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Neighborhood Association Newsletter

*Sunday December 19, 2004*

*Time: 1:00PM to 3:00PM*

WFPNA  
Holiday  
Celebration

SAVE THE DATE

Join us at the home of  
Cheryl & Henry Henderson  
933 Riviera Drive

**Take a break from shopping!  
Bring the family to meet  
Santa!**

**Eat yummy treats!  
Take a ride on a real  
Fire Engine!**

**For more information contact  
Cheryl Henderson at 547-3605**





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### Fall Block Party 2004

On a crisp Saturday morning, the Social Committee and gracious volunteers covered tables, strung lights, and carefully placed harvest decorations on Rosewood Avenue to celebrate the **WEST FLORAL PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION'S Fall Block Party 2004**. This year's event was fun for the entire family. There was music by DJ Rory, delicious food catered by Richard Jones Pit BBQ Catering, festive Williams-Sonoma raffle baskets, an activity for the younger generation, and a beer truck! The atmosphere was lively and it gave friends, family and neighbors the chance to relax and enjoy a beautiful evening together. WFP's future rockers Kristen Davey performed the National Anthem along with her brother Kurtis on drums and Chris Gartner on keyboard. What an outstanding show of American Pride. There was also a Best Wagon Contest-neighbor Dean Guzman won hands-down with his cocktail party themed wagon. Congratulations to our Co-chairs for this event, Gary Castro and Jim Gartner. Their efforts made the party a huge success. I would also like to thank our volunteers and especially the residents of Rosewood Avenue for allowing us to close down their street for this event.

Cheryl Henderson, Social Committee Chair

Been to the Web Site Lately? Come take a look at the latest updates on the neighborhood. Brian Daley has graciously devoted countless hours to improving this website. [www.westfloralpark.com](http://www.westfloralpark.com)



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### New Board Announced

New Board Members were elected at the November General Meeting of the West Floral Park Neighborhood Association. The following residents were elected to their respective positions.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Street</u>
President	Lisa Speer	Flower
Vice President	Steve Doughty	Westwood
Secretary	Debbie Lawler	Rosewood
Treasurer	Steve Tancredi	Nineteenth
Social Chair	Juanita Galliford	Riviera
Communication Chair	Steven Mendoza	Nineteenth
Beautification Chair	Mel Steiner	Riviera
Welcoming Chair	Joan Squillacioti	Nineteenth

As you may notice, four members have enjoyed their previous office so much, that they decided to serve one more year, giving the association stability and experience for the upcoming 2005 Calendar Year. As we look back on the 2004 year, we look back on a year of excitement, fun, a year where annual events were taken to extraordinary levels and a year of togetherness. Do you recall how beautiful the buffets were at the progressive dinner? How great the Disc Jockey was at the Fall Block Party? The wonderful new wine you tasted at the Wine Walk? The great craft table at the Easter Event? These events were put together by your friends, your neighbors and your loved ones.

As we look back on the extraordinary events of the past year we take this opportunity to thank all of the West Floral Park residents that make this a wonderful place to call home. There are many individuals that made 2004 a success. It was officers, committee chairs, and individuals like you. Whether you volunteered your time, your home, your truck or paid your annual dues - you were all part of what made 2004 a grand year in West Floral Park.



### New City Regulations

The City of Santa Ana, like most cities, now requires a building permit for all new and replaced windows. In particular, the size and placement of window are reviewed to assure that emergency fire exiting standards are met. The City's building Safety Division (714) 647-5800 has helpful handouts to explain the requirements.

Windows are some of the key architectural features that enhance a home's character and curb appeal. To encourage window replacement that maintain the architectural character of a home and neighborhood, the City Planning Division (714) 647-5804 reviews all window applications to promote continuity in window style and detailing. Knowing more about the City's window guidelines and permit requirements before you begin a window project can save you time and delays.



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### Holiday Safety Tips

During the holiday season, it's important to keep safety in mind. Ensure your family and loved ones have a safe and carefree holiday season.

**Decorations-** Decorate only with flame-retardant or non-combustible materials.

- Use only UL approved holiday lighting.
- Do not use indoor lights outdoors or vice-versa.
- Don't overload electrical outlets, and always unplug all lights before leaving home or going to bed.

**Christmas Trees-** The most important safety precaution is freshness.

- Water your tree daily and dispose of the tree if needles fall off in large quantities.
- Do not place the tree near heat sources or exits.
- Make sure tree ornaments are secure and that small children and pets don't have access to them.

**Fireplaces-** Prior to the start of every heating season, a professional should inspect your fireplace and chimney.

- Creosote, a chemical substance that forms when wood burns, builds up in chimneys and cause a chimney fire if not properly cleaned.
- Only burn wood, and never burn paper or pine boughs because ash can float out and ignite a neighboring home.

**Heaters-** Place space heaters at least three feet away from anything combustible, including wallpaper, bedding, clothing, pets, and people.

- Never leave space heaters on when you are not in the room or when you go to bed.
- Do not use a barbecue grill to heat up your home. Carbon monoxide gases can be fatal.

**Vacations-** Create the illusion that someone is home by setting lights and radios on timers.

- Have neighbors or family members maintain your yard and pick up newspapers and mail.
- Install outside lights that activate in the evening and shut off at daybreak.
- Make sure all entry points into the home are secure and keep the garage locked.

**Personal Safety-** The biggest mistake involves a lack of situational awareness. Stop, look, and listen to your surroundings.

- Have keys ready in hand when leaving stores, and know where you're parked.
- Shop with a friend or family member.
- If alone when leaving a store, ask a security guard or employee to escort you to your car.
- Put your money and necessary cards in your front pockets.
- Don't count your money while leaving a store or ATM machine.



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### Latest News on the 22 Freeway

The speed limit along much of the Garden Grove (22) Freeway is now 55 mph, and it will stay that way until a widening project is completed in two years. The speed reduction will be in effect from Valley View Street in the City of Cypress to Tustin Avenue in the City of Orange, where the 22 runs into the north-south Newport (55) Freeway. Electronic signs advising motorists of the lower speed limit – it was 65 mph – have been placed on the freeway. The OCTA is overseeing the \$490 million widening project.

The freeway – with three lanes on either side – is going to be even narrower now with K-rails up along much of the roadway with no shoulders or center dividers in several areas.

The project, the first major improvement to the freeway since it was built in the 1960s, will include a new carpool lane in each direction, new auxiliary lanes and reconstructed bridges and interchanges. For more information and regular updates, please see the website at

[www.octa.net/freeway/sr22/intro.asp](http://www.octa.net/freeway/sr22/intro.asp).

<b>West Floral Park Neighborhood Association</b>				
<b>PROFIT &amp; LOSS STATEMENT</b>				
<b>1/1/04 - 10/31/04</b>				
<b>INCOME</b>				
Membership / Donations	\$	6,709.00		
Misc. Contributions	\$	355.00		
Membership Revenue			\$	7,064.00
Wine Walk	\$	2,685.00		
Progressive Dinner	\$	2,400.00		
Golf Tournament	\$	1,470.00		
Fall Block Party	\$	2,719.00		
Event Revenue			\$	9,274.00
<b>Total Income</b>			\$	<b>16,338.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Park Maintenance			\$	1,100.00
Bank Charges			\$	114.30
Misc. Business			\$	387.68
General Meetings			\$	435.69
Newsletter	\$	579.09		
Website	\$	124.49		
Welcome Baskets	\$	400.53		
Beautification	\$	390.71		
Committee Expense			\$	1,494.82
Wine Walk	\$	2,126.16		
Progressive Dinner	\$	1,266.76		
Golf Tournament	\$	1,326.94		
Fall Block Party	\$	5,492.07		
Holiday Celebration	\$	343.68		
Fourth of July Parade	\$	50.54		
Easter Egg Hunt	\$	189.37		
Event Expense			\$	10,795.52
<b>Total Expenses</b>			\$	<b>14,328.01</b>
<b>Net Income</b>				<b>\$ 2,009.99</b>



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### Neighborhood Hero Finalists Selected

At the last General Meeting held at Santiago Elementary School on Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> the West Floral Park neighbors voted and selected three finalists for consideration of the City's annual "Neighborhood Hero." Finalists in alphabetical order are:

**Steve Doughty of Westwood Avenue**  
**Glenn Lawler of Rosewood Avenue**  
**Lisa Speers of Flower Street**

The 2005 board now has the difficult task of selecting one hero out of these three deserving and amazing individuals. All three have volunteered their time and energy to help preserve this beautiful neighborhood and promote the social events. All three finalists are prime examples of why this neighborhood is so special and have gone above and beyond for all of us. Whether setting up lights for the progressive dinner, organizing and chairing social events, financing important neighborhood causes. You name it; these three have been there and done it!

The decision should not be made by only a few individuals but rather the entire community. We would love to hear from all of you. We encourage you to send or forward all comments as to who you feel is the most deserving of this wonderful City of Santa Ana sponsored award. Everything received will be given to the board for review as they make this challenging but wonderful decision. The winner will be presented with an award during the Annual "Celebrate Santa Ana" festivities in spring of 2005.

Please send to [gcastro10@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gcastro10@sbcglobal.net) or drop a letter by 1022 W. 19<sup>th</sup> Street.

### Board Meeting

December 9<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 p.m.  
1027 19<sup>th</sup> Street  
Home of Steve  
Tancredi & Judi Fine

1. Introduction of New Officers.
2. A guest speaker from the Santa Ana Planning Division will discuss historic homes.

### Holiday Decorating

The Beautification Committee will be awarding "Best Holiday Home" again this year. The judging will be between December 19 and Christmas.

### Report Graffiti

Report graffiti 24 hours a day, 7 Days a week by calling toll free 1-877-StopTAG (786-7824).

### New Neighbor Corner

The West Floral Park Neighborhood Association would like to welcome the following new residents to the neighborhood. Let's send out a friendly welcome to our new neighbors....

**David Neal & Kayla Paulsen on Louise Street**  
**Ron & Sara Gerber on Greenbrier Street**  
**Pam Shaeffer & John Zegowitz on Olive Street**