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# FLORAL PARK

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## Newsletter

Issue 1

Home Tour Issue



### It's Our 26<sup>th</sup> Home & Garden Tour!

It's our favorite time of the year, when we get to share the nostalgic beauty of our neighborhood with everyone! We're presenting our 26<sup>th</sup> Home & Garden Tour, the weekend of April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, featuring homes north of Santa Clara. Get your tickets at [www.floralparkhometour.com](http://www.floralparkhometour.com).

Keep an eye out for our large thermometer signs posted around the neighborhood, tallying the number of volunteers to 450! We need docents and other Home Tour ambassadors! Please sign up!

Be sure to stop by the new Wine and Beer Garden and enjoy locally crafted beer and wines from vineyards owned by Floral Park residents. All profits from this event will provide scholarships for students who attend a Santa Ana high school or Santa Ana College. See you there!

### A Few Upcoming Events...*more inside!*

#### Dumpster Day Saturday, April 14

We're getting pretty for Home Tour! Dumpsters will be available 8am-12pm.

#### Spring Mixer Sunday, April 22

Our spring mixer is at 2432 N. Riverside Dr., 3-7pm. Bring a dish to share!

#### Cinco de Mayo Saturday, May 5

Jess Carr is hosting once again! 3-7pm. More details to come!



### FPNA Board Elections in June

Floral Park Board of Directors will hold elections in June; so if you're thinking of running for office, why not start here! Our ballot this year will include President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Communications, Home Tour, Membership, Parliamentarian, Secretary and Social.

To find out more about the elections and what the board positions entail, either contact Election Chair Richard Payne at [elections@floralpark.com](mailto:elections@floralpark.com) or visit our website!

Our Board members volunteer their time to help keep our neighborhood a treasured place to live. We thank all who have chosen to serve in this capacity. Please look for future announcements about the upcoming elections via eblasts and on our website soon!





## Greetings From the President

Happy Spring everyone and welcome to our new neighbors and visitors! What a beautiful day it was and what a wonderful celebration at the Sarah Mae Downie Park for the beloved Charlene Hanson who was not only our longtime mail carrier but dear friend to all. If you have not stopped by to see her new park bench and mailbox please do so. Thanks to Chris Switzer, Nanci Zinngrabe and Gene Andres for organizing the event.

As we prepare ourselves for spring there are a few things going on in the city I would like to mention. In mid-May the city will be accepting nominations for the Most Beautiful Yard and Neighborhood Hero Awards, which will be announced at the June Com-Link Meeting. The Most Beautiful Yard Award will be handled for Floral Park by Chris Switzer and Nanci Zinngrabe, and you can read about it in Chris' article in this newsletter. The Neighborhood Hero Award is presented to individuals "who have shown commitment and enthusiasm toward improving the quality of life in their neighborhoods," and we were proud to have Angelo Morgan selected as Floral Park's winner last year.

Do you want to know more about unusual facts and the history of Floral Park? Edwin Powers is volunteering to host a walking tour with proceeds going to a Floral Park scholarship. To find out more please contact me at [president@floralpark.com](mailto:president@floralpark.com).

Finally there are some new and familiar faces on the city staff you should know. First is Interim Santa Ana Police Chief David Valentin was just sworn in as our new police chief. Chief Valentin grew up in the city, joined the police force in 1990 and worked his way up the ladder. He is well liked by the more than 600 officers, staff and City Council. I am sure everyone knows about the growing homeless issue and I am glad to see a new Santa Ana Homeless Services Manager position created and filled by Hafsa Kaka. Ms. Kafa is well experienced coming to us from Los Angeles where she served in the Homeless Services Authority and worked as Director of Homeless Services for "Skid Row."

Until next time, enjoy everything Floral Park has to offer!

Ed



### Take Note...

#### FPNA Board Meets Monthly

FPNA General Board Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7pm. We welcome all neighbors to attend and participate! We usually meet at a board member's house, right here in the neighborhood, to make it accessible to everyone.

Our next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 2112 N. Ross. If you'd like more meeting announcements, subscribe to our eblasts at [communications@floralpark.com](mailto:communications@floralpark.com), or check out our website [www.floralpark.com](http://www.floralpark.com).

#### North Santa Ana Preservation Alliance

If you have interest in supporting the opposition to the 2525 Main Residential Development please send an email to the North Santa Ana Preservation Alliance at [NSAPainfo@gmail.com](mailto:NSAPainfo@gmail.com).

Dale Helvig, Chairman NSAPA  
(A committee of the Park Santiago Neighborhood Association)

## Legacy Award Winner Mark McLoughlin



The Floral Park Legacy Award was established as a way to recognize those who have made significant and lasting contributions to the development and preservation of our beloved neighborhood, including significant contributions to the historic, social, or aesthetic quality of Floral Park.

Mark McLoughlin was one of the Legacy Award recipients recognized at our Holiday Party in December. Mark is a longtime resident of Floral Park and a very active member of the community, serving in various public-facing positions. He has also served us as Floral Park president and Historic Resources commissioner. Mark is a recipient of other notable awards including the Neighborhood Hero Award and the Orange County Volunteerism Award. He is currently president of High School Inc., and Chairman of the City of Santa Ana Planning Commission, overseeing the many opportunities and challenges involved with preserving our historic neighborhoods while promoting innovation and prosperity.

Thank you Mark, for all you do for the city and your neighborhood!

*Nominees are now being accepted for future pre- and post-1990 recipients of the Floral Park Legacy Award. If you believe you or anyone you know should be nominated, please contact the FPNA Secretary for a Nomination Form or download one from the FPNA website.*

## Floral Park Gives Back

Julie Humphreys, 1<sup>st</sup> VP

In addition to preserving and promoting our neighborhood, one of the best things we do in Floral Park is give back to our local community. Not only do we award at least five \$1,000 scholarships to our local high school and college students, each year FPNA makes donations to other local charitable organizations to support their efforts in aiding others. We are able to have the funds to do so because of the leadership of our FPNA Directors and the contributions of so many friends and neighbors in supporting and participating in our annual Home Tour and membership drive—all of which raises the income that makes everything FPNA does possible.

In 2017, we had a total of \$4,000 to contribute to local charities. After several meetings, the sponsorship committee selected five local organizations to receive the following funds:

OC Children's Therapeutic Center - \$800  
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 Build Futures - \$800  
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 WISEPlace - \$800

Many thanks to the 2017 Sponsorship Committee:  
 Kim Pebbles, Mark Mittman, and Susan Hart.

If you have never served on the Sponsorship Committee, we strongly encourage you to do so—it is such a rewarding experience! There are so many worthwhile organizations out there doing wonderful things, we are honored to be able to support these local organizations.

Our first 2018 Sponsorship Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 11th, at 7pm, at 2112 N Ross St., to select recipients for this year's High School and College scholarships and charitable donations. No experience necessary and we'd love to have your participation! For more information or questions, please contact Julie Humphreys at [giving@floralpark.com](mailto:giving@floralpark.com)



## Beautification – Welcome to Spring!

By Chris Switzer

There are so many ways we are welcoming spring in Floral Park!! With the Home & Garden Tour just around the corner, we'll be planting the flower beds, tidying up Sarah Mae Downie Park, and painting our neighborhood signs and vintage lampposts. If you'd like to volunteer to help us out (it's always a really fun time!), please contact me at [switzer.christine@gmail.com](mailto:switzer.christine@gmail.com).

Next up we'll look forward to awarding our Most Beautiful Yard, a yearly tradition that brings out the greenest thumbs. Nominations are due April 26th, and you are the judges! Anyone can nominate up to 3 houses, with an eye toward exemplary maintenance, landscaping, and overall general appearance. Send photos via email to Chris at [switzer.christine@gmail.com](mailto:switzer.christine@gmail.com) or Nanci at [zcasasucasa@yahoo.com](mailto:zcasasucasa@yahoo.com). Be sure to include the address, owner's name and contact info. The top 3 submissions will be sent to the city for final selection. And yes, you can nominate yourself, so why not!

Finally, don't miss Clean Up Day for Jack Fisher Park and the Riverbed, on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 8-10am. We had a great success last time, and Sherri promises to bring donuts again! More info to come soon!



*Sarah Mae Downie Clean Up Day: heartfelt thanks to volunteers (l to r) Emmett Berkery, Sherri Honer, Kathy Pierson, Nancy Zinngrabe, Chris Switzer, Brian Kelly, Jeff Katz, and Charlie the Dog!!*

## Into Africa – How One Floral Park Resident is Working Hard to Make a Difference

One of our favorite and most adventurous Floral Park residents, Sara Chesters, has been in Livingstone, Southern Zambia, for the last 6 months, serving as a volunteer with Peace Corps Response. This section of the Peace Corps deploys specialists to work in crisis situations, and she is there working to reduce infant mortality and improve maternal health outcomes. "It has been quite the adventure to say the least, especially as I'll soon be celebrating my 55th birthday in a world so far away from what I have known," she says. "The people here are incredibly generous, optimistic and colorful - the more so as I start to understand how little most people have."

Sara works in villages and rural health clinics that help women give birth safely and provide full-service ante and postnatal care to make sure all babies thrive and reach the age of five, healthy and ready for school. She has even started hosting a weekly radio show providing information and resources on mental health matters to the community. She volunteers two days a week in the psychiatric department of the local teaching hospital, offering family and child outpatient clinics as well. "Some days I feel like I get a lot accomplished - other days not so much! The pace of life is very different and with few resources it takes a VERY long time to make things happen and get projects started. But after almost six months I feel like I am starting to find my stride."



Sara admits she can get homesick at times, but frequent chats and postings on Facebook, where she shares her adventures and is cheered on by all her loving friends and family back home, make the tough times more bearable. "I am sending everyone my love and looking forward to staying in touch over the coming few months to keep you in the loop. Twaluba! (thank you in Tonga, one of our local languages)."

Take care Sara, may your travels take you far but always bring you home!

## Social – What a Year We Had!

By Tammy Heider, Social Butterfly Extraordinaire

2017 was a fantastic year for Floral Park Social events. Our neighborhood residents had the opportunity to share laughter and deepen friendships during a full year of festivities.

The year started with National Margarita Day hosted by Kim Pebbles, followed by Cinco de Mayo hosted by Jess Carr. Then we celebrated our amazing country at Freedom Fest, the first ever Chili Cook-off combined with the Fall Concert and lastly the Holiday Party to ring in the season!

The Holiday Party was truly a Winter Wonderland! Many thanks to Pete & Erin Suica for decorating their fabulous “Castle Home” and surrounding area on North Park to become a magical place for the children and adults alike. The weather was warm but the snow held up and didn’t melt! We can’t thank Sandy DeAngelis enough for her generosity for providing snow for the families to enjoy!

As always, the horse drawn trolley was a neighborhood favorite. It was fun to see the kids write letters to Santa and decorate cookies (getting more than a little frosting on their faces) and take family photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus – the hot apple cider and hot chocolate rounded out this Winter Wonderland in Santa Ana.

This year we added a balloon artist and face painter. It was one of the most fun, and best-attended Holiday Parties to date!

Planning for 2018 social events has begun, and our next committee meetings have been scheduled:

Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 7pm – Planning Cinco de Mayo  
Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 7pm – Planning Freedom Fest

All neighbors are welcome; if you’d like to attend, please email [social@floralpark.com](mailto:social@floralpark.com)

Cheers to 2018 and many sincere thanks to each and every neighbor and friend who attend and volunteer their time throughout the year to make our events so successful!



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- Connections with Parents and Kids in our neighborhood
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### What's Next?

- Next Volunteers Meeting: April 26, 7:30pm
- Lemonade Stand Fund Raiser: April 28-29 Home and Garden Tour
- Summer Movie Night: Date and Location TBD

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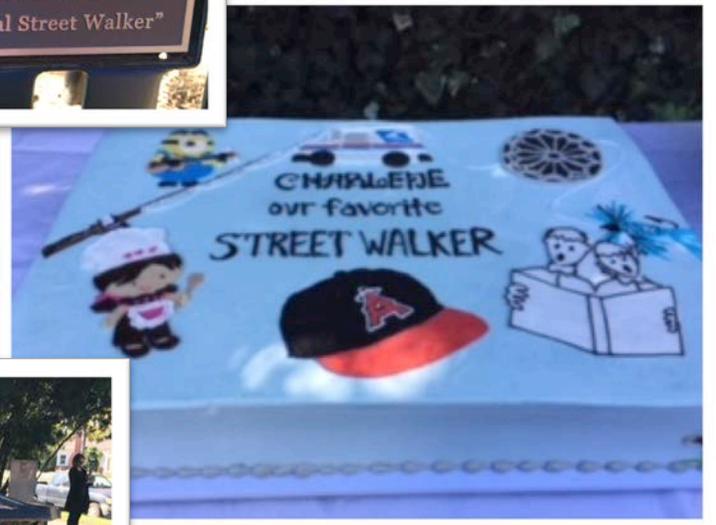
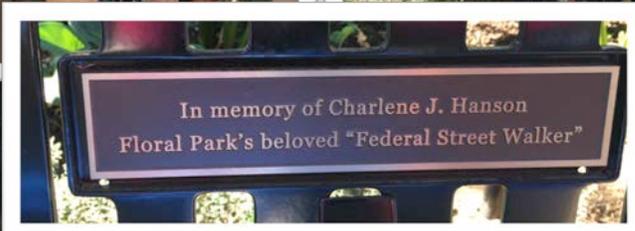
## *Holiday Party*



## *Margarita Night*



Park Bench Dedication for  
Charlene Hanson



**Membership – A Whole Year of Benefits! !**

By David Buster

Spring is here! Time to clean out drawers and dust off those check books! Floral Park would like to thank everyone who makes contributions to our neighborhood, be it in the form of lending a hand to prep for events or by making a donation to help keep our scholarship programs and neighborhood activities alive! And to show our appreciation, we offer many benefits to you!



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*We'd like to welcome these new neighbors to Floral Park!*

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*Hope to see you soon at one of our events!*



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We appreciate our faithful returning sponsors and those who are new to this issue, and we encourage you to support them in return.

**Editorial deadline for the Summer Issue is July 1st, 2018.**

If you have any questions about sponsorship or article

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# 2018 FPNA Calendar

*Social Committee Meeting – Planning Cinco de Mayo – Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at 1808 N. Flower*

*Scholarship Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at 2112 N. Ross*

*Spring Mixer – Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 3pm at 2432 N. Riverside*

*Home & Garden Tour – Saturday & Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 10am-4pm*

*Cinco de Mayo Party - Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 3-7pm at 2341 Bonnie Brae*

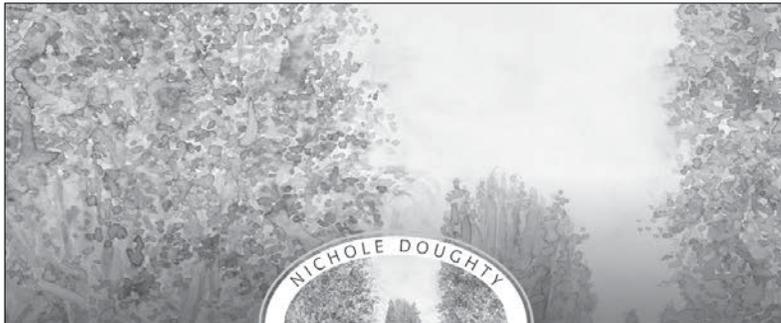
*Scholarship Awards – Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 3pm at 2121 N. Victoria*

*Freedom Fest - Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 3-7pm at the Heliotrope cul-de-sac*

*Fall Mixer - TBD*

*Fall Concert + Chili Cook Off – Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 5-9pm on Heliotrope*

*Holiday Party - Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 3-8pm on North Park*



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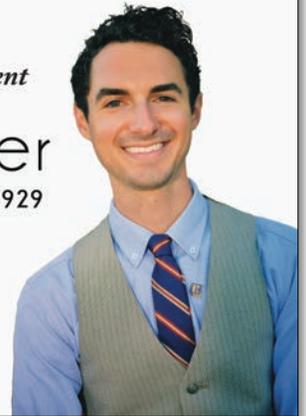
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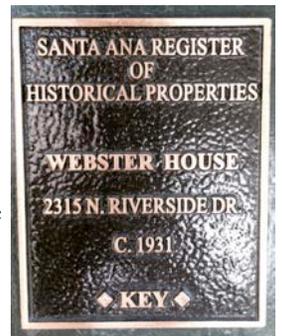
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