

West Floral Park



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Neighborhood Newsletter

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What's in a Name?

Floral Park West or West Floral Park?

At our upcoming general meeting we will be voting on a proposed name change for our community. The proposal is to change our neighborhood name from West Floral Park to Floral Park West. The proposed name, Floral Park West, conveys our proximity to neighboring, Floral Park and has a certain cachet that the name West Floral Park does not have.

This is an ideal time for us to change our name as we are in the process of applying for nonprofit status. It is much easier to change the name now, rather than after we have registered as a nonprofit organization.

We want to hear your opinion and we need your vote!

Upcoming Events

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| Pancake Breakfast | August 16th |
| <i>8am - 11am</i> | <i>Park at Towner & 17th</i> |
| Concert in the Park | |
| <i>September 20th</i> | <i>Morrison Park</i> |
| Gary Castro WFPNA Social Committee Chair | |

WFP General Meeting

**Tuesday, August 5
7:00 p.m. at the
Log Cabin in
Jack Fisher
Park**

- Update on Floral Park Promenade Center and the proposed new Starbucks
- Name change
- Pancake Breakfast
- Concert in the Park
- Committee reports



You bring the stick and we'll provide the marshmallows to roast over an open fire, the graham crackers, and chocolate bars for smores after the meeting

Eating Out in Santa Ana

by Shelli Horan

On a beautiful, warm Saturday night, five of us headed to downtown Santa Ana for a nice relaxing evening meal to celebrate a birthday. The sidewalk patio at Shelly's Bistro was our destination. Shelly's features Cajun and Creole cooking with emphasis on seafood and a very busy lunchtime crush – but we were there for dinner. Parking was easy, mere steps from the restaurant. Seated outside, we ordered ice cold cocktails to keep the pace of the evening slow and relaxed. I had a mean Lemon Drop and across the table, two gentlemen ordered a house specialty known as an Orange County. Both were served in chilled martini glasses rimmed with superfine sugar. The waiter brought the Birthday "girl" a Long Beach Iced Tea, a local twist on the notorious East Coast drink. She loved it!

We ordered their specialty bread as an appetizer, wedge shaped hunks of bread, broiled with Parmesan cheese and garlic and served surrounded in an alfredo sauce. Good enough to order a second round!

The gentlemen who ordered the Orange County cocktails, ordered the soup of the day, cream of potato and leek soup. They found it to be smooth and delicious. The Wedge Salad was made with romaine lettuce, tomatoes, topped with crumbled blue cheese over a light blue cheese dressing. I ordered the Spiritosa, a beautiful spinach salad with sliced strawberries, feta cheese, pine nuts in a light, tart vinaigrette dressing.

I'm almost, but not quite as bad as Meg Ryan's character in When Harry Met Sally. I rarely order my main course off the menu. I guess it's my way of seeing if the chef is up for a challenge. I asked for the tortellini without the alfredo sauce. I left it to the server to forward my request to the chef to create a spicy tomato-based sauce. A huge plate of green, orange and white tortellini pasta appeared before me. The tortellini was resting in olive oil, garlic, and fresh chopped tomatoes, pleasantly spiced with red chili flakes. The pan fried shrimp included in the dish was an error, but it was quickly corrected and an adjustment was made to the check without asking. Two members of our party enjoyed the Chicken Diablo, a breast of chicken with a spicy sauce accompanied by red beans and rice. Another person at the table ordered the top sirloin steak in mushroom sauce, also accompanied by red beans and rice. Everyone agreed that the entrees were wonderful, but the red beans and rice needed more of a Cajun punch for our decidedly spicy tastes!

Another member of the party had the flat iron steak, with a side of roasted potatoes and sautéed spinach. The steak was grilled perfectly to order and I had to help myself to the huge helping of spinach, buttery with tons of garlic and Parmesan cheese.

Our server surprised the other female member of our party with a beautiful, creamy slice of cheesecake in orange sauce to help us celebrate her birthday. He brought five forks so we could all enjoy it – really delicious. A couple of us finished the evening with two good cups of coffee as the songs of the jazz singer wafted out to the streetside tables. I could've listened all night...

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(714) 543-9821

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Friday: 11:00 am - 11:00 pm
Saturday: 3:00 pm - 12:00 am
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Do you have a favorite restaurant? Send your review to Judi Fine for publication in the next newsletter. jfine@sbcglobal.net

Contractor's Corner

Tracy Matheny who lives on Westwood says "...Irma and Ken Morris of First Impressions...are decorating geniuses. They have fresh, innovative and creative ideas for re-decorating a home on a budget. Their phone number is 714.223.7796. I highly recommend them."

Do you have a favorite contractor? Let us know and we'll print your recommendation.

Steve Doughty's Team Takes First Place in First Annual WFPNA Golf Tournament!



The Krispy Kreme Team



Steve and Dean on the 3rd

32 players from the neighborhood enjoyed a great sunny day of golf at the River View Golf Course. Eight teams participated in this "Best Ball" tournament, which was a first for the West Floral Park Neighborhood Association. The success of this tournament will hopefully turn this into an annual event. The team captained by Mr. Steve Doughty won the event with an impressive 57. Dean Guzman, the chair of this event called it a "great success" and is expecting an even bigger turn out next year.

Congratulations to every participant and a "BIG" Thank You to Dean Guzman and Bill Stacy for coordinating this event.



4th of July Parade

Eric Arel, coordinator of this annual event brought together more than 100 people to this year's parade. Once again, the parade started at the corner of 21st and Rosewood and went north to Riviera and south down Westwood Avenue, ending again at 21st Street. Families and friends from all over the neighborhood came out and ribbons were given to the kids that had decorated their bikes and wagons with the best patriotic theme. Nichole Doughty said the parade was "so well organized and so much fun."

Thank you to all who came out and supported the kids for this event, as this parade truly gives the kids an excellent opportunity to honor the birth of our nation, "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

Gary Castro

Social Committee Chairperson



Attention: Dues Paying Members!!!

Watch for a Neighborhood Association Survey

Bruce Hemmer, a graduate student at UC Irvine, is doing a study on the impacts of neighborhood associations around the Southland. Dues paying members of West Floral Park will receive the survey with this newsletter in an attached envelope. The survey is strictly voluntary and anonymous, but Bruce has promised that once compiled, he will provide us with the results. We encourage you to take the time to complete the survey as this could provide the Board valuable information to improve what we are doing! We want the West Floral Park Neighborhood Association to be valuable to you and add to the quality of life in North Santa Ana.

Beautification Project

This year the Beautification Committee has taken on the challenging task of giving part of improving the looks of our section of Santa Clara. The plantings in the median street dividers located off of Santa Clara on Towner and Lowell, will be updated with California natives and other drought tolerant plants. When the planning design is completed, we will be sending out flyers asking for your help for the day work begins. We will keep you posted on our progress.

Bill Stacy
Beautification Committee Chairperson

Feelin' Good in the Neighborhood

A few pictures from the Wine Walk



Gary Castro and Cheryl Henderson Co-chairs



To good neighbors!



A toast to the neighborhood!



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