

It's been a great year for Floral Park social events. From the well-received Soup Night held in the first quarter of this year, to the fun-filled Freedom Fest held in June honoring our local veterans and active military personnel, to the successful Gelato in July held at beautiful Café Lucca in Orange, your Floral Park Neighborhood Association ("FPNA") Social Committee has been busy planning events for all to enjoy – and more is yet to come!

Freedom Fest:

For those brave enough to endure the unseasonably hot weather to attend this year's Freedom Fest held on June 29 (what happened to June gloom), they were rewarded with great music, delicious hot dogs supplied by Jerry's Wood-Fired Dogs, Kettle Korn donated by Sandy DeAngelis and Seven Gables Real Estate, free snow cones donated by Gay Neighbors, Families and Friends of Santa Ana, fun and games provided by the Families of Floral Park (FOFP), and an opportunity to remember and honor many of our local veterans and active military personnel who have dedicated and sacrificed so much for our country. Despite lower than expected attendance due to the heat, the event was a great success.
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Block Party & Chili Cook-Off:

It's that time of year again!! The Annual Block Party and Chili Cook-Off is set for October 19th from 3:00-6:00PM. The location will be the North Park Blvd Cul-de-sac and Peanut will be rocking the house once again. Join in the fun at this
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Fall Concert:

Dancing Under the Stars

Dust off your dancin' shoes, polish up your dancin' moves, and join your neighbors for a night of great music and dancing under the stars on Saturday, September 21, 2013, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Heliotrope cul-de-sac at Heliotrope and 19th Street. (Note: This is a time change from what was previously advertised.)

Pack a picnic dinner and come enjoy a wide variety of music by the talented and entertaining band, Blues Racket Band. Get in the spirit and come dressed in clothing from your favorite musical era (e.g., 20s, 50s, 60s, etc.). An award will be given to the best costume. Additionally, there will be a dance contest and presentation by our own talented OCSA students who will be demonstrating and performing various dance styles.

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The FLORAL PARK NEWS is published four times a year by volunteers and friends of Floral Park. Our goal is to provide the reader with accurate, entertaining, enlightening, and informative news from Floral Park and the surrounding areas. It is also our goal to bring the community closer together through communication. The readership is dedicated to keeping our neighborhood and the community beautiful, safe, fun, interesting, and socially and culturally responsible.

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Letter from the Editors ...

Here's to all volunteers, those dedicated people who believe in all work and no pay.

~Robert Orben

As always, the Floral Park newsletter is heavily dependent upon the faithful volunteer contributors who send ideas, write articles, send photos, and provide support in so many ways.

Many thanks to the following neighbors and friends who contributed to this issue:

Blake Anderson • Sandy DeAngelis

Darlene Glenn-Wolff • Randy Harmat • Sherri Honer

Joe Magaddino • Ann Salisbury • Bev Schauwecker

Jeffrey Smith • Nancy Smith • Ed Trotter

Editorial Deadline for Winter 2013 issue is November 15

We also appreciate our faithful returning sponsors and some that are new to this issue. We are grateful for their support of the FLORAL PARK NEWS and encourage you to support them in return.

Wishing You a Fabulous Fall in Floral Park!

Nancy Smith

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Newly Formed North End Traffic Committee

Floral Park, West Floral Park, Morrison Park and Jack Fisher Park have formed an ad hoc Traffic Committee. The committee was formed to address traffic-related issues common to the north end neighborhoods. Other neighborhoods may be invited or may ask to join us. It is established very informally for now.

Let me start by saying there is nothing of particular concern—at least as identified in the first meeting. Two or three members from each neighborhood met for the first time on July 17 at the home of one of the Morrison Park representatives. It was a get acquainted session and a chance to share any critical news.

It met a second time on August 15 to attend the Orange County Transit Authority/Cal Trans briefing of the Morrison Park Neighborhood Association about the planned improvements to I-5 between CA-22 and CA-55. There are proposed improvements to the southbound First Street on-ramp. Cal Trans is also proposing to add a second carpool lane in each direction to eliminate the bottle-necking that occurs on both ends of that reach of freeway. The North End Traffic Committee will monitor what is going on and its members will report back to their respective neighborhood associations and receive direction. Assuming we develop a common voice, the north end neighborhoods will communicate with the City. This project appears to have little controversial features for Floral Park.

The committee will also monitor Santa Ana's soon-to-be-released draft update of the "Circulation Element" of the City's Master Plan. When it is released, the committee will review it and formulate comments that will be reviewed by each neighborhood association prior to it moving to the City.

The committee will also take a wide lens view of how traffic circulates through the four neighborhoods with an eye toward identifying problems areas and recommending mitigation steps to the City. The committee understands that a piece-meal approach to re-directing, slowing or otherwise managing traffic patterns will probably result in unintended negative consequences somewhere else. The committee has a few people that have civil engineering or traffic management experience. Anything like this will take time, of course.

President's Podium

If you have a particular concern, interest or idea about Floral Park traffic please contact either Blake Anderson (714) 801-3931 or email Jeff Smith at jeffrey@smithtribe.com.

Historic District Status for Floral Park?

The FPNA board of directors has formed an ad hoc committee to establish the pros, cons, cost and feasibility of applying for a federally-designated historic district. A working draft of a white paper that addresses these questions is now under preparation. Participants in Floral Park's prior efforts to establish a historic district will be interviewed to retrieve what has already been done. When the draft has been completed and reviewed by the board it will be circulated to Floral Park residents for comment.

It takes a considerable effort to successfully apply for historic district status. The application process begins with an extensive application submitted to the State of California Office of Historic Preservation. Review periods, public comment and a public hearing are involved in a neighborhood achieving status.

You may remember that a committee was formed several years ago and that a great deal of progress toward collecting three photos and a narrative description of each of the 600 properties in Floral Park was underway. But a few years ago the process stalled.

Mid-year board status

I am happy to report that your board of directors is doing well. We are getting things done, looking to the future and helping one another on the several initiatives that are underway. I quick read of this newsletter will give you a view of the things that are underway that matter to Floral Park.



See you on the street!

Blake P. Anderson
President FPNA
BlakePAnderson@gmail.com

Neighborhood Fun in Floral Park!

FREEDOM FEST

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The annual event began with the return of the bike parade comprised of a small group of eager children riding bicycles and scooters decorated in patriotic red, white, and blue and led by parade marshal and Iraqi War Veteran, James Beck, who rode in military fatigues carrying the American flag. The parade was followed by our own Erin Suica singing the national anthem a cappella and then a bike decorating contest judged by invited honorees from the non-profit organization, Veterans First.

This year, the FPNA honored our local veterans and active military personnel by hosting Freedom Booth. The Freedom Booth featured a Freedom Boards depicting photographs and biographies from many local military veterans and personnel. Among those honored were long-time resident, decorated war hero, and Golden Eagle recipient Maj. George ("Jug") Herhily. Jug, who sadly passed away in August, attended the event with his beautiful wife Bobbe. (Please see the separate article regarding Floral Park's beloved Jug and the tremendous contributions he made to our neighborhood and country.) Also honored were decorated Vietnam physician Col. Sterling Mutz, who looked trim and fit as ever dressed



in his military fatigues, as well as World War II veteran Howard Tucker, Sr. who survived being shot down over both the Atlantic and the Pacific, and who recently passed away in May. A special thank you goes out to all those who submitted photographs and biographies of their loved ones and to Erin Suica who designed and decorated the Freedom Booth.

Those who attended the Freedom Booth also had an opportunity to bid on silent auction items to help raise money for

Veterans First, the Navy League, and the Armed Forces YMCA of Camp Pendleton. Due to the generosity of local vendors, neighbors, and silent auction participants, the FPNA was able to raise over \$1,600 for the above, well-deserving, non-profit organizations. The generosity did not end there. Numerous children took the time



to decorate and write thank you cards to send to active military personnel, and event attendees brought canned and dried goods to donate to Veterans First.

This year, attendees were invited to participate in a table decorating contest and pie making contest. Prizes were awarded for the best entries. Parade marshal James Beck served as the judge for the table decorating contest.

There were numerous beautiful entries to choose from, but overall James was impressed most with a creative design by Karyn Cripps entitled 'The Rockets' Red Glare. Jug served as the judge for the pie making contest.



Although he enjoyed tasting all the pies, his favorite was Kim Graeber's citrus chiffon with cheese ginger crust (recipe to follow in a future newsletter). The pies were cut and sold during the event with the proceeds going to Veterans First.

Finally, fun was had by all who participated in and watched the annual watermelon eating contest. Numerous age groups competed to win prizes by seeing who could eat a single piece of watermelon the fastest. It was quite the spectacle to behold.



The FPNA would like to acknowledge and thank the following businesses and individuals who generously donated to Freedom Fest 2013 to make this an amazing event and to help support worthy veterans and military associations. The event raised over \$1,600, with Veterans First receiving \$1,156, the Navy League receiving \$319, and the Armed Services YMCA Camp Pendleton receiving \$250. Please show your appreciation for their contribution, by patronizing the businesses, most of whom are local, whenever possible.



Sherri Honer,
Social Director
social@floralpark.com

Social

Thank you for your support!

Food Vendors:

Jerry's Wood-Fired Dogs
Sandy DeAngelis and
Seven Gables Real Estate
– Pop's Kettle Korn
Gay Neighbors, Families
and Friends of Santa Ana
– Snow cones

Discovery Center
Green Parrot Villa
Honer, Sherri and George
In N' Out
Kobe Steakhouse
Manhattan Steak and Seafood
Montanya Spa
Memphis
Red Lobster
Ruttan & Tucker, LLP
Salon réBelle – Stylist
Dianne Davis
Santa Ana Zoo
Suica, Pete and Erin
Wayne Suraci and
Merle Craig

Silent Auction and Prize

Donors:

Armed Forces YMCA
Camp Pendleton
Chapter One
Citrus City Grille
Crave



Gelato in July!

On July 9, the FPNA held its second social night of the year at the warm and inviting Café Lucca in Orange. The well attended event exceeded all expectations.

Floral Park neighbors and Café Lucca owners, Richard and Mary Coleman, really out-did themselves. Those



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The Social Committee welcomes new members, new ideas, and volunteers. The committee may be reached via email at social@floralpark.com.



who attended the free event were treated with a beautiful and bountiful array of delicious appetizers, amazing gelato, generous servings of wine, and great company.



The Coleman's generosity, however, did not end there. Those you stayed for dinner afterwards were rewarded with a wonderful meal and a chance to

help a worthy cause, as Café Lucca graciously donated 10% of the proceeds from the meal to the Project HOPE Alliance, which provides education and family support to homeless youth in Orange County.

The FPNA would like to thank the Coleman's and Café Lucca for their hospitality and generosity. For those interested in enjoying a fantastic meal and/or gelato in a warm and inviting atmosphere, consider stopping by Café Lucca in downtown Orange. You will not be disappointed.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fall Concert: Dancing Under the Stars

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In keeping with the spirit of our non-profit status, the FPNA will be conducting a raffle during the event to support the Orange County School of the Art ("OCSA") Foundation. The OCSA Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to offering financial support to the OCSA's tuition-free artistic programs and ongoing capital expansion plans.

Enjoy the evening, enter a chance to win some great prizes, and give back to the community at the same time. A special thank you goes out to Amy Tstosis, Salina Miller, and Erin Suica for co-hosting the event.

picnic-style event. We will have the family style tables but you can definitely bring you own chairs and blankets, and additional food/beverages (alcohol not allowed) for your group as chili will be in tasting portions only.

All types of chili entries are encouraged. This is not the pro circuit and there are no rules like beans or no beans, tomato or verde based, etc. Just make your best chili and bring it on. As usual the judging will be blind and awards will be for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place along the People's Choice.

We are also adding more categories for booth awards not just Best Booth. Now keep in mind the booth does not have to be western themed, it can be anything you want. Get creative and have some fun!

If you want to volunteer and/or join the Committee just give me a call or send me an email and I will get you dialed in. And if you want to enter the Cook-Off see the insert for registration.

Jessica Carr • jcarr@jcarrinc.com • 714.325.0561

Holiday Party:

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!



The white stuff will be back this year, along with sleigh rides, carolers, a band, and much more. This year the FPNA Holiday Party will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2013 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Note: This is a date change. The event originally was scheduled for Sunday, December 8, 2013, but was changed after realizing it had been planned during the garage sale weekend.)

More detailed information will follow in a flyer to be distributed prior to the event and on the FPNA website. A special thank you goes out to Ann Walsh and Ashley Blanke for co-chairing the event.

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Home & Garden Tour

Believe it or not, but we have begun planning for the Floral park Home Tour for April 2014. Mark your calendars now for April 26th and 27th. You know, it is “illegal” to be out of town that weekend, and, as a matter of fact, it is a great time to invite your relatives for a visit.

It is clear that the Home and Garden Tour provides tangible added value to each and every home in Floral Park. We have the opportunity to demonstrate that there is far more to our neighborhood than charming, exquisite homes. On display in abundance is a true community spirit, unseen in most places in this country, that resulted in our being named USA Neighborhood of the Year in 2005.

As always, the Tour will start promptly at 10 a.m. and run until 4 p.m. each day. As has been our custom, in the even-numbered years the Tour will feature homes and gardens from Santa Clara north. Of course, there will be vendors selling collectibles, neighborhood groups providing food and beverages, and the display of vintage cars spread up and down North Park.

Recall also that the Tour provides not only a significant benefit to neighborhood beautification efforts and but also play a vital role in the enhancement of our larger community in Santa Ana. Last year, FPNA

awarded five \$1,000 scholarships to local students as well as contributing some \$5,000 to local charitable organizations.

One of the continuing needs is always for volunteers, and the easiest way to pitch in is to serve as a docent. This crucial service provides our homeowners with a great sense of security that someone will be there to both assist visitors and to maintain security. Docenting is both fun and rewarding in that you get to play house and also receive free admission to the Tour!

While we have a few prospective homes and/or gardens lined up, we are still short of our goal. We typically like to have six or seven homes and three or four gardens for our guests to visit. So, if you've ever thought about participating, this year is an opportune time.

Homeowners get a lot of tender, loving care from the committee to include compensation for lodging and meals during the Tour to make the early mornings of the event that much easier to manage. We can even suggest ways to spruce up the home or garden just the way you always wanted it.

That being said, many, many veterans of the Tour have thanked me for giving them that extra push to do some of the enhancements to their homes that Mr. Procrastination keeps

them from doing. I simply cannot tell you how many times my clients have fixed up their homes, with relative ease, to get them ready to sell. They always ask themselves, “Why didn't I do this much earlier so that I could have enjoyed the improvements?”

Well, let the Home Tour be your friend!

Of course, there are many other ways to contribute besides being a docent or providing your home or garden. We always need help on the committee, a group that meets about once a month from about August on to plan the Tour. We have a good time coming up with improvements, new ideas, and generally enjoying one another's company.

If committees are not your thing, we can always use help staffing the ticket booth, doing set-up and take-down, publicity, signage, you name it. If you've got something to give, please join us.

And, for you car buffs, if you have a vintage car that fits into the age criteria set by the subcommittee in charge of that area, contact us. We'd love to have you involved.

So, heads up for what always seems be the grandest Home Tour ever.

We're closing in on a quarter century of sharing our neighborhood with the larger community.

Let's continue to be even more successful with each passing year!



Sandy DeAngelis,
Home Tour Director
sandy@historichomes.com

Home Tour Committee Meetings:
2121 N. Victoria Drive - 7pm
September 23, October 14 and November 18

Sponsorship



2013 Scholarships

Randy Harmat, FPNA 1st VP, presented the following scholarships at the June 9 General Meeting:

(Left to right)

- **Jessica Sii** of Santa Ana College was the recipient of the \$1,000 Santa Ana College Scholarship.
- **Roberto Carlos Lopez** of Middle College High was the recipient of a \$1,000 FPNA Scholarship.
- **Noemi Ruiz** of Century High School was the recipient of a \$1,000 FPNA Scholarship.
- **Maria Stephanie Hernandez** of Valley High School was the recipient of a \$1,000 FPNA Scholarship.
- **Daisy Espinoza** of Valley High School was the recipient of a \$1,000 FPNA Scholarship.
- **Tuyet-Trinh Ho** of Valley High School was the recipient of the \$1,000 Joseph Bangor Memorial Scholarship.

Are You Interested in Setting Up a Scholarship?

Need a Tax Deduction?

Did you know that Floral Park Neighborhood Association is a registered 501(c)(3) charitable organization? This means that donations to FPNA may be tax deductible for those itemizing their deductions*.

There are many ways to donate that would be mutually beneficial and would be greatly appreciated by the neighborhood. For example, you could sponsor another student scholarship, perhaps one designated for a specific Floral Park student, or in memory of a loved one. Or you can contribute to or underwrite a specific project (neighborhood beatification, historical preservation, social activities, etc.) The FPNA welcomes contributions in any amount. For more information, or to make a charitable donation, please contact the FPNA Sponsorship Committee, c/o Randy Harmat, Chairperson at randyharmat@gmail.com.

* Individuals should consult their own tax advisors for specific information as to their own income tax returns and the basis for any deductions.

Santa Ana High School and College 2014 Scholarship Applications Available

If you know of a Santa Ana high school graduating senior (graduating 2014) who has plans to attend college, the application for the Floral Park Neighborhood Association's scholarship is online at www.floral-park.com (soon to become www.floralpark.com). Historically, FPNA has awarded four high school scholarships worth \$1,000 each. In addition, FPNA has historically awarded one \$1,000 scholarship to a continuing Santa Ana College student.

The application process is simple and straightforward. Check it out.

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE FOR GRADUATING ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

A memorial scholarship is being established by neighbor, Lou Pecora, in memory of his longtime partner, Joseph Bangor. The \$1,000 Joseph Bangor Memorial scholarship will be individually funded but administered by FPNA. The scholarship is intended for a graduating senior specifically interested in continuing education in the arts. For more information, please contact the FPNA Sponsorship Committee, c/o Randy Harmat, Chairperson at randyharmat@gmail.com.

Beautification

The Beautification Committee seeks to preserve and improve the beauty of Floral Park's public spaces such as, but not limited to, the entrance ways, the city street trees, street lighting, the Sarah May Downie herb garden, the street maintenance, public sign maintenance and the street medians. In addition, public areas outside of Floral Park may from time to time be considered for neighborhood beautification projects. Any member of Floral Park can participate on the committee.

Thank you to our 10 member panel who gave their time and effort to search out our Most Beautiful Yard nominations.

Congratulations

to Floral Park's 2013 Most Beautiful Yard Award Winners, Jorge and Miriam Gallindo of Bonnie Brae



Sarah May Downie Herb Garden Clean Up Crew Needed

We are in need of volunteers who would be willing to help weed and plant on a Saturday or Sunday when the weather cools down. If you would like to volunteer, please contact: darlene_glenn@hotmail.com

re: Sarah Mae Downie with your name, telephone,

e-mail and times you have available. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

The City of Santa Ana chose 2323 Bonnie Brae for Floral Park Neighborhood's Most Beautiful Yard Award this year.

The Most Beautiful Yard Contest is an annual event sponsored by the Neighborhood Improvement Division of the Community Development Agency to promote beauty within our private yards.

The City requests that the Floral Park Neighborhood Association nominate three homes within our neighborhood that promote a balance between home and landscape and show owner upkeep.

Volunteers Needed for Street Light and Sign Painting Maintenance

In the spring, a group of volunteers touched up the peeling black paint on the lamp posts and the back of the public street signs south of Santa Clara just in time for Home Tour. We are now in need of volunteers for the north end.

It only took us one Saturday morning to touch up all those posts and signs, so it is not a long time commitment. If you would like to volunteer, please contact: darlene_glenn@hotmail.com re: painting with your name, telephone, e-mail and times you have available. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.



Darlene Glenn-Wolff
darlene_glenn@hotmail.com

If you would like to become more involved in the neighborhood and have an interest in improving the public areas, please come to the next **Beautification Committee meeting on Saturday, September 21 at 10a.m.**

at the home of Darlene Glenn-Wolff at 2133 Greenleaf St. (RSVP via tel 714-558-6091 or e-mail: darlene_glenn@hotmail.com). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

E-mail Interview with Santa Ana Animal Services

1. Does Santa Ana require licenses for dogs and/or cats? How do I go about obtaining one?

Dogs are required to be licensed. Cats are not required to be licensed or vaccinated.

2. My dog is really well-trained, can I walk it around the neighborhood without a leash?

All dogs have to be walked on a leash and the leash cannot be longer than 8 feet. Even if the dog is well trained, it must be on a leash on public areas.

3. If I am hanging out in my unfenced front yard, can I have my dog with me off-leash so long as it doesn't leave the yard? Can it go out to the parkway off-leash?

The dog must be on a leash if your front yard is unfenced. The dog has the potential to run off property and go after people walking by or people walking their dogs on a leash.

4. Can I restrain my dog by leashing it to a tree, stake, or fence pole?

No, it is not correct to tie up a dog to a tree, stake or fence pole. It is violation of the Santa Ana Municipal Code to hitch any animal to any hydrant, building, reservoir screening...etc.

5. How many dogs can I keep?

The Santa Ana Municipal under section 5-50 says you can only have 3 dogs per household licensed and vaccinated against rabies.



Join the FPNA email list

... Stay in the Loop!

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

If you live in Floral Park and want to join over 480 Floral Park residents and stay informed about the neighborhood, just email:

webmaster@floralpark.com

with your street and email addresses and your name will be added.

Need Minutes?

If you've missed a neighborhood general meeting and would like to obtain a copy of the minutes, you

can request a copy to be mailed (or emailed) to you. Monthly board meeting minutes are also available on request. Just send your request with name, street address and/or email address to email:

secretary@floralpark.com

or via mail to:

FPNA (Minutes),

P.O. Box 11366,

Santa Ana, CA 92711-1366

Garage Sales

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

Com-Link - Meets the fourth Thursday of the month in the SAPD Community Room, 60 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana. For agenda and directions visit:

www.ci.santa-ana.ca.us.

Assistance League

The Assistance League of Santa Ana has been Changing Lives for a Better Community for 75 Years

Operation School Bell provides Santa Ana school children with new school clothing, shoes and backpack with school supplies.

Serving Eager Eyes provides school children with low-cost eye exams and eyeglasses. The Dental Center provides school children with low-cost dental care and hygiene education. And much, much more...

Consider the great opportunity to give to the community & take a tax deduction Your donations provide the primary source of income for the Assistance League.

Assistance League of Santa Ana
1037 West 1st Street
Santa Ana, CA 92703
(714) 543-1120
assistkids.org

Neighborhood Notes



*Have you
seen this
Floral Park
bird?*

*... or how
about this
guardian
gargoyle?*

(Answers on page 23)



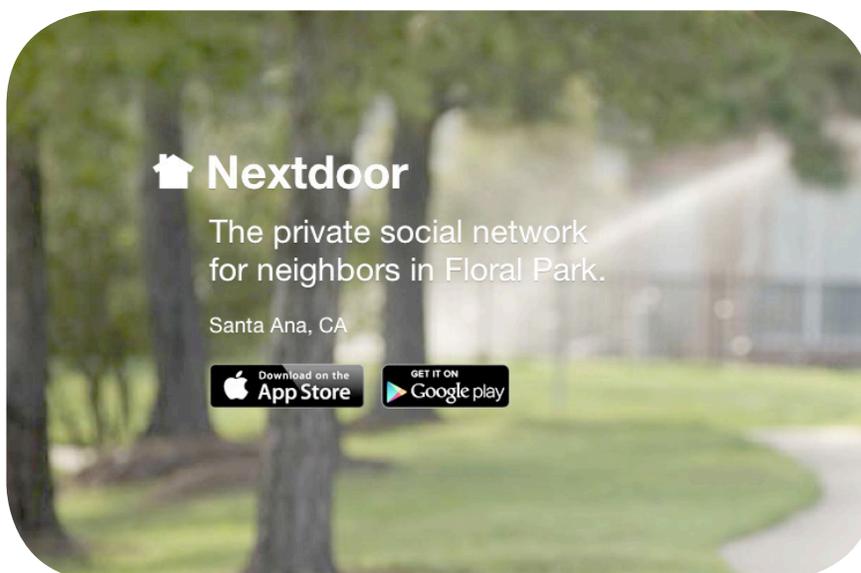
Floral Park's Treasures Hunt:

Do you have an interesting object to share with the neighbors? Just send a photo and we'll let the search begin!

Nextdoor Floral Park

is a private website created by you and your neighbors, and supported by our company, Nextdoor, Inc.

Nextdoor is the private social network for you, your neighbors and your community. It's the easiest way for you and your neighbors to talk online and make all of your lives better in the real world. And it's free.



Thousands of neighborhoods are already using Nextdoor to build happier, safer places to call home.

People are using Nextdoor to:

- Quickly get the word out about a break-in
- Organize a Neighborhood Watch Group
- Track down a trustworthy babysitter
- Find out who does the best paint job in town
- Ask for help keeping an eye out for a lost dog
- Find a new home for an outgrown bike
- Finally call that nice man down the street by his first name

Nextdoor's mission is to bring back a sense of community to the neighborhood, one of the most important communities in each of our lives.

Check it out for yourself!

<https://floralparkca.nextdoor.com/login/>



Dear Neighbor,

We know you love Floral Park. That's why you live here!
2013 has been a good year so far.

Fun Times

- Soup Night in February
- Two great Neighborhood Mixers in March & July
- Summer fun at Freedom Fest & Gelato in July
- Don't miss the Fall Concert "Dancing Under the Stars" this month!
- Looking forward to the Block Party and Chili Cook-Off
- The Holiday Party is fast approaching ... complete with snow for the kids!

Beautification Projects

- Replacing and washing the tiles on the monument entrance ways
- Sarah May Downey Herb Garden – a refresh was carried out by the city and neighbors in time for Home Tour
- Lamp posts and sign posts were touched up with black paint in time for Home Tour

Some of these events happen due to the time given up by our volunteers. Others like the neighborhood mixers, social events and the general administrative costs rely on a budget from FPNA.

That's where you come in!

Floral Park Neighbor donations in any amount help to fund these events and keep things rolling along.



Thank you for your support.

Jeff Smith

FPNA Membership Director

Your support is appreciated.
Contributors are thanked in the newsletter.

Simply use the coupon below
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www.floralpark.com

The Floral Park Neighborhood Association is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable association so your contribution may be tax deductible. Please consult your tax professional for advice.



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* Email Address 2

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New Contributors

Since the last newsletter

Linda & Joe Castro

Cameron & Carmen McEwen

Rich and Tammy Heider

Edward and Patricia Tornell

Mary and John Barthelmass

Radhika Dholakia

Joe and Ann Walsh

June Magarro

David and Grace Swanson

Kathie Tarbell & Bill Daugherty

Membership

*Thank you for
your support!*

Upcoming Neighborhood Mixer:

**Come and meet your neighbors
at the mixer!**

Please bring a dish that can serve 4-5.

Drinks & desserts provided by FPNA

Sunday, September 29 from 3-6pm

At the home of

Alex Hart & Mason Nakamura

2215 N. Victoria

A very special
Thank you

to Rich and Tammy Heider
for hosting the July
Neighborhood Mixer!

A great time
was had by all!!

See photos on pages 14-15

Are you new to the neighborhood??

Welcome! We are happy that you have chosen Floral Park as your new home.

Whether you have come to raise a family, work at a new job, retire, or perhaps start a business, we hope you enjoy your new life in our beautiful

neighborhood. The FPNA would like to "officially" welcome you to the neighborhood with a welcome gift.

If you moved here in the past 6 months and have not been contacted, please let us know your name and contact information.



FLORAL PARK NEIGHBORS

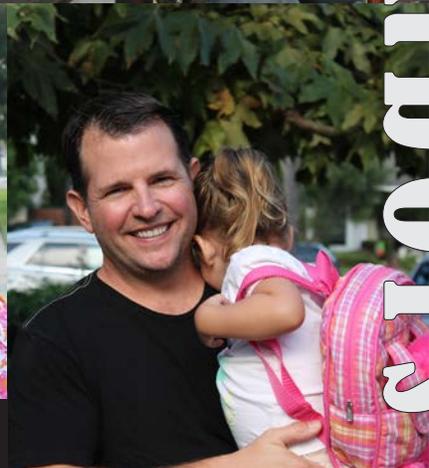
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I like to think of restaurant openings as leading economic indicators and an article last year in *The New York Times* underscores that hypothesis. If my hypothesis holds true, we're in for what old-timers called an E-ticket ride.

There are all manner of places that have opened, are expanding, or establishing themselves as harbingers of culinary greatness. Oh, what a time to be living *la dolce vita*.

Paninoteca Maggio

Since we're speaking Italian, what better evidence can I give you than an absolutely fabulous panini lunch spot less than a mile away near Mother's Market in the City Place.

Paninoteca Maggio has been in

exit Mother's, I was curious but since I was typically at work during the week, the opportunity kept passing me by. Finally, I set aside a specific Saturday for a visit and what a joy it was.

As the name implies, this small establishment specializes in panini, that iconic grilled sandwich of Italy. Nine separate entries are listed on the menu, all named for cities or regions of Italy. And, the best, in my opinion, is named for my favorite region,



business about a year and a half and makes some of the best paninis this side of Milan.

Like another well-known chef in Santa Ana, Jason Quinn of The Playground, chef Sharron Barshishat has his roots in gourmet food trucks. He and two partners owned Balls on Tires that gained some regional notoriety.

Having seen the place as I would

Toscana (or Tuscany). The Toscana is made of roasted pork (porchetta) with its crispy skin, arugula, lemon aioli on ciabatta. (I must admit that I could eat aioli on cereal.) It was divine and it draws the biggest raves among the food cognoscenti I could have it every week from now on. But, with eight other choices plus a weekly special, there's ample opportunity to shop around. A

Out & About



with **Ed Trotter**

sampling: Amalfi (prosciutto, mozzarella, tomatoes, arugula, basil pesto, balsamic glaze); Lucca (grilled eggplant, zucchini and red bell peppers, provolone, spinach, artichoke pesto, lemon aioli); and Roma (pork and veal meatballs, Parmesan cheese, marinara sauce on a baguette).

Now that I'm no longer employed full-time, I plan to hike over to partake. It's only three-quarters of a mile from Santa Clara and Broadway on the east side of Mother's. And, the espresso is considered some of the best in Southern California. It's definitely a must-visit as it is so close. And not expensive at all, by the way. Note that they are open from 10 to 4 weekdays and 11 to 3 on Saturdays. But, even more is on the way as Paninoteca Maggio Due is scheduled to open sometime in the new year at 601 E. Santa Ana Blvd. as a part what will be called The Roost. It is likely the hours will be reduced at the existing site to accommodate just a lunch crowd.

Crave

And, since we're dealing with sandwiches, let's turn our attention to another newcomer, **Crave**.

Located on Fourth Street across from the Reagan Federal Court House, the raves continue from chef Judy Fleenor's days at Chiarini. Sandy and I dropped by for an impromptu dinner about a month ago. Specializing in lunch for the downtown working crowd, Crave recently expanded to evening hours. So, the menu is more or less designed



for a quick in and out, so to speak.

Sandy, she of South Carolina origin, had to try the smoked barbecued pork melt, complete with provolone, barbecue sauce, and caramelized onions on grilled sourdough. She pronounced it quite authentic. (It turns out Brian Fleenor, tending the bar that night, is from her neck of the woods, across the Smokey Mountains in Tennessee.

I had a tarragon chicken sandwich that included cheddar cheese, arugula, tomato, and herb aioli also on sourdough. It was equally delightful.

We also split a garden kale salad on the recommendation of neighbor Jane Munoz, who happened to be there with her visiting sister. Jane nailed it, too. It included arugula, parmesan, house made sourdough croutons, lemon vinaigrette. And, trust me, the portions for everything are ample.

I had an excellent glass of Paso Roble zinfandel, but can't recall the label.

All in all, it was an excellent meal, one that will be repeated before long. Again, the prices were most comfortable. And, not only are the owners engaging, but I hear the chocolate chip cookies are worth their weight in gold.

Little Sparrow

But, on to further adventures. About one block south and three blocks east of Crave lies **Little Sparrow**, which has burst on the scene to rave reviews. Many rank it right up there with The Playground, a restaurant that keeps on making headlines with innovations such as 2.0 and IO (Invitation Only).

There doesn't seem to be any doubt that Little Sparrow will be able to hold its own if it can't already. The product of a husband and wife (a Santa Ana native who went off to New York to learn her culinary skills

and brought back a life partner), Little Sparrow is very likely to emerge as a hotbed of gastronomic experimentation and innovation. Chef Eric Samaniego has worked in some very prestigious kitchens, among them being Charlie Trotter's (I couldn't resist.) in Chicago. In case you didn't know, Charlie Trotter's was one of the best known restaurants in the country. I had the distinct pleasure of dining there once and I must say nothing has exceeded it yet. But, back to Little Sparrow.

Located at the corner of 3rd and Main in downtown Santa Ana, it has the feel of an old time diner at first glance. A bar with a separate entrance in the back gives a feeling that something is different. We accidentally entered that way and were scurried out and around to the main door at the corner.

The staff were quite engaging and most accommodating when we had to delay our arrival for our reservation by 20 minutes or so.

One of its hallmarks is its creative bar. I love the names of the cocktails on offer starting with Hanky Panky continuing through India Maria, some 24 later. What an attractive selection. How about a Corpse Reviver #2? Or Tongue & Cheek? Or even Penicillin #2? Who could resist?

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Out & About

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As for the food, I can't say that we were disappointed in anything. It was my birthday and I'm reminded constantly now that I'm in my 70th year! And, Little Sparrow made it even more enjoyable, to say the least. I started with steamed mussels in sour beer, piquillo peppers, and roasted fennel and they were right out of the Left Bank in Paris, if you ask me. *Magnifique*.

My son-in-law David had what appears to be a crowd favorite, corn risotto topped with Dungeness crab salad. It was another excellent choice. But, perhaps the yummiest was Sandy's order of a farro salad with roasted mushrooms, dandelion greens, and what is called a 5:10 egg. The 5:10 refers to how long it was soft-boiled. It was definitely a winner and a dish that will bring back lots of traffic, I believe. Umami at its best.

For the entrée, my daughter Tracy and Sandy both had what is called the grilled heritage pork chop, beluga lentils, rapini, and kumquat. The meat was simply splendid. It was almost like an excellently prepared rib-eye with marbling. The taste was sensational.

David had the prime New York strip and pronounced it superb. I had the house made tagliatelle, braised lamb neck and English peas which was fine, but I was envious of the others.

There will definitely be other occasions.

As for price, I would say that you can't get this kind of food inexpensively. We must face up to the fact that artistry comes at a price.

Nothing wrong with that.

Diego's

Now, just two blocks east of Little Sparrow is **Diego's** on the corner of 3rd and Spurgeon. It's one block due south of The Playground. This gem was recommended to me by Wayne Suraci, he of Ross Street. (More on him in a bit.)

On a late July evening, Sandy, Susan Hart and I ventured to Diego's. I had heard that the place was loud and the waiter told us their portions were small. We found neither to be the case. While it is decorated with a hardscape décor, we were quite comfortable with respect to sound. We ordered an appetizer apiece, figuring that with small portions we'd need to make sure we were amply supplied.

We ordered wine (very nicely priced, I might add) and while we were awaiting our food, the server was quite concerned that the wine hadn't shown up. We hadn't noticed any delay, but then she told us to order another appetizer on the house for the delay. Amazing.

We all concluded that we could have had four appetizers and called it a night. But, did we? Nooooooo. We had serious business to attend to.

Let me divert for a moment. Sometimes stories can't be told temporally. You have to backfill from later information.

So, after we had been to Diego's Sandy got a phone call from Wayne asking us if we would like to attend his wedding to his 22-year partner Merle Craig. We happily said yes.

What we didn't know was that Diego's would be catering.

Chef Richard Espinachio (center



in photo above), a Santa Ana native, brought what appeared to be his entire staff. They were absolutely delightful. Richard was very willing to share with me his excitement in opening his new place, all of about three months ago. He's clearly talented and experienced.

The food served at the wedding dinner was very much what you would have at the restaurants. We saw no short cuts whatsoever. This gave us a second look at our Diego's experience in July.

Here were our appetizer "hits": Plato Bueno, which is farmer's cheese drizzled with lime honey, baked until melted and followed with crushed pistachio.

Aceitunas, a tapenade of Kalamata olives, capers, sundried tomatoes, garlic and spices combined. At the server's suggestion, we combined the two and it was definitely something we looked for and found at the wedding.

Chicharrones y Totopos, Kurobuta pork belly chicharron and fried flour chips, seasoned with lime and sea salt. It was served with aioli de ajo. You already know what I think of aioli of any kind! This was definitely a very pleasant surprise.

For the main course, I had tamarind glazed short ribs on a manchego cheese risotto cake, something I enjoyed all over again at the wedding. Tamarind, an Indian spice, made the slow roasted short ribs tender and sticky, the meat falling off the bone. It was as if I was drinking nectar.

Sandy had a grilled hanger steak topped with chimichurri and not a peep was heard from her as she devoured her serving.

Apparently, a new feature was the Chef's Special that Susan ordered that on this night was one large shrimp ravioli with very spicy, hot salsa. She found it a bit overwhelming, truth be told. I tease her and Sandy both that they're losing their hot, spicy taste buds.

A reasonable selection of wines is available at \$25 a bottle.

I know this is a long column, but it's a reminder of what is developing around town and there is more to come. Besides the aforementioned Paninoteca Maggio Due, word has it that Chapter One is opening a second place downtown to be called C4. And, Daniel Godinez of Anepalco's is still planning to open a place between The Playground and Diego's.

I think our leading economic indicators are definitely pointing upward and outward (the latter being my waistline).

*So, go out there and boost the local economy.
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September

- 16 FPNA Board Meeting, 7 p.m., 1920 N. Victoria Dr.
- 21 FPNA Fall Concert, 5-9 p.m.
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- 21 Beautification Committee Meeting (See page 9)
- 23 Home Tour Committee Meeting (See page 7)
- 24 FPNA General Membership Meeting,
7 p.m., *RSCCD
- 29 FPNA Mixer, 3-6 p.m. at 2215 N. Victoria.
(See page 13 for details)

October

- 14 Home Tour Committee Meeting (See page 7)
- 19 FPNA Block Party & Chili Cook-off, 3-6 p.m.
(See page 1 for details)
- 21 - FPNA Board Meeting, 7 p.m., 2223 N. Flower

November

- 4 FPNA Board Meeting
- 15 FP Newsletter submittal deadline
- 18 Home Tour Committee Meeting (See page 7)
- 19 FPNA Quarterly General Membership Meeting
& Elections. 7 p.m., *RSCCD

December

- 9 FPNA Board Transition Meeting, 7 p.m.,
2121 N. Victoria Dr.
- 14 FPNA Holiday Party, 2-6 p.m.
(See page 6 for details)

*FPNA Quarterly Membership Meetings are held at the Rancho Santiago Community College District (RSCCD) (first floor boardroom), 2323 N. Broadway (at Santa Clara).

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Santiago School Holiday Craft Boutique

The Santiago School PTA is having a Holiday Craft Boutique on **Thursday and Friday December 5th & 6th, 2013 from 8 AM to 6 PM, in the media center of the school at 2212 N. Baker.**

Vendors will be selling a wide variety of homemade items. We hope that you can stop by and do some holiday shopping in your very own neighborhood.

In addition, if you are interested in being a vendor for this event (homemade items only), please email Jenny or Patty at averybusymom@sbcglobal.net and you will be emailed information.

IN LOVING MEMORY

GEORGE “JUG” HERLIHY

Floral Park lost one of its outstanding residents on August 5. George “Jug” Herlihy passed away at the age of 93. He and his beloved wife Bobbe began their Floral Park life in the 1950s continuing to this day. A chronicle of his life’s accomplishments would take the entire issue of this newsletter.

We knew Jug as a jovial, conversational raconteur of the highest order. He was also an accomplished member of the California Rare Fruit Growers Association, a keen watcher of the stock market, and a general all-around “good guy.”



But, most significant was his service to our nation in the United States Marine Corps.

Perhaps his legacy is best captured by fellow Marine pilot Rear Admiral Fred Lewis, USN (Ret) in an email to Jug’s daughter Terri and letter a to fellow members of the Golden Eagles, a living memorial to those early Naval aviators who pioneered and provided the leadership for the development of a very unique military aviation force. Only a total of 50 Marine pilots and 150 Navy pilots can be a member at any given time.



Dear Terri,

Please find at the attachment the Golden Eagle NOTAM (Notice to Airmen) that has now been sent to all Golden Eagles. I hope you find that I have done justice to your father in trying to describe his history and to try to capture some of the essence of the man. In doing my research for this, I am proud to say that I know your father better than I did before, and I am honored to have been in the same elite organization as he.

Please again pass my condolences to your mother, and I pray for the easing of your grief.

In sadness and with deep respect for Major Jug Herlihy,

Rear Admiral Fred Lewis, USN (Ret)
Pilot, Golden Eagles

Dear Golden Eagles,

It is my sad duty to report that Major George B. Herlihy, USMC (Ret), age 93, made his Last Take-Off on 5 August 2013 at his home in Santa Ana, CA. He is survived by his wife, Bobbe, his daughter, Terri Tobin-Quereto, and sons, George, Michael, and Patrick, and their families. His wishes were that he be cremated and that no memorial service be conducted.



Major “Jug” Herlihy was inducted into the Golden Eagles in 2012 and was thus able to attend our Reunions in Orlando and Scottsdale. At both reunions he was accompanied by Bobbe and by their daughter, Terri, and, in their words, Jug’s induction into the Golden Eagles was one of the most important events of his long life.

Jug was born in 1920 in Maryland, but the family moved to Arizona soon after. He spent his formative years in the Tucson area,

attended primary school and high school in the same one room schoolhouse. He attended the University of Arizona through the NROTC program, graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, and was commissioned a 2/Lt in the Marine Corps.

Jug began his service to the Nation in May 1941 and subsequently received his wings one year later in May 1942. After training as a dive bomber pilot, Jug proceeded to the South Pacific and Guadalcanal where after his arrival in October 1942 he flew fifty-one combat sorties with VMSB-132. On one of those missions in June 1943 he experienced an engine failure over the target area and was forced to ditch at sea. After a successful water landing, Jug and his trusty rear gunner extricated themselves from the airplane, boarded their raft and headed for a nearby island. After encountering native islanders, their escapades over the next few days are the stuff of legend as they traveled by canoe, were shelled by Japanese shore batteries, were picked up by a PT boat which subsequently ran aground, transferred to another PT boat which also ran aground and was destroyed by enemy fire. They fortunately escaped injury, jumped into the water, swam to yet a third PT boat, and eventually were returned by LST to Guadalcanal from which Jug and his gunner then continued flying combat missions. His squadron mate and fellow Golden Eagle, Col Hap Simpson, calls Jug a no nonsense and highly capable combat pilot who, as one of the most junior pilots in the squadron, was designated a section leader well ahead of more senior pilots, a clear testament to his flying and fighting skills.

Jug returned to the US in October 1943, transitioned to fighters flying the F4U, and was later returned to combat in December 1944 as a pilot in VMF-113. He remained overseas until the end of the war, and at the conclusion of hostilities he had completed an additional forty combat missions flying in the Marianas and Okinawa campaigns.

After the war a series of administrative and training assignments followed, but further combat operations (forty additional missions) awaited him in Korea where he was assigned to night fighters with VMFN-513 flying the F4U-5N from December 1950 to May 1951.

Following his service in Korea, Jug proceeded through a series of additional administrative and training assignments that led up to his subsequent retirement from the Marine Corps in 1961. His post retirement

activities included working for the Rockwell Corporation on the Minuteman Missile Program from 1961 until 1985, and then running his own industrial tool business in Santa Ana until 2004.

For those of us who had the opportunity to meet and chat with Jug and his wife Bobbe at our Orlando and Scottsdale Reunions, I am certain that all of us came away with the same assessment. Here was a man who had earned three DFC's and seven air medals for exceptional achievements in combat and who at age 93, possessing all his faculties, still had the aura of a warrior about him and who continued to enjoy a wonderful zest for life. There was no doubt that he was a Great American. We have lost another member of the Greatest Generation.

He will be missed.

In sadness,
Fred Lewis, -Pilot

From Mike Herlihy, Jug's grandson:

I wanted you all to know that in lieu of a service, we are hosting a Celebration of Life for my Grandpa.

Date: September 22, 2013

Time: 2:00-5:00 PM

**Location: 1816 North Heliotrope.
(Grandma and Grandpa's house)**

The neighborhood is hosting this informal gathering. Please feel free to stop by anytime between 2:00-5:00 pm to say hello to Grandma and family.

Any questions call 714.543.2801

Looking forward to seeing you,

Mike Herlihy

Treasurer's Report

Floral Park Year-to-Date Budget vs. Actual

	<u>2013 Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>
General Fund:		
Beginning Balance as of 01-01-13	\$	104,136
Contributions/Promotional Sponsorship Funds		
Investment Income	\$ 200	\$ 56
Membership Contributions	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,993
Newsletter/Website Promotional Sponsorship Funds	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,545
Subtotal	\$ 16,200	\$ 11,594
Expenses		
Administrative	\$ 8,000	\$ 6,246
Membership/New Neighborhood	\$ 2,500	\$ 830
Newsletter/Website	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,312
Subtotal	\$ 14,500	\$ 9,388
General Fund Ending Balance	\$ 1,700	\$ 2,206
Sponsorships Fund:		
Contributions		
Home Tour	\$ 50,000	\$ 62,165
Heartstone Income	\$ -	\$ 249
Miscellaneous Income	\$ -	\$ 2,725
Subtotal	\$ 50,000	\$ 65,139
Expenses		
Home Tour	\$ 30,000	\$ 19,423
Special Events	\$ 10,500	\$ 7,235
Planned Sponsorship Commitments	\$ 2,000	1,083
Neighborhood Special Projects	\$ 15,000	\$ 2.79
Scholarships	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000
Charities	\$ 3,500	\$ 5,000
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 1,725
Subtotal	\$ 66,000	\$ 40,469
Sponsorship Fund Ending Balance	\$ (16,000)	\$ 24,670
Total Unallocated Funds	\$ 89,836	
Floral Park Ending Balance as of 07-31-13	\$	131,013



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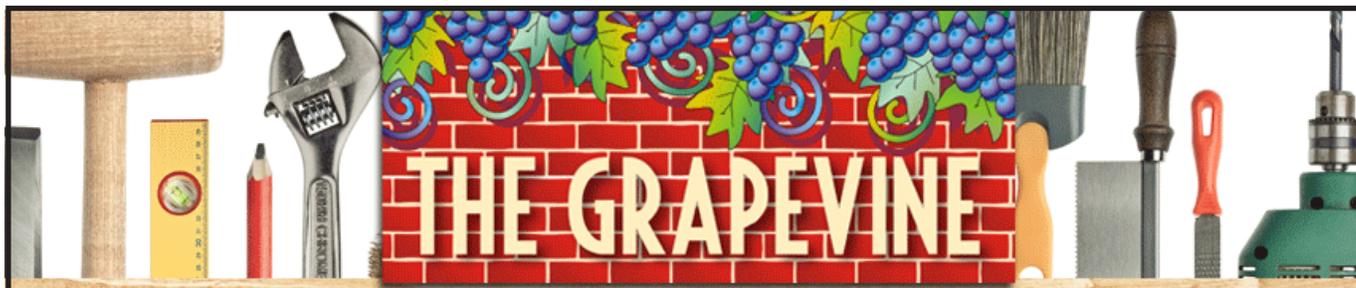


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