservation of West Floral Park. It is important to maintain the character and beauty that makes this neighborhood so desirable and special. Our Beautification Committee, chaired by Mel Steiner and a dedicated team of volunteers, continue to pursue the enhancement of the neighborhood which will help us exceed our goal. As mentioned above, our neighborhood hosts a variety of social events for the entire family. These events are intended to build upon the wonderful foundation created by our neighbors. The sense of community that we share is the cornerstone of West Floral Park. This year, our Social Committee, chaired by Juanita Galliford, is preparing for a variety of events that are sure to impress.

To help fund the events the Association needs your financial support. Hopefully you have received a membership form at your doorstep. Please take some time to read through it and any contribution you can make will be greatly appreciated. If anyone has any questions in regards to the membership dues or volunteering for any committee, please feel free to contact me at (714) 953-1056. I look forward to carrying the momentum from last year into this year and with your help we can obtain that goal, thank you. Nichole Doughty, VP, WFPNA

An Era Gone By.... Part One. Have You Been Wondering? They were icons of our neighborhood, a tradition. Languidly riding their adult trikes down the sidewalks of WFP. Weather permitting, they would bring a smile to your face. Bill Dedmon riding in front and Mildred Proctor some distance behind. As was Bill's nature, he would often stop and wait for Mildred to "catch up". You see, Mildred suffered from arthritis and could barely walk. But boy, you would never know her condition if you saw her peddling her adult trike down the sidewalks of West Floral Park or Floral Park. Bill wearing his rancher's straw hat, and on cooler days, Mildred with her mittens and fur trimmed bonnet tied under her chin. Bill and Mildred were friends over twenty some years, or so I was told. Bill and his wife Ann became friends with Mildred and her husband Miles. Bill was a painting contractor and Miles an engineer. I believe they met when Bill came to paint Mildred's home. After Mile's passing, Bill and Ann would come by every Wednesday to visit Mildred, share dinners with her and just, well, keep her company. Then after Ann died, Bill began to visit with Mildred after he had finished his work for the day. Over 80 years old, Bill was still actively involved in the painting business focusing on scheduling and bidding. So, he would arrive early afternoon at Mildred's. Bill didn't want Mildred to cook, so they would go out to dinner early evenings. As Mildred's health deteriorated during the past couple of years, Bill would finish his work mid morning so he could care for Mildred. Bill was a generous man of spirit. Have you been wondering



General Meeting Notes



Erlinda Martinez, President of Santa Ana College Santa Ana College and BOT Alfredo Amezcua attended the meeting and shared information

regarding the 90th Anniversary for the College as it was started in 1915. Santa Ana College is the 4th largest Community College in California with over 20,000 students. It also resides on the 3rd smallest campus. Erlinda distributed 2006 Calendars for Santa Ana College commemorating 90 years in Orange County. She then went on to explain the immediate goal for the coming years such as; the expansion of buildings, parking facilities and the replacement and/or renovation of old buildings with the assistance of Measure E Funds. President Martinez distributed a handout of the SA College Master Plan and introduced Bob Partridge who explained the Master Plan. After a question and answer period, President Martinez invited all to take advantage of the many activities at the College.



Greg Fernandez and Tony Varella of the City of Santa Ana's Tree Maintenance Division spoke about neighborhood trees. Greg introduced Tony Varella Head of Tree Maintenance for Santa Ana and discussed the situation of trees in Santa Ana. The

City has hired a consulting Arborist for tree health. Sick trees are being replaced with more resistant varieties such as Mexican Sycamore, Chinese Elms, and Arizona Ash. During recent months they have replaced several trees and are watching their health and acclimation to our climate. In the City, we have over 54,000 trees in various states of health. This year, approximately 15,000 trees will be trimmed starting in our area. If you call the City they will take out dead/dying trees and replace them with a 24-inch box tree at your request with similar trees already in the area. You MUST ask for a replacement as they have had incident of residents not wanting a tree and killing it. It is requested that we do not weed-whack around the trees as it will eventually kill them. City employee, Dave Urbin, was identified as the head of the Department responsible for sidewalks and it was encouraged that you contact him for specific problems.



Sergeant Grace of The Santa Ana Police Department reviewed a series of 10-day burglaries occurring in the Floral Park area since Sept. 2005. The teens responsible for these actions were caught in the act of another occurrence. They are Santa Ana residents. He also

described three incidents since Oct 2005 whereby a woman, accompanied by a child, knocks on the door and either says that the child lost a ball in the back yard or that they live in the home behind them and need to look at the fence for various reasons. While they are in the back yard, the house is burged. Please be on the lookout and notify the Police.

Treasurer Report: Steve Tancredi explained the handout of Profit & Loss and Summary Balance Sheet and answered questions. He announced that the Board is investigating the obtaining of a 501 C3 status with the help of Santa Ana. Email Steve at STancredi@MASTERCRAFTHOMESllc.com

Vice President: Nichole Doughty reminded people that applications had been distributed to all in the neighborhood and now is the time to sign up for 2006. She reviewed the reasons for donating to a neighborhood association are: gives you a voice in the community: access to social events and meeting your neighbors: and contributing to neighborhood improvement projects. All were encouraged to join. Email Nicole at nicholesar@aol.com.

Beautification Committee: Mel Steiner explained the committee announced that the first meeting of the Committee will be 2/19. They will be setting their goals for the year. He invited anyone interested in joining the Committee to see him prior to leaving tonight. Email Mel at msteiner01@adelphia.net.

Welcoming Committee: Joan Squillacioti explained that a basket of goodies, wine and brownies as well as handouts from Santa Ana are given to all new residents in the area. Typically, about 25 are distributed each year. She obtains her information from Santa Ana Realty. New Residents present were encouraged to introduce themselves and Susan and Bill on Baker and Joseph on Riviera did so.

Social Committee: Gary Castro asked all present to pick up the flyer announcing Social Events for 2006 and plan on joining. The Golf Tournament this year is planned for either Sept. 9th or 16th, save the dates. Email Juanita juanagalliford@adelphia.net.

Communications: Cheryl explained that Brian Dailey on 19th and Towner is responsible for our web site and Steven Mendoza for the quarterly newsletter. She is responsible for flyer distribution and marketing our events. Email Cheryl at Chenderson7@sbcglobal.net.



Court of Appeals A new 4th District
Court of Appeal,
Division Three
courthouse is under
construction at the
corner of Santa Ana
Boulevard and

Ross. The \$21.8 million facility will compliment the Civic Center complex and ...along with the Superior Court, Federal Court, and the County, State and Federal office buildings, cements Santa Ana's designation as the County Seat of Government for Orange County. The building will be under construction by March 2007 and completed by September 2008. The 4th District Court, Division Three handles appeals from decisions made at Superior Court throughout Orange County. There are eight Justices and over 100 staff members that will occupy the three story building. For more questions regarding the Courthouse, please call the City Manager's office at (714) 647-5200.



MAINPLACE

MainPlace Mall -

Westfield Group, the largest owner of shopping centers in California and the owner of Main Place, has agreed to purchase the site of Main Place

retailers Robinsons-May north and Macy's from the retail giant Federated. As part of the real estate transaction, Westfield plans to remove buildings and replace them with shops, restaurants and theaters that can help the centers compete with newer venues such as The Grove in Los Angeles. The move is part of an industry trend toward creating airy shopping centers that more closely resemble Main Street. Westfield plans to spend millions of dollars upgrading malls such as MainPlace in Santa Ana and one or two of the stores may be replaced with new, reconfigured department stores, but most of the new tenants will be smaller specialty retailers (information from Los Angeles Times).

Dollars & Cents

If you have studied the 2005 Profit & Loss Statement at the general meeting you'll notice a Net Loss from last year's operations - Please don't be alarmed. The 2005 Board expanded the annual Holiday Celebration and if you attended that year end event, I'm sure you'll agree it was worth the expenditure. The 2006 budget will anticipate a Holiday Celebration of similar quality.

Our social events are well known inside and outside our neighborhood and rightly so because our Social Committee works extremely hard to stage an event that is both memorable and fun. Our social events are wonderful opportunities to meet new friends and neighbors. I encourage you to consider getting more involved in all our committees. The Board is studying the possibility of changing our tax status from Charitable Trust to Not For Profit 501-3C. We believe this change would allow the Association to receive more community support for our social events and put less strain on membership revenue. As this process develops I will be updating the Board each month and residents at each General Meeting.

Our association accounting has 'room for improvement' and I'm working with City provided consultants and community professionals to 'put our house in order'. If you have any questions regarding the accounting information I present from time to time, please contact me, Steve Tancredi. I live at 1027 W. 19th Street and my home telephone number is 714-542-5219.

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. In 2005, Joan visited 22 homes. Please welcome the following new residents:

Paul Roberts & Dana De Weese Santa Clara Avenue

Susan Marie and Bill Davis Baker Street



Community Events Page



Santa Ana Zoo at Prentice Park and Crean Family Farm www.santaanazoo.org 1801 E. Chestnut Ave. Santa Ana. CA 92701. FREE ADMISSION for Santa Ana residents second Tuesday of month. For additional information, please call (714) 835-7484 or (714) 836-4000. Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Saturday - Sunday 10:00 a.m - 5:00 p.m.

Discovery Science Center & 3D Laser Theater www.discoverycube.org 2500 N. Main St., Santa Ana, CA 92705. FREE ADMISSION for Santa Ana residents first DISCOVERY Monday of month. For additional CENTER information, please call (714) 542-2823.

Hours Monday – Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Free to Santa Ana Residents on the first Monday of each month. Up to 4 admissions per household. Proof of residency required.

Bowers Museum of Cultural Art www.bowers.org 2002 N. Main St., Santa Ana, CA 92706. FREE ADMISSION for Santa Ana residents second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. For additional information, please call (714) 567-3600. Hours Tuesday - Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 a.m.



Artists Village Open House -Downtown Santa comes alive

with arts the first Saturday of each month when galleries, theatres, artists and performers in the Artists Village host a monthly Open House for the public. This free event attracts as many as 1500 individuals who come from throughout Los Angeles and Orange County to walk more than 150 participating studios and galleries located in historic buildings in the heart of downtown Santa Ana. The Village is located on Second Street at Broadway.

Cesar Chavez Holiday - On Saturday, March 25, 2006, the City of Santa Ana will be celebrating the 6th Annual Cesar E. Chavez Holiday at Cesar Chavez Campesino Park, 3311 W. 5th Street, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., with a full program of speakers, entertainment, and family fun. As the founder and president of the United Farm Workers (UFW), Cesar E. Chavez devoted his life to raise awareness of the plight of farm workers in this country. For more information please contact Alma Flores at 647-6989 or aflores@ci.santaana.ca.us <mailto:aflores@ci.santa-ana.ca.us>.

Floral Park Home and Garden Tour FLORAL PARK 2006 - Once again the Floral Park Neighborhood, located in historic

North Santa Ana, will be hosting annula Home and Garden Tour, April 29-30, 2006 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Orange County's "Best Kept Secret" was discovered by over 2000 people who attended last years event. Whether experienceing a stroll through the beautiful homes nad gardens, searching for treasures at the Antique & Collectables Sale, viewing the Classic Automobile Display or enjoying and nack at the ford and drink concessions, you will surely leave the floral park Home & Garden Tour with nostalgic memories of a day well spent. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended. (No high-heel shoes will be permitted in homes.) Tickets can be purchased by mail in advance for \$20 or at the entrance for \$25 on April 29-30 at booths located at Flower St. & Santa Clara and Benton Way & North Park Blvd. in Santa Ana. For more information please call 714-567-4795 or www.floral-park.com.

Free Tickets for Tour - All it requires is three hours of your time to help homeowners who are opening their homes for the tour by volunteering as a docent! We provide you with a script from which to guide visitors through the featured homes. Available times are: Saturday April 29th from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. or 1 - 4 p.m. and Sunday April 30th from 10 a.m. -1 p.m. or 1 - 4 p.m. If you'd like to help and get your free ticket, call Nicki Curran, Docent Chairperson, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. (714) 542-5859 or email photonatr@aol.com. Thank you!



Neighbor Courtesy

A concerned WFP resident has asked the Newsletter to remind residents that people should not be parking their motor homes or trailers in the streets.

> Please be a good neighbor.

Please comply with parking regulations.

HOTTEST COUPLE AT A HOLIDAY PARTY



Black Attack: This holiday season, the celebs really knew how to make a statement - Danny and Guida Quon of Riviera Drive look stunning in their designer duds at the West Floral Park Holiday Party. Wearing black projects power and this couple excudes POWER!

GOIN' TO THE CHAPEL



Joan Squillacoiti of West Floral Park and Jim Theis of Anaheim will be married on April 22, 2006.

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WHO IS GETTING HITCHED?



Jason Saenz and Jennifer Morgan of Eighteenth Street are engaged. The proposal came as a surprise to attendees at the December Housewarming/Graduation held at their newly renovated home. While the home was supposed to be the center of attention, all the attention went to the beaming couple shown above. Many of you may know Jason as a local. His parents, Frank and Patti raised him in their Rosewood Street home. The lucky couple will make it official on October 6, 2006 in San Diego.



Glenn and Debbie Lawler of Rosewood Street spend a wonderful February afternoon together outside.



Home improvements seem to be contagious this time of year. Just look at the wonderful improvements recently completed on the front yard of Juan and Ed's West Floral Park home.

Red projects passion and confidence. But you don't have to commit to an entire outfit to make an impact. Look at what accessories have done for Steve Doughty of Westwood Street. The hat and bow tie make all the difference when coupled with a bright white dress shirt.



Black was the par for this course with Bob Lee of Baker Street at the WFP Annual Golf Tournament. Bob has paired his designer shorts with the Tancredi Sisters matching pants. They all look great in basic black.

WHICH ONE OF YOUR NEIGHBORS IS GOING UNDER THE KNIFE?



Watch for the new makeover of Westfield's Main Place. The owner, Westfield, has announced plans to remove large department store buildings and replace them with shops and restaurants.



Membership Drive 2006

Neighbors: the new 2006 West Floral Park Board Members wish you a very healthy and happy New Year. We accomplished all of our goals in 2005 such as replanting the flower beds throughout our neighborhood, organizing our Third Annual Golf Tournament, hosting the Wine Walk and Progressive Dinner and ending the year with The Holiday Party, just to name a few.

With your support, we want to keep that momentum moving in 2006!

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 social 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:

Progressive Dinner Party
Easter Egg Hunt
Wine Walk
July 4th Parade
Golf Tournament
Fall Block Party
Holiday Party

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

Please fill out the membership information and mail it to the address at the bottom of this form. Feel free to contact Nichole Doughty WFPNA Membership Drive Chair at 953-1056 for more information.

Voluntary Membership Donations (per household):

\$400.00 **Corporate Sponsor** - 1/4 page ads in 4 newsletters. (Includes admission for two to the Progressive Dinner & Fall Block Party)

\$200.00 **Benefactor** - (Includes admission for two to the Progressive Dinner & Fall Block Party)

\$100.00 **Gold Member** - (Includes admission for two to the Progressive Dinner)

\$50.00 **Friendly Neighbor** - (Includes a WFPNA memorabilia gift)

\$15.00 **Seniors -** (Includes a WFPNA memorabilia gift)

West Floral Park Membership Drive 2006

Donation Amount \$		
Name:	-	
Address:		
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For Membership from 1/1/2006 to 12/31/2006, please make checks payable to:

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



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lately where Bill and Mildred have been? If you haven't, I know your dogs have. As Mildred never had any children, the neighborhood dogs became her surrogate kids. Mildred loved dogs and Bill always carried dog treats in his bike's satchel. Based on her love for dogs, Mildred's favorite causes were the Seeing Eye Dogs and in her later years, she also contributed to the Santa Ana Police Force's Canine Unit. She and Bill knew most of the neighborhood dogs by name. Bill had a sixth sense, or so I believe. Late last year, he initiated the sale of Mildred's cars and they began cleaning out her old papers, photos and cards in the back room. The entire house was gone through and "made ready" just in case. Bill's tragic death at 85 occurred, through his generous spirit. He had taken Mildred to a doctor's appointment when they were hit by an allegedly drunk driver. Bill survived for a few weeks, Mildred a couple of months. So, if you have been wondering where one of our (West Floral Parks') icons, traditions has been lately, well, now you know. Susan Buse



An Era Gone By Part Two. Bill Dedmon and Mildred Proctor got the word that I was looking for a 3 wheel bike. My husband Danny had found one for me but it was quite wobbly and the best I could do was ride it straight across the street into the curb. Of course I thought it was the bike but I suppose it could have been me. So I was planning on upgrading to a brand new one.....the phone rings and it's Bill. He and Mildred

have an extra 3-wheeler and I can have it if I get over to Mildred's house immediately to pick it up. I was there in a flash, it ended up the bike was worse than my first one but the GREAT part of that day was they invited me to sit on the porch and talk for awhile. We got into talking about each of their lives, how they had met, he was painting the neighbors house across the street and Mildred needed her house painted and her husband "wasn't good at that kind of thing".

One story led to another and then we were off on a tour of the back room where wonderful things and memory makers had been stored for years and years. Bill said Mildred had saved every letter her husband Miles had ever written to her and they were all right there in that room. Oh, how I wanted to read them. I hoped for another day. There were boxes and boxes and boxes of jigsaw puzzles that Mildred said she had put together while her dear husband Miles had worked at his workbench, all tied securely with string so not to lose a single piece, they were saved for another day. I wanted to stay longer and hear so much more but next a peek out the back door to the patio where Bill said they shared lunch every day. Then on to the garage where wonderful pictures of the beautiful young Mildred, the military Miles, the businessman Miles, the beautiful brick home she inherited somewhere in the midwest, where she said a niece had to live in the attic on the 3rd floor, the stories were starting to pour out and as suddenly as they were shared they were suddenly over for the day as Mildred had had enough and went into the kitchen closing the door behind her. My glimpse into their lives was too short, I was hoping it had just begun but it was over, for not a month later they both had said their final goodbye's to all of us. I miss them. Guida Quon



Walking the Neighborhood with Donna Layne

I just love walking our neighborhood! Our trees look great year-round. I anxiously wait to see which trees budout first. Then I marvel at the shade our trees give on hot summer days. My favorite, though, is walking through the carpet of colorful leaves on a cool autumn's day. And the starkness of the bare winter trees contrasts beautifully with our lovely cold winter skies. Along

with looking at the trees, I enjoy hearing and watching our bird friends—the parrots still captivate me and even the ornery crows hold my attention. I have chuckled over crows chasing possums, raccoons, and cats down the street as well as cornering hawks and even a turkey vulture. As I walk, I marvel at the amount of houses I see in "renovation" mode. I am very curious about what's going on inside. Our houses capture our imagination, creativity, and pocketbooks. I value the love and money that people have used in maintaining and restoring the beauty of these homes. Then there are the people who live on these tree-lined streets in these "Ozzie and Harriet" homes. Wouldn't you love to hear their stories, present and

past? I was intrigued to learn that years ago a robber climbed into our attic, was arrested, and came back months later (after his jail time) to look for his gun that he had stashed in the attic! I am always impressed when I meet my neighbors and find out who they are and "where they've been." We have such a diverse group of neighbors and that's probably what I love the most about this neighborhood.

I'm nosey and this neighborhood and my neighbors fascinate me. I figured that some of you would like to know more about our neighborhood and our neighbors as well. So, I will be writing articles for our newsletter entitled, "W alking the Neighborhood." I would like to tell your stories. I'm interested in highlighting stories of all kinds—crow stories, parrot stories, tree stories, coyote stories, remodeling stories, hobby stories, neighborhood history stories, present day happening stories, and "who's our neighbor" stories.

If you would like to share a neighborhood story, please email me the details. I will try to feature 2-3 stories per newsletter. My email address is a.layne@sbcglobal.net. I look forward to hearing from you. Donna Layne, Member-At-Large.



Pre-School Enrichment















Half-day Pre-School & Summer
Programs offered in West Floral
Park Neighborhood

Experience all the wonders of Early Childhood Education. Now accepting enrollment for the 2006-2007 year.

To schedule a visit or for more information contact Denise Davey @543-1813 or e-mail pdkkdavey@sbcglobal.net.

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WFPNA BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE 2005 WRAP UP & 2006 EVENTS AND PLANNING

The Beautification Committee wrapped up 2005 with two projects. Twas a couple weeks before Christmas and all through WFP, several creatures were stirring and roaming the streets. Yes, it was the Beautification Committee on their annual cruise oohing and aahing as they passed many houses well lit for the season. After bantering back and forth from three vehicles, the votes were in and the winners were:

Best Light Display; The Mendez Family - 2136 Rosewood Best Light Display; The Ochoa Family -1818 N. Baker Most Lights/The Griswalds Award; The Zamora Family - 2009 Greenbriar Best Entry Display; The Freeman Family - 2327 Towner

Congratulations to all winners and many thanks to everyone who decorated their homes making our neighborhood a delight to drive through. Bows were placed on all of Santa Clara trees. After years of the same look and several complaints, those bows were retired. Look for something new and exciting for Christmas of 2006.

Our first event of 2006 will be the selection of three nominees for "Most Beautiful Yard Contest". The city has been sponsoring this program for 18 years, created to recognize Santa Ana residents who have improved and maintained their homes. So get your winter and spring planting done early if you intend to win. Most likely our committee will be judging over the weekend of April 1st or 8th.

Saturday April 22 will be our Clean Up Weekend supported by the City of Santa Ana for many years. The committee will designate the locations for the five dumpsters and assign people to monitor each dumpster. Fliers will be distributed listing the locations, times of service and a list of items of what can and cannot be disposed of.

In addition to the programs sponsored by the city, the Committee will do it's share of planting flowers at Santa Clara & Bristol. From time to time we will gather to trim & clean out the beds and the others located at Santa Clara & Towner and Santa Clara & Lowell. The city supports painting of the backs of any traffic signs and post black to keep them uniform and appealing to the eye. If anyone has interest in volunteering on our committee, you can contact Mel Steiner, Committee Chairman at 714-269-4138 or msteiner01@adelphia.net.

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