



West Floral Park Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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Letter from The WFPNA President

We Can't Do It Without You ! As we move into 2007, I want to take you back you to some of the accomplishments of the past year. We have grown our Membership to almost 25% participation, staged a series of elaborate and enjoyable annual events for the grown ups, and continued our wonderful tradition of events for the family. WFP Board Members and Committees have always looked for ways to "Making Your Neighborhood A Better Place To Live" and this year is no exception with a new 'twist' on the annual Fall Block Party, exploring the possibility of a Home Tour in 2008, and working more closely with law enforcement. I am sincerely honored to be a part of a group of residents that freely give up their time and resources for a greater benefit. I urge you to support this effort through Membership and / or your participation in any of the various committees. Our Committees are in need of your help and ideas. If you're interested in participating in a committee, please contact the Board Members listed in this Newsletter or visit our Website at www.westfloralpark.com. I want to wish you all a safe and prosperous 2007 and I look forward to seeing you at the next Neighborhood event.

Sincerely,

Steve Tancredi
WFPNA President



2007 Annual Home &
Garden Tour
April 28-29, 2007
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Tickets:
\$20 Pre-sale by April 23rd
\$25 day of tour at ticket booths

Celebrate Santa Ana

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2007
5:30 p.m - 8:30 p.m.
"Community Reinvestment"
Location: Santa Ana City Hall
20 Civic Center Plaza
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Please join us for the 11th annual Celebrate Santa Ana; a free event to benefit the hundreds of neighborhood servicing organizations in our community. The event showcases a citywide effort to improve the network of public agencies, organizations, businesses, schools, neighborhood groups, and residents that are committed to making Santa Ana a better place to live, work, and play. Get ready to experience great networking and opportunities. We will have excellent workshops focusing on "community

reinvestment" and an Expo. The 2007 Neighborhood Hero and Community Building Awards will also be presented as part of the event. The Resource Network has become an extremely positive factor contributing to recent successes achieved in Santa Ana. The Steering Committee, made up of over 25 key agencies and organizations, has been the backbone to our efforts. Please be sure to network and discuss projects with these individuals (who will have a special blue ribbon name badge) or their organization representatives at this year's event. It will be an excellent opportunity to get on board towards contributing to the bright future of Santa Ana. The Network's successes include the following: an Internet based [Community Calendar](#) of events and free quarterly newsletter, development and initial funding of over 80 community based projects for the [Grants for Blocks](#)

Social Calendar

Easter Egg Hunt	April 7
Wine Walk	April 21
FP Home Tour	April 28, 29
General Meeting	May 9
Celebrate Santa Ana	May 10
Progressive Dinner	June 23
July 4 Parade	July 4
General Meeting	August 8
Summer Concert	August 11
Golf Tournament	September 8
Beer Crawl	October 13
General Meeting	November 8
Holiday Party	December 2

New Neighbor Corner

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:

Steve & Louise Mishler
20th Street

Ryan Williams
N. Olive Lane

Sr. Sharon Becker &
Sr. Mary Geneva Bonhote
Westwood Avenue

David & Kathleen Pargee
N. Westwood Avenue

Program, Successful [Empowerment Zone](#) Application, and facilitating relationships between corporate sponsors and Santa Ana organizations. Please RSVP at (714) 667-2260 or (714) 667-2218. Should you have any questions, want to participate in the Community Based Organizations Business Expo, or be interested in additional information, please contact Scott Kutner at (714) 667-2259.



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General Meeting Notes

Approximately 35 residents attended the February 21 General Meeting at Santiago Elementary School

Welcome: Steve Tancredi welcomed everyone and thanked them for their ongoing support. He announced that Santa Ana has two programs for members of neighborhoods that are approaching their deadlines for submittal. The first is due March 22nd for Santa Ana Community Building Awards? and the second is March 16th for the Neighborhood Hero award that will be awarded at the Celebrate Santa Ana event scheduled for May 10th. If anyone needs the form to send in, Steve has copies.

Speakers:

Art Leahy CEO OCTA: Steve introduced Art, who informed the group that he and his wife live in our WFPNA area on the corner of Flower and Santa Clara. He has been with OCTA for the past 6 years. Art shared his resume (attached) and stated that his wish is for OCTA to be the best transportation Company in United States.

OCTA is the 12th busiest bus company in the United States with 800 buses and a system for the Disabled. It also regulates the Taxi business and maintains bike paths. In addition they give money to cities – measure “M” to maintain the street system. They purchased the 91 toll road in order to eliminate the “non-compete” clause and it is now bringing new money to Orange County. Two thirds of these profits come from Riverside residents. They are in negotiation with Riverside to extend the road to Riverside. The reason for the increase in tolls is to maintain the volume at a reasonable level for rapid flow.

OCTA is analyzing the recent changes in the Bristol interchange between the 22 East, 5 south, and 57 for ease of flow and will make changes as appropriate. They recently instituted a “pop-in and out” on the two car pool lane on the 22 east and are analyzing for possible extension to the 5/55 and 57. One goal of the OCTA is to separate the train crossings from the car streets.

Officer Michael Claborn: Steve introduced Officer Claborn who is our neighborhood liaison with the SAPD. Officer Claborn has been with Police Departments for 10 years, four of those years in South Central LA and the last 6 years here in Santa Ana. He reviewed current issues close to WFPNA, the first one being the car to car shooting today at around 3pm at the corner of Bristol and 17th street. It involved two gangs – the F Troop and the W. Myrtle Group. F Troop is the biggest gang in OC and has connections to the Mexican

Mafia. One male is dead and the wounded went to UCI. It was a targeted gang shooting with no one else involved.

The drug/gun house on Baker recently was resolved and identified early with the help of neighbors in our area. The police really appreciate our assistance in that matter as neighbors are usually able to identify problems earlier rather than waiting for police to discover them.

Office Claborn reviewed measures that we could all do to prevent burglaries as they are popping up all over Santa Ana. He advised the following

- ◆ Outdoor lighting and motion lights
- ◆ Locks on all windows, doors and cars
- ◆ Do not “warm-up” cars in the driveway unattended
- ◆ Tell neighbors when you will be gone and have newspapers, mail etc, picked up
- ◆ When parking in lots, park near lights and have keys ready
- ◆ When dialing 911, newer cell phones now have technology to refer you directly to the local PD unless you are on a freeway or close to one

A question was asked regarding the volume of cars parking overnight on neighborhood streets. Officer Claborn informed the group that that is a city regulation and is called “permitted parking”. It usually relates to certain hours, but interested residents would have to work with the City of Santa Ana.

Update from The Beautification Committee

On Saturday, October 21st if you were out and about in the neighborhood, you would have found eight members of the beautification committee combing the neighborhood in search of street and traffic signs that had their back sides in need of paint. Within no time, the paint teams had most all signs matching with the new flat black paint. We did however, run out of paint. By the time this goes to press, the remaining signs too should be finished.



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Treasurer: Ian announced that the Association has \$2500 in cash Reserves. 2006 was a record year for money collection and the goal of the Board is to spend it in the neighborhood for events, beautification projects and communication to members other than the roll-over of reserves for the next year. At the next General Meeting he will present the budget approved by the Board and any current expenditures.

Steve Tancredi handed out and reviewed the November/YTD Profit and Loss Statement (attached) as well as answered any questions from the floor. He reviewed our on-going efforts to create a 501 3c for the WFPNA. We are working with a consultant provided through the City of Santa Ana and all paper work he requested has been provided. Email him at STancredi@MASTERCRAFTHOMESllc.com

Member at Large - Jason Saenz identified that as the Member At Large he is responsible for attending the Com Link and Planning Commission meetings for Santa Ana. Recently the Planning Commission approved the application for a Walgreen's to be built on the current Burger King and office space on the corner of Bristol and 17th street.

He is also responsible for the "treats" at these General meetings and obtaining the door prizes.

Vice President: Vice President's Report: Mel Steiner VP is in charge of Membership and Welcoming. He said that his goal is to grow our membership and through contacting our neighbors, encourage them to join the Association, attend meetings and events and help on Committees. For the past few years, Joan Theis has done a wonderful job of welcoming all new neighbors with a basket of brownies, wine and lots of information. Now that will be his job and would welcome assistance.

Social: Susan Marie introduced herself as the Chair of the Social Committee. She has a sign-up sheet in the back and asked all interested in joining to attend the first meeting at her house at 405 Baker Street.

Right now she is planning the Easter Egg Hunt on April 7th and will begin to plan the Wine Walk scheduled for April 21st. A new event this year will be the "Beer Crawl". All events and their dates will be in the first newsletter due out shortly.

Susan also attended with Mel the first meeting of the Combined Neighborhood Committee to plan this year's "Concert in the Park".

Beautification: Donna Layne introduced herself as the Chair of the Beautification Committee. She has a sign-up

sheet in the back for volunteers and a flyer (attached) explaining the Beautification Committee. The Committee has had it's first meeting with the second meeting being March 11th Sunday at 5:30pm (see flyer).

The Committee is planning a Saturday "Beautiful Home" series of three. The first event will be Saturday March 31st at 2405 Baker Street and will feature Shirley Cemore, Landscape Designer from Flowerdale Nursery. The donation will be \$5.00 – see flyer (attached).

The WFPNA first Dumpster Day is scheduled for March 10 and locations will be announced in a flyer.

Another project being investigated by the Beautification Committee is the erection of permanent or semi-permanent street signs identifying the WFP Neighborhood. Donna also announced that a group is being formed for a Fisher Park Revitalization Project. The flyer (attached) is in the back if you would like to participate.

Communications: Steve announced that for now he will be responsible for the quarterly neighborhood Newsletter. The first edition should be distributed the last week of March. There is a sign-up sheet in the back for volunteers to assist. In response to a question, it was stated that we do take ads for the newspaper – contact Steve for details.

A redesign of the WFPNA web site is also being planned

Home Tour: Steve announced that Juanita Galliford will be spear heading the investigation of a possible Home Tour for the WFPN. She could not be here tonight, but will be getting out information.

IRS 501C3 Status: Steve Tancredi announced he was waiting for the City Consultant to send Steve the necessary forms to be filed with the State and IRS to create a new corporate entity with 501C3 status. When the filings have been accepted and a new Tax ID number issued, any donation checks received in 2007 will be deposited in a new checking account. This new tax status allows the Association to receive a greater number of contributions.



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2006 Holiday Party!

The Holiday season started with a classic West Floral Park Holiday Party! The walkway was decorated with luminaries' and a festive jingle was in the air. This was our second Holiday Party and this event continues to be a huge success. This year *Bistro 400* catered the event and provided a no host bar. Our gracious hosts, Juan and Ed opened their home and garden for the party and the décor was breathtaking. Old man weather cooperated and we were able to enjoy a beautiful December evening under the stars. Thanks again to Juan & Ed for hosting such an *elegant event*.

I would like to take this time to thank all the people who helped me over the past 2 years to make the social events such a great success. Susan Marie will be the new Social Director for 2007, and I wish her all the best. I encourage you to show your support and volunteer to help out with an event. These events are what make our community strong and I can not encourage the neighbors enough to get involved and support the things that make our community so unique. Thanks again and I will see you at the next event!

Juanita



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West Floral Park Membership Drive 2007



Thank you to all in WFP who helped make 2006 such a success. Again we have accomplished all of our goals, including ongoing maintenance our neighborhood entrance at Bristol, organizing our Fourth Annual WFPNA Golf Tournament, putting on the best Wine Walk ever, purchasing new Christmas holiday signs & decorations and ending the year with a first class Christmas Party,

For those of you who were unable to participate in last year's membership, now is your chance! With your support, we want to keep that momentum moving in 2007!

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 continue 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
 - July 4th Parade
 - Golf Tournament
 - Fall Event
 - Christmas/Holiday Dinner 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 Mel Steiner, Vice President / WFPNA Membership Drive Chair at (714) 269-4138 for more information.

Voluntary Membership Donations (per household):

- \$400.00 *Corporate Sponsor* - 1/4 page ads in 4 newsletters.
(Includes admission for 2 to the Progressive Dinner & Fall Event)
- \$200.00 *Benefactor* (Includes admission for two to the Progressive Dinner & Fall Event)
- \$100.00 *Gold Member* (Includes admission for two to the Progressive Dinner)
- \$50.00 *Friendly Neighbor*
- \$15.00 *Seniors*

Membership from 1/1/2007 to 12/31/2007

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

West Floral Park Membership Drive 2007

Name: _____

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West Floral Park Neighborhood Association Profit & Loss Statement			
INCOME			
Membership / Donations	\$ 8,140		
Misc. Contributions	\$ 300		
Membership Revenue		\$ 8,440	
Wine Walk	\$ 5,425		
Progressive Dinner	\$ 4,546		
Fall Block Party	\$ 1850		
Event Revenue		\$ 14,231	
Total Income			\$22,671
EXPENSES			
Organizational Expenses	\$ 200		
Bank Charges	\$ 41		
Misc. Business	\$ 559		
General Meetings	\$ 1007		
Newsletter	\$ 1,473		
Website	\$ 90		
Welcome Baskets	\$ 217		
Beautification	\$ 75		
Committee Expense		\$ 1,854	
Wine Walk	\$ 3,961		
Progressive Dinner	\$ 5,916		
Golf Tournament	\$1,650		
Fall Block Party	\$ 2,571		
Fourth of July Parade	\$ 121		
Easter Egg Hunt	\$ 318		
Event Expense		\$ 14,536	
Total Expenses			\$18,199
Net Income			\$4,471

Neighborhood Fruit Harvest

Have you noticed? We are blessed with an abundance of happy, fruit-bearing trees throughout the neighborhood. There are many delicious fruits grown in our front and back yard spaces: avocados, pomegranates, oranges, lemons, limes, and guava - all patiently waiting to be picked and eaten! Many trees produce far more fruit than a single household can consume during the harvest season. And that is the reason WHY we are launching the *WFP Fruit Co-op*. Our WFP Fruit Co-op will work like this:

- The Co-op coordinates the fruit supply, communicates fruit availability, and helps with fruit distribution.
- Fruit Co-op Membership is open to any WFP resident who wishes to join. Membership is free and so is the fruit. Your name, an email address (preferred) or phone number (for our elderly members not online), and a street address are required.

- Members who have fruit bearing trees need to register their harvest with the Co-op.
- Volunteers will come to pick your fruit OR you can pick it yourself.
- The Co-op will notify all Members by email when a new harvest is received. Pickup times and pickup location will be identified as well.
- All fruit is staged for a very short period of time. First come - first served. Volunteers will deliver fruit to elderly residents and to those members who need special help.

You are probably aware that consuming fruit is a good thing, but did you know that locally grown fruit provides many additional health benefits? In addition, it is far better to get ripe fruit off of the tree as soon as possible and not to let it rot on the ground (sorry possums!).

In the spirit of sharing our good fortune with one another, The WFPNA Beautification Committee is pleased to launch this new adventure. Please direct all questions and membership inquiries to: Becky Sheeter. Her email address is cuterunner@aol.com and her phone number is 835-7494.



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***Keeping our Neighborhood Beautiful
West Floral Park Neighborhood Association
Beautification Committee Activities***

Spring has arrived in West Floral Park. Our trees are starting to bud and our yards are looking greener. Did you notice all the trees that the City planted in our parkways? The Beautification Committee ended 2006 with its holiday lights contest. We really love to do this as the lights are all so festive. Our awards went to:

- Best Lights: The Trombino Residence at 1015 W. 18th Street
- Best Lights: The Snyder Residence at 1801 N. Westwood
- Best Door/Entry: The Amborski & Steiner Residence at 1135 W. Riviera Drive

Did you notice our new holiday decorations at the Bristol/Santa Clara entrance? We hope so as several industrious elves worked hard to set up this elegant welcome to our neighborhood. Also new last year were our "Peace on Earth" signs. Even rain could not diminish the glow of our luminaries. The committee has plans for additional decorations this year. Your suggestions are welcome.

Dumpster Day on March 10 has come and gone. Hopefully, you took advantage of this free service that the City provides for us once a year. Our committee is investigating the purchase of WFPNA semi-permanent banners or permanent signs. We would love to welcome people to our neighborhood with attractive signs or banners. In order to do this, several fund raising projects have been proposed.

"Our Beautiful Homes" Saturday Morning Series—For the homeowner who is constantly looking for maintenance and/or renovation ideas. See flyer insert for the March 31 event. "Our Beautiful Homes" Calendar Sales—We're in the planning process of designing and selling a 2008 calendar featuring the homes in our neighborhood. If all goes well, look for these to be sold in the fall. WFPNA License Plate Holders—Have you seen some of these yet? We are investigating the selling of these classy license plate holders.

The Beautification Committee will continue to maintain the Bristol/Santa Clara entrance, the Towner & Lowell medians, painting the backs of signs, and judging the "Most Beautiful Yard." We have some other "projects in the conversation stage" and will report on them later.

Lastly, get your yards ready for "The Most Beautiful Yard" contest on April 14. The City sponsors this contest as a way to recognize Santa Ana residents who have improved and maintained the exterior and landscaping of their homes. So, it's time to do your spring sprucing up. The March 31 "Our Beautiful Homes" presentation on "Curb Appeal" will certainly help you on this one.

Our calendar for the year is as follows:

- March 10 Clean-Up Dumpster Day
- March 31 "Our Beautiful Homes—Curb Appeal" Saturday Series
- April 14 "Most Beautiful Yard Contest" Judging
- August 25 "Our Beautiful Homes—Home Painting & Color" Saturday Series
- September "Our Beautiful Homes Calendar" Sales Begin (Tentative)
- November 3 "Our Beautiful Homes—Today's Kitchens" Saturday Series
- December 9 Holiday Lights Contest Judging
- December 15-17 Luminaries Display

The committee is always looking for energetic and enthusiastic homeowners who want to make a difference in our neighborhood. If interested in joining, please contact Donna Layne, Chair, at a.layne@sbcglobal.net.



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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
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