



# West Floral Park Neighborhood Association Newsletter

## Letter from the WFPNA Secretary

As secretary for the WFPNA I welcome all returning members to the Association and encourage others to join. We have great events and try to share neighborhood news.

Since I am in the healthcare field, and summer is upon us, I thought I would share some important information about bee and wasp stings. These insects will nest around your homes and also in the ground. One of our neighbors told me he recently ran over a nest with his golf cart and it really made them mad and aggressive!

More people die each year from the effects of insect venom than from spider or snake bites. Unlike most other allergies, insect allergy can cause life-threatening disruption to breathing and circulatory systems called anaphylactic shock. For one person in 100, the sting of an insect can be fatal. Doctors believe that once systemic (whole body) sensitivity (hives, wheezing, vomiting, difficulty breathing etc) occurs, it almost always increases in severity with each following sting.

If the above has happened to you or a family member, you should notify your healthcare provider and carry medication to be given immediately.

Simple preventive measures should also be taken such as having a professional remove large nests. Other measures are as follows: when eating outdoors – keep food covered until eaten; keep refuse in tightly sealed containers; pick fruits as soon as they ripen; perfume, heavy scented lotions attract; flowery prints and black attract – wear white or light colored clothing. If a bee/wasp fly near you, slowly raise your arms to protect your face and either stand still or move slowly away.

Hypersensitive persons should wear a medic Alert Tag and carry an emergency kit. Enjoy your summer and stay safe.

Sincerely,

Debbie Lawler  
WFPNA Secretary

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### Social Calendar

Open Garden Day	July 28
General Meeting	August 8
Summer Concert	August 11
Golf Tournament	September 8
Beer Crawl	October 13
General Meeting	November 8
Holiday Party	December 2

### Don't Let Graffiti Ruin Your View!

The City is offering a **\$500 REWARD** to anyone who provides information leading to the apprehension and conviction of any person causing graffiti within the City of Santa Ana.



If you see anyone committing this crime, please contact the Santa Ana Police Department (714) 834-4211. If you have specific information concerning anyone involved in graffiti activity, please contact the City's Anti-Graffiti unit at (714) 245-8769. All information is confidential. To report graffiti for removal call the **City's Hotline (877) STOPTAG (877) 786-7824.**



### *Open Garden Day* Saturday, July 28th



Speaking of beautiful yards, we know that we also have some very lovely gardens/backyards in our neighborhood. Our backyards tend to be our sanctuaries and reflect our personalities and interests a little more than our front yards. With that in mind, the Beautification Committee is sponsoring an **"Open Garden Day"** on Saturday, July 28 as part of the *Our Beautiful Homes Saturday Series*. The event will be from 11:00-2:00 p.m. and will be an informal affair. We have several gardens/backyards that will be open for your pleasure. Please see the flyer insert for more information. We will be serving a garden tea lunch on Westwood for a nominal charge. We hope everyone will be able to visit these open gardens.



## West Floral Park Beautification Committee News

### General Meeting Notes

Approximately 30 residents attended the May 9 General Meeting at Santiago Elementary School.

**Welcome:** Steve Tancredi welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming and their ongoing support.

#### Speakers:

**Erlinda Martinez, President of SAC**, informed all regarding the Master Plan and the planned changes for Santa Ana College. The following projects will be or have been built or renovated: Digital Arts Program opened in September, new electric marquis on the corner of 17<sup>th</sup> and Bristol, temporary closure of the sports track for replacement of the surface should be completed in mid-July, an exercise PE room complex opened in May, negotiating with the city to purchase and close College Ave. in August, ground breaking for new classroom building to replace current portable structures took place in September, property across College Ave was purchased and will be the site of the new soccer field, a 1,499 car parking structure will replace the old soccer field, the Sheriff's Regional Training Facility will be moving from the college to the Tustin Air Base this summer, **all residents in the four neighborhoods surrounding SAC will receive VIP cards with two tickets to attend a free event of their choice at the college which will be valid for one year.**

**Officer Mike Claborn, SAPD**, announced there have been 4-5 attempted burglaries in the neighborhood near the creek and the walking overpass in the past month. Most homes had alarms that scared away the burglar. The police are now performing regular sweeps of the creek bed and have found people living under the Bristol overpass. Several arrests have been made and no further disturbances have been reported in the past 20 days. Ofcr. Claborn advised residents to take precautions such as locking doors and windows, arming security systems, reporting strangers by dialing 911 preferably from a landline rather than a cell phone.

**Mark McLoughlin, President of Floral Park Neighborhood Assn.** and his wife were present and wished to express their thanks to all who attended their recent Home Tour and to those who graciously volunteered. He let us know that it takes appx. 400 volunteers each year to make this event a reality.



### Show Your Pride in Our Neighborhood!

Look for our colorful West Floral Park decals on cars in the neighborhood. The Beautification Committee is selling these decals to raise funds for the Street Sign Topper Project. The decals come in two different sizes: Large selling for \$5 and small selling for \$3. Contact Donna Layne at [a.layne@sbcglobal.net](mailto:a.layne@sbcglobal.net) if you want one.

### Beauty Surrounds Us

#### Report from the Beautification Committee

West Floral Park certainly has beautiful yards and homes. On Saturday, April 14, the Beautification Committee drove through the neighborhood looking at each and every yard to select three homes to be nominated for the **"Most Beautiful Yard Award."** Not only is landscaping looked at, general home maintenance (including driveway) is considered. We noticed lots of houses newly painted, beautiful roses in bloom, new landscaping, and lots of work in progress. After the tour, each committee member chose their top three favorites and those nine houses remained for serious discussion and further consideration, and voting. Congratulations to those whose homes were selected as the top three finalists for our "Most Beautiful Yard Award."

916 Riviera  
1113 Riviera  
2213 Westwood

Danny & Guida Quon  
Marion Buchheim  
Mitch and Darlene Wolfe

The City completed its final judging of the yards on June 18. **It's official—Congratulations to Danny & Guida Quon at 916 Riviera whose yard was chosen as "The Most Beautiful Yard" for West Floral Park!**





## West Floral Park Social Committee News

### 2007 Wine Walk!

The first major social event of the season, our 6th annual Wine Walk, was held on Saturday, April 21st. And what an incredible evening we had! The sunny, warm night welcomed neighbors old and new with 105 of you in attendance. Together we enjoyed delicious food and sampled great wines from across the globe. In addition, the amazing lineup of host homes set the stage for an intimate evening. Our thanks to the Jordan Heathcock's, the Carillo's, and the Wolfe's who graciously opened their homes for our event. The food was catered by Bistro 400 of Santa Ana and the wines were purchased from Hi\_time Cellars in Costa Mesa. One final thank you goes out to the Social Committee members for a job well done!

They say success inspires success... and next year's event is already taking shape. We're planning to stay in the USA making a West Coast swing that will feature fine "Wines of the West" - from California to Oregon and Washington. Sound good? More details will come later.

YOU are always welcome to join the Social Committee. It's a great way to get involved, meet new people, and have fun! We're looking for volunteers to help us plan, prepare, and stage our events. Interested individuals should contact Susan Marie at 973-1179. -- Juanita



### Easter Egg Hunters Abound!

This year's Easter event was a great success. We had over 40 neighborhood kids romping across the lush green lawns of Rosewood. All baskets were brimming with goodies! With some expert advice from our Mothers, we created three groups of hunters (instead of two) and expanded the event to three yards. This change gave our youngest kids a better chance at hunting and gathering and it enabled us to create a more difficult hunt for the older kids. The kids in the middle benefited as well since they had a hunt of their very own. In addition, the Easter Rabbit made a dramatic appearance by arriving in a bright red hot-rod convertible. He greeted the kids and visited with everyone who dared come near.

Our thanks to Denise Davey for preparing/staging the cookie decorating craft and for organizing our event. My thanks to the members of the Social Committee for their help and support.

Look for several changes to next year's Hunt. We'll be creating a more challenging and strategic event for the older kids. There will be a NEW! craft. And the Easter Rabbit will be arriving in ????



### Concert in the Park

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 2007  
6:00 p.m - 10:00 p.m. Morrison Park:

Y'all won't want to miss this year's event scheduled for Saturday, August 11th, 6 to 10 PM. It is truly the neighborhood family gathering of the year... featuring something fun for everyone! We'll begin with the traditional picnic dinner (bring your own) and end with dancing to live music under the stars. Entertainment



provided by the classic rock band "The Answer". There will be lots of excitement for the kids and a raffle for the adults. Come groove with friends old and new. Questions? Interested in volunteering or donating a raffle item? Please call Susan Marie at 973-1179.





## West Floral Park Membership News

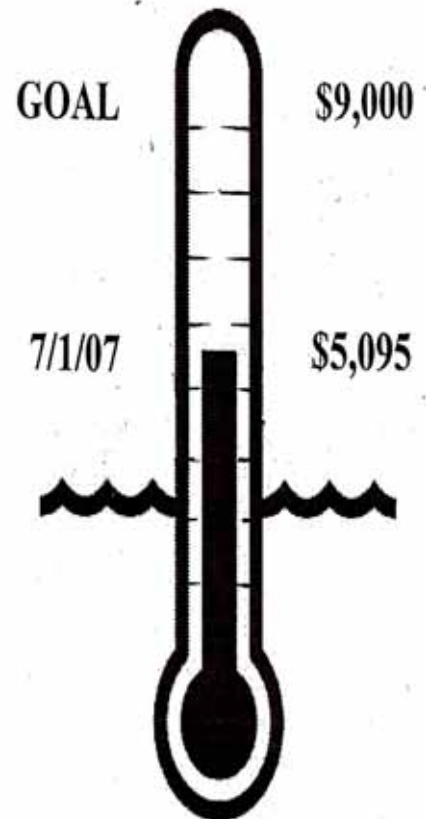
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The West Floral Park Neighborhood Association is a not for profit community organization committed to developing a sense of unity within and preserving the integrity of our neighborhood. Members are residents, both owners and renters, living within 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:
  - 4th of July Parade
  - Holiday Party
  - Open Garden Day
  - Easter Egg Hunt
  - Summer Concert
  - Wine Walk
  - Golf Tournament
  - FP Home Tour
  - Beer Crawl
  - Progressive Dinner

Street	Total Donations	% of Households Participating
18th Street	\$50.00	2.44%
19th Street	\$215.00	16.00%
20th Street	\$155.00	21.74%
21st Street	\$50.00	5.26%
22nd Street	\$0.00	0.00%
Baker Street	\$390.00	8.96%
Buffalo Avenue	\$25.00	8.33%
Flower Street	\$150.00	5.26%
Freeman Street	\$110.00	16.00%
Greenbrier	\$30.00	5.26%
Louise Street	\$90.00	8.33%
Lowell Lane	\$45.00	20.00%
Marion Way	\$15.00	12.50%
Olive Lane	\$115.00	15.79%
Olive Street	\$140.00	12.77%
Riviera Drive	\$720.00	21.62%
Rosewood	\$615.00	17.14%
Ruth Circle	\$0.00	0.00%
Santa Clara Avenue	\$125.00	6.90%
Towner Street	\$145.00	8.47%
Westwood Avenue	\$950.00	20.59%





## West Floral Park Business News

### Profit & Loss Statement Jan 1 - Jun 19, 2007

#### Income

Miscellaneous Donations	222.00
Membership/Donations	5,095.00
Wine Walk	4,186.39
Progressive Dinner	725.00
Fall Event	300.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>10,528.39</b>

#### Expense

Printing & Copying	147.33
General Meetings	126.87
Computer Services	99.95
Wine Walk	4,327.40
Progressive Dinner	1,691.78
Easter Egg Hunt	343.30
Beautification Projects	90.47
Welcome Baskets	184.86
T-Shirts	425.00
Bank Charges	39.70
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>7,476.66</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>3,051.73</b>

### WFPNA 2007 Board Members

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### New Neighbors

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:

**Mike & Kim Connelle**, 928 W. 19th St.

**Barry & Olga Goldberg & Family**, 933 Riviera Dr.

**Robert Castillo Family**, 2009 N. Louise St.

**Evan Jacobson**, 920 W. Santa Clara

**Patricia Murray & Family**, 931 W. 18th St.

**John & Samantha Stark & Family**, 2102 N. Louise St



## 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.

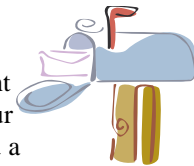
- Volunteers will come to pick your fruit OR you can pick it yourself.
- The Co-op will notify all Members by email when a new harvest is received. Pickup times and pickup location will be identified as well.
- All fruit is staged for a very short period of time. First come - first served. Volunteers 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](mailto:cuterunner@aol.com) and phone is 835-7494.

### Check Your Mailboxes!!

To thank everyone for being so patient during all their construction and improvement projects, Santa Ana Community College is providing all residents in the four neighborhoods surrounding the college with VIP cards with two tickets to attend a free event of your choice at the college! The passes will be valid for one year.




### Vibrant Urban Living at City Place


City Place is an 18-acre, \$125 million, mixed-use project expected to deliver an exciting urban alternative to suburban life in the heart of Orange County. City Place will feature 113 townhouses, 72 lofts, and distinctive retail amenities such as McCormick and Schmick's Seafood Restaurant, celebrity-owned Geisha House, and gourmet grocery store, Mother's Market. Additionally, the developer is proposing a residential high rise to complement the mixed-use village setting. Located at the intersection of Main Street and Memory Lane, City Place is convenient to the I-5 and SR-22 freeway interchange. A number of the residential dwellings will be available for occupancy beginning in April. The development is expected to be completed by the end of the year with the high rise following soon thereafter.





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## West Floral Park Community News (Cont.)

### 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
Street Striping	647-5605
Trash Pick Up & Dumpsters	558-7761
Tree Trimming	647-3380

## Jack Fisher Park Revitalization Report

By Donna Layne

The second meeting for the Jack Fisher Park Revitalization Project was held on June 20. Residents of Jack Fisher Park, Floral Park, and West Floral Park were in attendance. Ron Ono from the City of Santa Ana, Councilmember Carlos Bustamante, and representatives from the City of Santa Ana Police Department were present. There is \$125,000 available from the Shea Homes development project for this revitalization project. Matching funds from other sources are also a consideration.

a more prominent position. Also proposed are a separate adventure play area for older kids which would be situated further into the park and an extended walk which would become a nature/jogging trail leading to the back of the park. The plan also included creating a hummingbird and butterfly sanctuary with a banding of plants along the creek bed.

There was quite a lot of discussion about park usage and about homeless people using the creek bed and park.

Mr. Ono presented a proposed plan for the park based upon input from the first meeting. Fencing along the front of the park would consist of rock pilasters 8 feet apart joined by split railing. This would give the park the physical barrier it needs while maintaining a country-like feel. There will be two openings to the park—one a pedestrian entrance and the other a vehicle entrance (current place). The vehicle entrance would have a locked rolling gate to restrict unauthorized vehicles. The cannon would be moved to the front of the park to take

Generally, the residents present agreed to the conceptual design of the revitalization project, as presented. This proposed plan would require more than the \$125,000 available from the City. Mr. Ono will now cost out each portion of the plan and then present to the group. At that time, prioritization of what is to be funded first, etc. will occur.

We need more voices from West Floral Park at these meetings! Look for the meeting flyer announcement and/or email me your interest so I can put you on the list.



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### Sunsets at the Zoo Summer Concerts

Sunday Aug. 5

5:30 - 7:30 P.M.



The Ron Kobayashi Trio & Grand Opening of  
the Rip Ribble Education Station

Admission: \$10 non-members  
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For more information call (714) 953-8555 x4 or visit  
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