

A Most Memorable Walk of Lights!

What a wonderful evening for friends and neighbors to stroll our beloved Floral Park and enjoy holiday lights, decorations and Yule-themed beverage stations for kids of all ages. Special thanks to Suzee & Jeff, Joanne & Kelly, Duane, & Pedro, and Kim & Charles, for their warm hospitality and delectable treats!

See the winners of our Holiday Lights Contest on Page 8!







Don't Miss These Upcoming Events!

Sweetheart Dinner Sunday, February 10th 6-9pm

Margarita Night Friday, February 22nd 7-9pm Home & Garden Tour Saturday & Sunday April 27th & 28th South of Santa Clara



Full Calendar of Events Inside!



Greetings from the President

by Ed Murashie



This is going to be quite a year here in Floral Park. New trees, a shot at becoming a National Historic District, and fun events. We still have our challenges with the creek but will see what happens with the new fence. Traffic is still an issue, but West Floral Park has taken on the task of working with the city to perform a traffic study. Depending on how that goes we can discuss doing the same here. We have taken steps to forge a better relationship with Friends and Families of Floral Park. They will now have representation at board meetings, share our Google calendar, to prevent overlapping events, and have fundraisers at our larger FPNA events. Please join in and be part of the fun - Happy New Year to all!

Ed

In Memoriam - Floral Park Son, Ramses Aguinaga, Taken Too Soon



One of Floral Park's longtime residents and friend, Cecilia Aguinaga, lost her beloved son Ramses to his arduous fight with Cardiac Sarcoma nearly a year ago, on February 15, 2018, at the young age of 39.

Ramses grew up in Floral Park. In high school he played on the football team, and later he chose a career in law enforcement, proudly serving on two distinguished police departments, in Santa Ana and Los Angeles.

In spite of Ramses' tremendous good spirits, strong faith, his use of holistic remedies and discipline to eat healthier, the tumor had shrunk but ultimately the cancer had its way with his heart.

Ramses' mother Cecilia shared with us that he was a thoughtful, protecting son who lit up a room with his smile and always made her laugh. May your light continue to shine, Ramses. Our hearts and deepest sympathy go out to the entire Aguinaga family.





Social: What a Wonderful Year!

by Tammy Heider, Social Director

It's been a fantastic year for FPNA Social Events! From Margarita Day and Cinco de Mayo, to Freedom Fest, Chili Cook-Off & and a Rock & Roll Fall Concert, our community has enjoyed so many memorable gatherings throughout the year, and Floral Park residents had unique opportunities to share stories, laughter and fun, sample all sorts of yummy food, and enjoy meeting new residents and deepen friendships along the way.

Wrapping up the year was our annual Holiday Party. It was truly a Winter Wonderland and such a magical day. Many thanks to Rocke & Alison for decorating their fairytale-style "Castle House" and hosting Santa and Mrs. Claus. Dave Fink, Laz Biro and Richard Terrones were instrumental in setting up all the festive lights and decorations, thanks guys, they were awesome! And as always, a huge thank you to Sandy DeAngelis for providing SNOW for kiddos of all ages to enjoy!

Along with the snow, the horse drawn trolley was the neighborhood favorite. Floral Park's very own vocal artist, Zoey Boyd, rode the trolley, singing carols for all to join in! It was fun to see the kids write letters to Santa, decorate cookies, get their faces painted and have an animal balloon made. The apple cider and hot chocolate rounded out this Winter Wonderland in Santa Ana. It was one of the most fun, and best-attended holiday parties to date! It took a village to put FPNA's largest party together! Huge thanks and appreciation to each of you who graciously volunteered an hour or more to make this event happen. We could not have done it without you!

As we say farewell to 2018, I feel I am truly blessed by all who supported me the entire year by volunteering in various ways. From attending and planning at committee meetings, set up and tear down at events, setting up barricades and posting no parking signs, decorating, hosting, donating, chairing, cooking; the list goes on and on. I am grateful for each and every neighbor who helped in the success of the year's events. Tune in and look for eblasts, Facebook and Next Door posts and the FPNA website for 2019 events!

For those who want to enjoy even more fun activities in this new year, please consider joining the Floral Park Social Committee. We welcome past members and encourage new neighbors to become part of this enthusiastic group of guys and gals! Please contact Tammy at social@floralpark.com if you would like us to add your name to our e-mail list to receive social committee updates, meeting dates and times, volunteer opportunities and upcoming events.

Mark your calendars for these 2019 events:

Valentínes Sweetheart Dínner - February 10th, 6-9 PM
National Margarita Day - February 22nd, 7-9 PM
Ladíes Tea - March 9th,
Freedom Fest - June 29th, 3-7 PM
Summer Concert - August 24th, 5-9 PM
Chílí Cook-Off - September 28th, 3-6 PM
Holíday Party - December 7th, 3-6 PM
(Dates and tímes subject to change)





















Legacy Awards



We were honored to present three Legacy Awards in 2018, to some of our dearest and most generous neighbors. If you missed it, we presented the Legacy Awards at the General Meeting in November, which also served as a ribbon-cutting celebration for our new Legacy Walk in Sarah Mae Downie Park. The names of all our Legacy Award recipients will be engraved on the walkway bricks, to serve as a forever-fond tribute to those of you who have done so much for Floral Park! Here's a little about our most recent recipients...

Nicki Curran

Nicki has lived in Floral Park almost her entire life, which in itself is a testament to her devotion to our neighborhood. But she has also made a unique mark, as one of the many crucial members of our Home & Garden Tour committee and has been a key contributor to our cherished way of life in Floral Park.

Nicki grew up in Floral Park, and although she moved away for college and her early career in education and athletics, her close bonds and heartfelt memories brought her back home, literally, when she purchased her parents' house on Santa Clara in 1996. It was also in 1996 that Nicky got involved with the Floral Park Home & Garden Tour. At the time of its inception, The Home & Garden Tour was an effort to preserve the beauty of the neighborhood and bring back families and kids to Floral Park, to "the way it used to be," when Nicki was young, and she was dedicated from Day 1. Nicki's position as Docent Coordinator is probably one of the most complex and challenging jobs, having to manage over 450 volunteers who work 3-hour shifts at 5-7 homes over 2 long days every year. She is responsible for soliciting, reminding, securing, placing (and at often times replacing), the temporary guides and caretakers of our historic Home Tour homes and gardens. She still maintains paper records and keeps a 3x5 card for each volunteer to organize the mammoth task of staffing the homes and gardens on display, making sure docents know their facts, can be with their friends, change a shift, get a chair, and are recognized for their service - docents keep coming back year after year to help, and this has a lot to do with how they are treated by Nicki and the whole Home Tour Docent team. Nicki recounts her own story about a time her yard needing watering right before her own home was on tour one year, and how the neighbors just rushed in to help without a question. She feels that this is truly what Floral Park is all about - neighbors looking out for each other and caring about the whole neighborhood. We know you helped inspire and cultivate this sentiment, Nicki, thank you for all you've done for Floral Park!





Charlene Hanson

For many Floral Park residents, Charlene Hanson represented more than just the mail; she represented the charm and community that is Floral Park. On June 17, 2017, while walking home from church, Charlene was taken from our community forever.

Charlene walked the streets of Floral Park, mail trolley in hand, for 42 years, but her relationship with Floral Park goes back farther. Charlene was a true Santa Ana native, attending both St. Joseph Elementary and Mater Dei. Growing up, Charlene and her sister spent many happy weekends with their grandparents on Heliotrope, in the heart of Floral Park. When she first started working for the postal service, Charlene was stationed in several locations ranging from Santa Ana to Irvine before finding her home at King Street. On one of her first days delivering mail to Floral Park, she was charged by an off-leash golden retriever. Unprepared for the situation, she instinctively yelled, "Go get your ball!" It worked! This is just one example of the wit that made the residents of Floral Park welcome Charlene into their lives. Her sister recalls that Charlene took great joy in getting to know the Floral Park community on her route and watching the children grow up along the way. Charlene was an active member of St Joseph Church and supported the school through her volunteerism. She was also a supporter of the Floral Park Home Tour, and the unofficial purveyor of margaritas. She made a lasting impression on everyone she met and will be fondly remembered by Floral Park.

Beverley Schauwecker

"Bev" Schauwecker is one of our most cherished advocates of Floral Park. In 1982, she had her house on tour for Heritage Orange County, to help raise funds to oppose the Broadway overpass. It was about the same time Floral Park was forming a neighborhood association, so she got involved to ensure its success, and it was full steam ahead! Beverley has held, at one time or another, every office on the board except president and treasurer. She steadfastly believes "you need to get involved with the 'hood, if you want to keep informed."

In 1983, Beverley organized the first Neighborhood Watch for Victoria Drive, which drew almost every neighbor on the street as a supporter. She has also headed up many committees over the years, supporting FPNA, preferring to offer help to committees and board members of the association, and stay out of the limelight. When Sandy started gathering people for the Home & Garden Tour, Bev jumped in with both feet, and she is still involved over 26 years later! Bev worked with Nicki Curran to develop the docent volunteer program, and they have been close friends ever since. Home Tour is one of her passions, and at one time or another Beverley has worn every hat, except that of Director. Beverley is proud to say, "We have fun while working for a good cause, thanks to our leader." And Beverley, thanks to you, Floral Park is a warm and inviting place to call home! As a tribute to all of her support and efforts, Bev Schauwecker received the Neighborhood Hero award in 2010. You are a true Floral Park Legacy!





Thank you to all our neighbors who decorated their homes with lights and so much more! We all enjoyed seeing the vintage St Nick cutouts, an amazing Harry Potter tribute, glowing wreaths, lighted reindeer, inflatable snowmen, and of course, the brilliant lights, lights, lights, adorning the yards and rooflines of Floral Park!

Here are 2018's Holiday Lights Contest winners*:

Most Beautiful - 2360 N. Park Most Creative - 2544 Riverside Most Whimsical - 1816 N. Heliotrope Most Old Fashioned - 2027 Greenleaf Best Use of Lights - 2002 N. Heliotrope

Our Walk of Lights on December 18th was a smash hit, thank you again to all who helped organize and execute this family-favorite event!







by Chris Switzer & Nanci Zinngrabe

Although it's still winter, we're already looking forward to spring and the many "beautiful" events coming our way, especially our highly anticipated Floral Park Home & Garden Tour! If you'd like to offer your time, helping us to beautify the neighborhood, please consider joining our committee!! All neighbors are welcome, and any amount of time given is much appreciated! We need volunteers throughout the year, so below we've listed some upcoming dates for planting, tidying, and all-around beautifying the neighborhood. Look for eblasts and Next Door posts as we have more details! And as always, please contact us via email at switzer.christine@gmail.com or zcasasucasa@yahoo.com if you have any questions or comments. Happy gardening!



Sarah Mae Downie Garden Clean-Up and Planting Days: Friday, April 5th, 9am & Saturday, April 6th, 9am



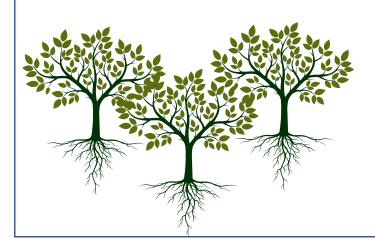
Light Post Painting & Cleaning: Saturday, April 13th. Time: tbd Please contact Jessica Carr at jcarrinc.com to join her fun & cool crew!



Dumpster Day: Saturday, April 13th. Time: 8am~noon *Dumpster locations to be announced.*



"The Most Beautiful Yard" will be judged in the month of April, so you have time to get your yards ready as well as vote! *Rules for nominations will follow soon.*



TREESI Beginning February 18th, you'll start to see newly planted trees in our neighborhood, thanks to our dedicated Tree Sub-Committee, Ellen Koldewey and Angel Barnes, as well as the City of Santa Ana, who have worked for the past 6 months to make this happen! A variety of 23 trees, appropriate to each street, will be planted on Greenleaf, Santa Clara, Heliotrope, North Park, Ross, Victoria, and Flower. Thank you again to our Ellen and Angel... we appreciate and love you!

If you love trees too and would like to be a part of the Tree Sub-Committee, please contact Ellen via email at emkoldewey@aol.com.



2019 Home & Garden Tour – More is More!

As residents of Floral Park, we know we have one of the most engaging neighborhoods in all of America, but did you know we were also recognized a decade or so ago as the "USA Neighborhood of the Year?" One of our most unique and attractive attributes that helped secure this honor is our yearly Floral Park Home & Garden Tour, which takes place every April. It's time to mark your calendar for the 27th rendition of this wonderful event, scheduled for Saturday & Sunday, April 27th and 28th (10am-4pm each day)! You don't want to miss it!! We will feature beautiful homes and gardens south of Santa Clara, in addition to our Street of Treasures, Classic Car Show and food & beverages, along one of our grandest streets, Victoria Drive.

We're asking for volunteers (approximately 520, in fact) so please consider giving your time. Volunteers receive a ticket to the Tour as our thanks!

In addition, the Wine & Beer Garden – which has been a spectacular hit over the past two years ~~ returns better than ever, open this year from 11am~6pm both days. Entertainment will be provided!

Please call Sandy DeAngelis at 714~357~8565 if you have any questions.

"Spirits for Education"

If you haven't experienced the Wine & Beer Garden, here's a little history: Each year, a percentage of the profits generated by the Floral Park Home & Garden Tour fund five, \$1,000 scholarships for Santa Ana students. In 2017, the Home Tour committee embarked on a new fundraising activity to boost funds. A Wine Garden was added, with the intent of donating all proceeds to the scholarship cause. Building upon that first-year experience the offerings were expanded to include beer. That change, along with the generosity of several neighbors, allowed us to underwrite the entire Wine & Beer Garden in 2018. And although we fell short of our goal to double the scholarship total, we were able to add 3 more, and Floral Park endowed a total of eight, \$1,000 scholarships!

This year the goal is to increase the scholarships total to 12, between profits from the Home Tour and proceeds from the Wine & Beer Garden. In other words, *Go big or go home!*

Here's what we need from you:

1. Participate in enjoying our event from 11am-6pm on the days of the Tour.

2. Volunteer to help plan, canvas, setup/take down, pour wine and/or beer, wait tables, take tickets and ... (okay you get the picture).

3. Sponsor a case of wine by donating \$120 to purchase the pre-selected wine. While that is about one-eighth of a scholarship, sales from that case almost triple its impact on scholarship proceeds.

Thank you to all you do to support Home Tour, we look forward to seeing you soon!

Wayne A Suraci, Floral Park Wine & Beer Garden Guardian winetent@floralparkhometour.com











2019 FPNA Budget	INCOME 2019	EXPENSE 2019
	Budget	Budget
FORECASTED BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	\$ 105,000.00	
HOME TOUR	57,900.00	28,250.00
SOCIAL	1,000.00	12,700.00
SPONSORSHIP	-	12,500.00
COMMUNICATIONS	6,500.00	5,800.00
MEMBERSHIP	10,000.00	2,300.00
BEAUTIFICATION	600.00	3,300.00
GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES	600.00	8,650.00
TOTAL FPNA OPERATING BUDGET	76,600.00	73,500.00
SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDED BY 2018 CONTRIBUTIONS	6,000.00	
SPECIAL PROJECTS:		
HISTORIC RESOURCES	21,000.00	
REFORESTATION	27,300.00	
BUDGETED ENDING CASH BALANCE	\$ 53,800.00	





2019 Meetings & Events

Here's a quick reference for some of our planned meetings and events for 2019. Dates and times are subject to change, so look for more details in eblasts and at www.floralpark.com.

February

Valentine Sweetheart Dinner Monthly Board Meeting Margarita Night

March

Spring Mixer Ladies Tea

Ladies Tea Monthly Board Meeting General Meeting

~ FPNA By~Laws changes to be proposed

April

Monthly Board Meeting 2019 Floral Park Home & Garden Tour

May

Cinco de Mayo Party Monthly Board Meeting Board Elections

June

Monthly Board Meeting General Meeting - Scholarships, Charity & Legacy Awards Freedom Fest

<u>July</u>

Monthly Board Meeting
- New Board Transition Meeting

August

Monthly Board Meeting Summer Concert

September

Monthly Board Meeting General Meeting

October

Monthly Board Meeting Chili Cook-Off

November

Monthly Board Meeting
General Meeting ~ Budget Approved

December

Holiday Party Walk of Lights 2/10 6:00pm @ 2409 N. Park 2/19 7:00pm @ 2462 N. Riverside

2/22 7:00pm @ Location tbd

Look for more details soon! 3/9 details to come! 3/19 7:00pm @ 2006 N. Victoria

3/28 7:00pm @ RSCCD Board Room

4/16 7:00pm @ 407 W. Santa Clara Saturday & Sunday 4/28 & 4/29

5/5 details to come! 5/21 7:00pm @ 2301 N. Flower Details to come!

6/18 7:00pm @ 1808 N. Flower Look for more details soon!

6/29 3:00~7:00pm on Heliotrope

7:00pm Date/Location tbd

7:00pm Date/Location tbd 8/24 5:00~9:00pm

7:00pm Date/Location tbd 7:00pm Date/Location tbd

7:00pm Date/Location tbd 9/28 3:00~6:00pm

7:00pm Date/Location tbd 7:00pm Date/Location tbd

12/7 3:00~6:00pm Details to come!



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Membership

by David Buster



Happy New Year to everyone in Floral Park, from all of us on the Membership Committee, and a huge THANK YOU for making last year such a success!

As of December, donations to FPNA totaled \$10,050. This year is off to a great start, and we look forward to our spring mixer some time in March, once a location is finalized.

Our neighborhood continues to welcome many new residents, it's great to see such enthusiasm for our historic homes and unique community! Look for eblast updates throughout the year, and if you have any questions or suggestions, please send a note to membership@floralpark.com.

If you'd like to make a tax-deductible donation to FPNA, please use the form below, or visit our website at www.floralpark.com. Any amount is much appreciated!

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Our newsletter is published four times a year, and we rely on volunteers and the generosity of our sponsors to be able to bring entertaining and enlightening articles to our neighbors.

Thank you to all who offer their support and efforts throughout the year!



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The FPNA Email List is used for email announcements pertinent to the Floral Park Neighborhood and FPNA events. This list is maintained by the FPNA Board and is not shared or sold.

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Mail your request to: FPNA (Agenda or Minutes)
PO Box 11366, Santa Ana, CA 92711-1366
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Minutes are also on the website for your access.
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FLORAL PARK BOOK CLUB

If you would like to join the Floral Park Book Club, please contact: Susan Muzila at scmuzila@gmail.com

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The City of Santa Ana has a

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Using its built-in global positioning system "mySantaAna" will attach a location to the picture and route the information to the appropriate City department for resolution.

City staff and vendors will now be able to respond like a business, in a modern fashion, encouraging efficiency and faster response times.

GARAGE SALES

Garage sales in Santa Ana are limited to the first full weekend of the months of March, June, September and December.

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