



# West Floral Park Neighborhood Association Newsletter

Issue Number 9, June, 2005

## Message From The President

*Hello Residents,*

Welcome to all who have joined the WFPNA this year. I have enjoyed meeting many of our members at some of our Spring events such as the Easter Egg Hunt & Wine Walk. When I tell others about our neighborhood association and all of the activities our board and volunteers plan, most are slightly jealous. Some ask questions about how they might bring similar events to their own neighborhoods, but when I tell them about the number of volunteers and how so many in the neighborhood support our events and volunteers, my friends realize what a special place we have in West Floral Park. Like many my first impressions of West Floral Park included the mature trees, beautiful gardens and unique homes. But now that I live here, I have learned our most valuable asset is the people who make West Floral Park a neighborhood.

Recently one of our board members was recognized as a Neighborhood Hero by the city of Santa Ana. Congratulations to Vice-President, Steve Doughty and Thank You for all of your contributions to our neighborhood.

This summer we have our annual Progressive Dinner, 4th of July Neighborhood parade, the concert in the park with our neighboring Neighborhood Associations, and a golf tournament. I look forward to seeing you at one of these events or our next general meeting on August 10, 2005 in the Cabin at Jack Fisher Park.

At our recent general meetings we have met a few of our neighbors like the Bowers Museum, St. Joseph's Ballet, the manager of the new RiteAid, and our fire marshall, Laura Smith. We would love to hear from our members if there are other "neighbors" you would like to meet at a future meeting. Our next meeting will be the second Wednesday of August at the cabin in Jack Fisher Park. We will be roasting marshmallows and making s'mores over the fire after the meeting. So bring your roasting sticks and join in the fun! Thank you for your time and I am looking so forward to a memorable 2005.

*Lisa Speer - President, West Floral Park Neighborhood Association*

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*President, Lisa Speer  
Vice President, Steve Doughty  
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Secretary, Debra Lawler*

### **The Committee Chairs**

*Social, Juanita Galliford  
Beautification, Mel Steiner  
Welcoming, Joan Squillacioti  
Communication, Steven Mendoza*



*Find out why the Saenz family is having so much fun...See Page 5.*

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### **UPCOMING DATES**

July 4 Event	July 4
Concert in the Park	Aug. 20
Golf Tournament	Sept. 17
General Meeting	Aug. 10

### **PROGRESSIVE DINNER 2005 REMINDER**

The Progressive Dinner will be held on Saturday June 18, 2005. If you are interested in signing up, please turn in the forms or contact Juanita Galliford at (714) 550-0133. Seats are limited so please sign up soon.

**Raffle Prizes include**  
**IPOD Shuffle**  
**Blackberry**  
**Angel Baseball Tickets**  
**Gift Bags**

**Raffle Tickets will be on sale**  
**1 for \$5**  
**3 for \$10**  
**10 for \$20**  
**30 for \$40**

*Congratulations to our friends and neighbors in Floral Park who have been recently awarded Neighborhood USA's Grand Prize as Neighborhood of the Year! This is a national honor. Bravo!!*



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### City of Santa Ana's 2005 Most Beautiful Yard Contest

The West Floral Park Beautification Committee canvassed the neighborhood looking for the properties with the highest degree of exterior maintenance and care. The Beautification Committee then submitted those selections to the City of Santa Ana who will make the final decision. The properties nominated for 2005 are:

1009 W. 20th  
2315 Towner  
1135 Riviera

### Got Household Mysteries? The DIY Network Will Solve It.

An Orange County home inspector is hosting a new mystery/home improvement show for the DIY Network. The producers are seeking homeowners in Orange County with household mysteries to participate in the show.

Everyone has annoying mysteries in their home, like the paint job that keeps peeling or the toilet that mysteriously flushes by itself in the middle of the night. Producers of a new DIY Network program are looking for local homeowners with household mysteries to appear on the show. If selected, DIY will send a certified home inspector to your home, identify the problem, and remedy the situation!

Homeowners interested in applying can e-mail show producers at [hdproduction@aol.com](mailto:hdproduction@aol.com). Homeowners should briefly describe the problems in their homes and their previous efforts to have them fixed. They should also include address, phone numbers, and an e-mail address. Preference will be given to homes with multiple mysteries. If your home meets the show's criteria, a producer will contact you.

### New Neighbor Corner

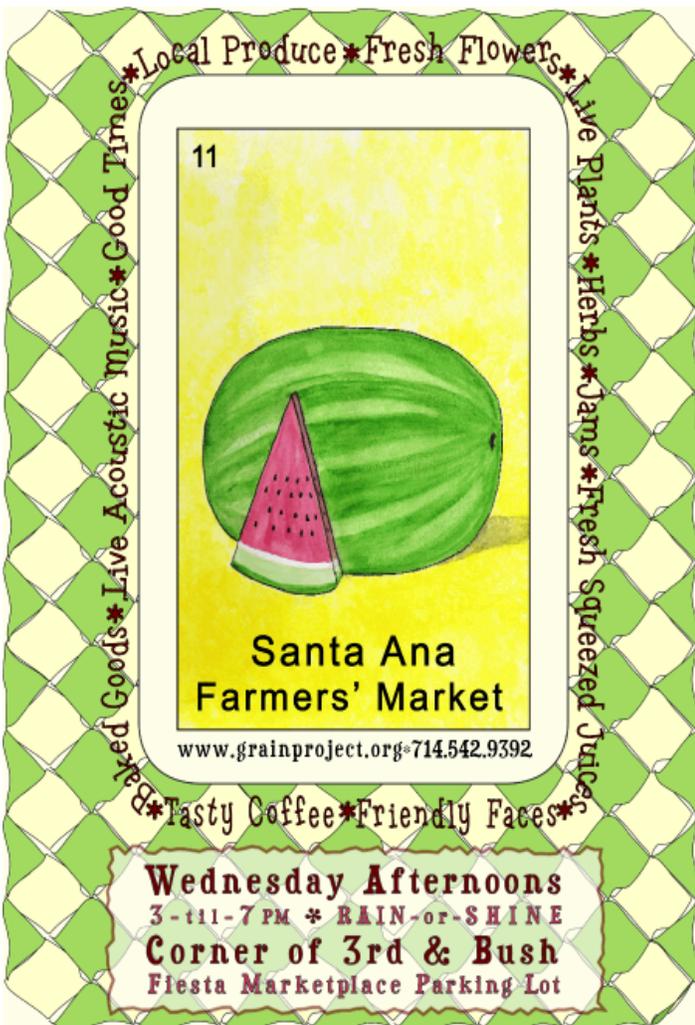
Joan Squillacioti and her Welcoming Committee are busy making new friends in West Floral Park by making personal visits offering a gift bag of treats along with valuable neighborhood information. Please welcome the following new residents:

Brandon & Thelma Meza  
Baker

Kristel Massey & Matthew Robinson  
Westwood

Jason Saenz & Jennifer Morgan  
Eighteenth

Gary & Sandy Sedic  
N. Baker





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### Protect Your Pets On The 4<sup>th</sup> Of July

Your pets need extra attention before, during and after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations. As the holiday rapidly approaches, there are a few precautions a pet owner can take to ensure that the celebration will be a happy one for both the pet and owner.

**If possible, keep your pets inside.** An animal's hearing is far more sensitive than a human's hearing. Keeping your pets indoors helps them to feel protected. The sound of a radio or TV can help mute the clamor of fireworks.

**ID tags and licenses are your pets' ticket home.** Nothing frightens animals more than sudden loud noises and sharp explosions of fireworks. Animals have been known to jump fences, break through windows, or break their leash in a panic to "escape" the terror.

**Leave your pet at a boarding facility.** If you will be out of town for the holiday, do not leave your pet unattended. It is well worth the expense and peace of mind to ensure that your pet will be safely waiting for you when you return.

**Consult a veterinarian.** There are tranquilizers available, as well as homeopathic remedies to help relieve some of the anxiety associated with the noise and increased activity.

July 5<sup>th</sup> is the busiest day of the year at animal shelters nationwide. Please don't let your pet become a statistic.



*Neighbors enjoy the Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt on March 19, 2005 on Rosewood.*

### July 4th Safety Tips

Illegal fireworks spell trouble. While "Safe and Sane" fireworks are permitted in the City of Santa Ana, Illegal fireworks are not. The Santa Ana Fire Department recently attended the West Floral Park Neighborhood's General Meeting to get the word out about the different types of fireworks. Here is what they want us to know.

Illegal Fireworks cause injury and property damage

Illegal Fireworks alarm people and pets

Illegal Fireworks are against the law and carry fines and possible jail time for possession or use.

Illegal Fireworks warrant aggressive enforcement by the Santa Ana Police Department.

Behave Responsibly!

To report illegal fireworks or if you see someone using or selling illegal fireworks, report it by calling (714) 245-8665. Please remember, only Safe 'N Sane fireworks are permitted in the City of Santa Ana.



*Chris & Cassidy Hill joined her dad Chris for West Floral Park Neighborhood Clean Up Day on Saturday April 16 2005.*

### Membership Wine Glass



If you signed up and still haven't received your wine glass, please contact Mr. Steve Doughty at (714) 953-1056. Steve will make sure you get it.





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### Home Safety Tips

When was the last time you heard about a house being burglarized? Most home burglaries are done by opportunists who spot an open window, a faulty lock or a house that looks like no one's going to be around for a while. You can reduce the chance that this will happen to you. The following checklist may help you assess the risk to your own homes.

- Do you know everyone who has a key to your house?
- Are entry areas unobstructed by shrubbery?
- Are shrubs trimmed to eliminate hiding places?
- Are lights installed around your house?
- Do you lock your garage door when you are away?
- Do you lock your garage door leading into the house?
- Are all windows equipped with auxiliary locks?
- Are your window locks properly and securely mounted?
- Do you keep your windows locked when they are shut?
- Do you have good, secure locks on garage windows?
- Do you have garage windows covered?
- Do you arrange for pick up of newspapers or mail?

As you answer these questions, please take the time to think of ways to:

**Get to know each other and  
Take the time to watch out for each other.**

People can help fight crime in their community in the most effective way — before it begins!



### Membership Drive 2005

June is still a good time to Join the West Floral Park Neighborhood Association. With your support, the Board will keep the 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.

Please fill out the membership information form below and mail it to the address at the bottom of the form. Feel free to contact Steve Doughty, WFPNA Membership Drive Chair for more information.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Voluntary Membership Donations (per household):

- \_\_\_\_\_ **\$400.00 Corporate Sponsor** (includes 1/4 page ads in 4 newsletters, Admission for 2 to Progressive Dinner, Oktoberfest, and Holiday Party)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **\$200.00 Benefactor** (Admission for 2 to the Progressive Dinner, Oktoberfest, and Holiday Party)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **\$100.00 Gold Member** (Admission for 1 to the Progressive Dinner, Oktoberfest, and Holiday Party)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **\$50.00 Patron** (Includes admission for 2 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 WFPNA

ATTN: Steve Tancredi, Treasurer,

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## Wine Walk 2005



April 16, 2005

### What a Great Event!!!!

The West Floral Park Social Committee lead by Juanita Galliford, put on a great Wine Walk on April 16, 2005. New and Old neighbors gathered to share in the great wine, food and entertainment. Special thanks goes to the three host families: Alan & Donna Layne, Frank & Pattie Saenz and Dick & Buffy Politiski. The Event Chairs were Nicole Doughty and Gary Castro. Thanks Juanita, Nicole, Gary and all who assisted in this event.





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### Do you Remember 1969?

Some of you may or may not remember the Santa Ana flood of 1969 when a reportedly 75 homes were threatened with a total value of \$3-million. Many homeowners lost their backyards, swimming pools and portions of their homes. In reviewing the articles so kindly shared by the McLean family, we were able to read of the frustration of a community hit so hard by this natural disaster.

By the same token there were pictures depicting a community of people pulling together to help one another survive and save as much of their personal property as possible. Some of the photos showed residents working together with large Bekins' moving vans in the street. In designated areas, neighborhood residents helped fill sand bags to be used to divert the flowing waters. Junked auto were dropped by the Marine Corps to help stop the erosion along the Santiago Creek.

This was a true testament of how a community can overcome a natural disaster. Much like today, we have continued this legacy of sharing and helping one another out whenever something is needed.

*Henry & Cheryl Henderson  
Riviera*

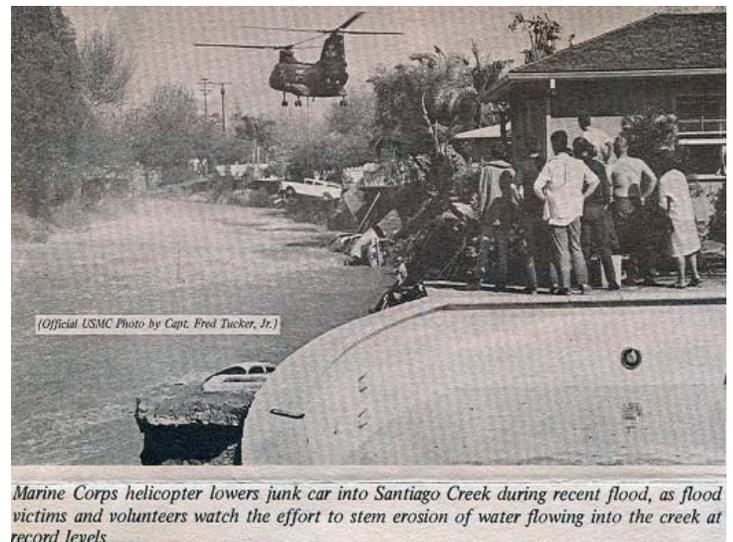
The West Floral Park Communications Committee is looking for vintage photographs of West Floral Park homes from the 1950's 1960's or 1970's to publish in the newsletter. Help us take a look back. If you would like to participate, please contact Communications Chair, Steven Mendoza at 542-5828. **Tell your story!**



*The Home pictured in the last issue was the home of Mr. Dean Guzman 1222 Santa Clara. Thank you Dean for the wonderful trip down memory lane.*



Photos  
Courtesy of  
the Mc Clean  
Family



*Marine Corps helicopter lowers junk car into Santiago Creek during recent flood, as flood victims and volunteers watch the effort to stem erosion of water flowing into the creek at record levels.*



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### West Floral Park Neighborhood Association Profit and Loss Statement (6-01-05)

#### INCOME

Membership / Donations	3,795	
Misc. Contributions	200	
Other Donations	3,260	
Membership Revenue		7,255
Wine Walk	3,003	
Progressive Dinner		
Fall Block Party		
Christmas Celebration		
Event Revenue		3,003
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>10,258</b>

#### EXPENSES

Park Maintenance		325
Bank Charges		-
Misc. Business		242
General Meetings		170
Newsletter	516	
Website	149	
Welcome Baskets	289	
Beautification	204	
Committee Expense		1,159
Wine Walk	3,337	
Progressive Dinner	-	
Golf Tournament	-	
Fall Block Party	-	
Holiday Celebration	-	
Fourth of July Parade	-	
Easter Egg Hunt	200	
Event Expense		3,537
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>5,433</b>

**Net Income** 4,825

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## 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL WFPNA GOLF TOURNAMENT September 17, 2005

Mark this date on your calendars! Our annual golf tournament has been moved to



September to balance out the social calendar and give the 'Old Course' time to repair itself after the Winter rains.

Who will unseat the Team Tournament Champions from previous years? - start putting together that 'A Team' because these guys are ripe for the taking.

Look for tournament flyers and entry forms in the coming months. The tournament is limited to 44 players and open to all area neighborhood residents.

Steve Tancredi  
Tournament Coordinator

## 2005 Social Calendar

June 18	Progressive Dinner
July 4	4th of July Event
Aug. 10	General Meeting
Aug. 20	Concert in the Park
Sept. 17	Golf Tournament
Oct. 8	Fall Event
Dec. 4	Christmas Event

*If you would like to contribute to the Newsletter - please send your items to Steven Mendoza at 1822 W. 18th Street or email them to Mendoza7@sbcglobal.net!*

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

## West Floral Park Neighborhood Association 2005 Membership Drive

Street	# of HH's	Current Ttl Donations	Avg Donation Per HH	# of Prtic. HH's	% of Prtic. HH's.
Lowell Lane	15	\$215	\$14.33	4	26.67%
Marion Way	8	\$30	\$3.75	1	12.50%
Baker Street	67	\$270	\$4.03	8	11.94%
Olive Lane	19	\$280	\$14.74	7	36.84%
Freeman Street	25	\$135	\$5.40	6	24.00%
Greenbrier	19	\$0	\$0.00	0	0.00%
Louise Street	36	\$75	\$2.08	3	8.33%
Olive Street	47	\$135	\$2.87	6	12.77%
Rosewood	35	\$825	\$23.57	9	25.71%
Towner Street	59	\$410	\$6.95	9	15.25%
Westwood Ave.	68	\$1,595	\$23.46	15	22.06%
Ruth Circle	5	\$0	\$0.00	0	0.00%
18th Street	41	\$45	\$1.10	2	4.88%
Flower Street	38	\$215	\$5.66	2	5.26%
19th Street	25	\$1,100	\$44.00	8	32.00%
20th Street	23	\$0	\$0.00	0	0.00%
21st Street	19	\$0	\$0.00	0	0.00%
22nd Street	5	\$0	\$0.00	0	0.00%
Buffalo Ave.	12	\$30	\$2.50	1	8.33%
Riviera Drive	37	\$1,665	\$45.00	12	32.43%
Santa Clara Ave.	29	\$230	\$7.93	3	10.34%
<b>Total</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>\$7,255</b>	<b>\$11.48</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>15.19%</b>

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### West Floral Park Resident