

FLORAL PARK

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

Issue 3

Fall is Here!

Farewell Pete & Erin!

Pete & Erin Suica, two of Floral Park's most social and engaging neighbors, and owners of the "Castle" house, have moved....not too far away, and they've promised to visit, but we will definitely miss their colorful costumes, generous spirit and Pete's jokes! We all wish you a wonderful new life at the Lake, Pete & Erin, and we hope to see you around Floral Park real soon!



Chili Cook Off & Fall Concert Rocked the Park!

As the summer weather cooled down, Floral Park heated up at our annual Fall Concert and Chili Cook Off! This year's theme, "Rockin' Chili," was well-represented by the main attraction, The Buzzy James Trio, a classic rock & roll band. Buzzy set the stage by rockin' the national anthem with a guitar solo. Buzzy and the band were brilliant! See more details inside!



Upcoming Floral Park Events!

Fall Mixer

Sunday, Oct. 28th
3-6pm
2465 N. Riverside

Holiday Party

Saturday, Dec. 8th
3-6pm
N. Park Cul-de-Sac

Walk of Lights

Wednesday, Dec. 19th
6-9pm
Throughout Floral Park



Greetings from the President

By Ed Murashie



Fall and Holiday Greetings! Hard to believe the holiday season is upon us, where has the year gone? The Board has been working hard to get some exciting projects in the works, to be presented at the next General Meeting, on Saturday, November 17th! We'll gather at Sarah Mac Downie Park at 2:00pm, to honor our 2018 Legacy Award winners and then vote to approve the 2019 Budget. It will be the first time since the Heliotrope Drive Streetlight project that we are proposing sizable investment in Floral Park. Please join us!

If you missed the last General Meeting, at which the new owner of MainPlace presented tentative redevelopment plans and asked for our input, you can find details at www.TransformMainPlace.com. The proposal features a plan for stores, office buildings, hotel and residential dwellings. I am happy to see the owner working with the community to make it a place we want, unlike 2525 Main Street. Please spend a few minutes to review the concept online and share your thoughts with Justin Glover, the community-outreach contact, at Justin@communicationslab.com. He would love to hear from you.

Another meeting recently held was a joint, north Santa Ana-neighborhoods meeting to discuss the four Santa Ana measures that will be on the November ballot. To make sure you are informed before you go to the voting booth, please visit <http://santa-ana.org/ballotmeasures/>. You can also email your comments and questions to BallotMeasures@santa-ana.org. In a nutshell, the measures are: Measure X – Santa Ana neighborhood safety, homelessness prevention and essential city services enhancement (via sales tax increase); Measure Y – Ordinance regarding a marijuana/commercial cannabis business-license tax; Measure Z – Modernization and update of City Charter administrative provisions (entails moving a few items from the charter, which takes a general election vote to change, to the municipal code, which can be changed at will by the city council); and Measure AA – Requires by-ward nomination and election of council members and redrawing of ward boundaries to comply with state and federal law. In my opinion this will be the most important election to affect this city in decades, so please vote!

To cap off a wonderful year, come celebrate with us at our spectacular Holiday Party and our Walk of Lights, in December. I want to offer you and your families the warmest holiday wishes and hope we all remember to celebrate with our neighbors as well as family.


Ed



Book Club Literary Night Out!

Some very adventurous Floral Park Book Club members recently attended the Literary Guild Of Orange County's 2018 Fall Salon. Hosted at the Mission Viejo Country Club, the event featured 3 outstanding women authors who have published books about crime, politics and World War II horse theft - *to read more, please go to www.lgoc.org*. Part of the proceeds from the event went to create a scholarship for a community college writing student, as a way to help support young authors - so we can definitely look forward to more great reads ahead!





Step Inside... The Santa Ana History Room

An Interview with Dylan Almendral

FP: What is the Santa Ana History Room?

DA: The Santa Ana History Room is the historical and special collections repository for the City of Santa Ana. We have existed as part of the library since June of 1977. Officially my position is a Library Clerk, but I don several hats in my capacity in the SAHR. Some of these hats are, historian, archivist, mentor, producer, educator and Almighty Oracle (just kidding). The SAHR also acts as a mentorship springboard for our teens on the autism spectrum and those differently-abled, it's a calm place to learn, interact and feel like you're doing something with purpose.

FP: What is your favorite thing about Santa Ana history?

DA: My favorite thing about Santa Ana history would have to be (wow this is really challenging) the cultural and architectural richness of the city. There is an attitude and identity about preserving what we have in the face of change. I would also cite the incredibly important role women played in the first decades of Santa Ana, specifically the Ebell Club, which promoted women's education as well as education for all. They exposed the people of Santa Ana to knowledge and experiences that, for the time, would not have been made available to them.

FP: What is the quirkiest piece of information you've discovered about Santa Ana?

DA: I'd say that would have to be that the first library in Santa Ana was actually above a local Saloon; this is circa the 1880s. Also, that Santa Ana played a major role in Drag Strip racing in the late 40s early 50s. The then largely unused Orange County airport was turned into a drag strip for hot-rodders and racers. This is very well-documented - there's even film of this dating to the 1950s on YouTube.

FP: How can a Floral Park homeowner use the resources at the history room?

DA: We are usually the first place Floral Park residents land when doing home history or local figure research related to their home. The resources in the history room, such as our directory and newspaper archives, are incredibly important to telling the history of your historic home. It's very rewarding to learn the history of a home and the personalities that walked the halls before us and even find the larger role that they played in shaping and contributing to Santa Ana. One great example is the recent "discovery" of the Jennie Lasby-Tessmann House on Riverside drive. In short, she was entirely, unabashedly remarkable. Another Floral Park resident has recently hired the History Room to perform research on her home, and we have since found that the first owner was one of the most noted farm advisors for the county for over 30 years, William McKinley Cory.

FP: What do you encourage visitors to look at or learn about when they come to the History Room?

DA: My maternal grandfather always said to me "enter to learn, go forth to serve," and I emphasize that tenet in my capacity in the SAHR. I encourage patrons to learn things that excite them, that give them pride in our city, in their family, in themselves - things that will make them share and contribute to the dialogue, and hopefully inform others, for a better neighborhood, a better City, a better County. With Santa Ana's sesquicentennial coming up in 2019, this is very important.

FP: Tell us how we can learn more, become involved or about any upcoming events.

DA: The Santa Ana history room exists to serve you in the best capacity we can, and you can learn so much by visiting. We're open 12 to 4pm, Thursday through Saturday, for walk-ins, and if you make an appointment we are open Tuesday and Wednesday, 12 to 4pm. If you'd like to get involved we are always looking for hosts for a Santa Ana Supper Club Fundraiser, all profits benefitting the maintenance of the history room. We are actually planning another Supper Club to be held in early November, location TBD (You know who you are!). Please see www.sasupperclub.com for updates as well as Facebook and Instagram. Finally, the history room and its staff exist on grants. We are always grateful for every donation, of time, talent or treasure to keep our doors open. Also, if you have history, consider us the home for it! Call us for more information!

Thanks Dylan!!

Neighbors, please take some time to visit the Santa Ana History Room, located at:

Santa Ana Public Library
26 Civic Center Plaza
Santa Ana, CA 92702
714-647-5280

Another Successful Chili Cook Off in Floral Park!

by Tammy Heider

Long live Rock & Roll...and the Chili Cook Off! We had several neighbors, new to Floral Park, that dove right in and entered the competition for tastiest chili, and we thank them for their adventurous spirit! There was an eclectic array of entrants and it made for another amazing chili event. Notable newcomers to the event were Alison DeMark and her mother, Penny; Randy Hamilton and his brother Steve (the chef); Ryan and Amber Matas and Ket Mee & Christa Ellsworth. "Seasoned" residents included Tom & Amy Tsotsis; Victoria Collins; Patrick Johnson; Betty Zachan and Dave Karos. Without all your enthusiasm and willingness to make three gallons (or more) of chili, plus decorating your booth, Floral Park could not even begin to have a cook off! We appreciate each of you and hope you had a fantastic time sharing your chili and meeting neighbors from the hood! It was a tough contest for the judges to make their final decisions, after sampling ten unique chilis. Many thanks to our judges, residents Karen & David Aepli, former restaurant owner Jeanne Harris and culinary teaching chef Stacey Clinesmith, of yourbeatingheart.com. The competition was tough for the first place prize - a Le Creuset stock pot, graciously donated by Amber Matas.

So without further ado, the winners of this year's Chili Cook Off were:

1st Place - Ryan & Amber Matas, Rockin' Ryan's Chili

2nd Place - Dave Karos, Hard Rock Chili Cafe

3rd Place - Betty Zachan, Betty's Chili

People's Choice Award - Randy Hamilton (and brother Steve), Steve Thomas Special

Best Decorated Booth - Dave Karos, Hard Rock Chili Cafe

And Crowd Favorite: Best Decorated Table - Gloria & David Crockett

The event was enjoyed by all who attended! Thanks again to the participants, organizers, prop-masters and clean up crew. A minor disclaimer: Since it is difficult to estimate how many people will attend a Floral Park event, we did have a few booths run out of chili before the end of the evening. We apologize to those who were unable to sample the complete variety of chili. The cooks donate their time and costs, doing their best to make plenty of chili samples for all attendees. Those who were affected received a refund on their unused tickets.





We also had a great Summer Mixer!



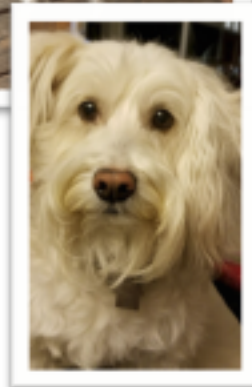
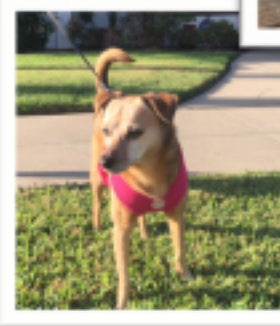


Welcome to Floral Bark!

Next time you're out on your morning walk, watching the world from your porch or making your way through our beautiful neighborhood, be sure to wave hello to the ambassadors of Floral Park as they stroll by....with owners in tow. Yes, the dogs of Floral Park are a special favorite here. Some neighbors are partial to certain breeds, so you might see a bevy of Bassenjis, twin Terriers, or a yardful of Yorkies. Of course the mixes are just as adorable (that's a shout out to you, Santa, Fluffy and Leah!) and grab our hearts all the same!



a True Friend
leaves
paw prints
on your
Heart



Treasurer's Report


By Rich Heider

Balance across all accounts.....	\$126,855*
Income as of Oct 1.....	\$76,076
Expenses as of Oct 1.....	\$53,304
Net Income as of Oct 1.....	\$22,772
FPNA Contributions as of Oct 1.....	\$8,000

*To see full details of the 2018 Budget, please visit www.floralpark.com



We will vote to approve the 2019 Budget at our General Meeting on Saturday, November 17th, at 2:00pm. Location: Sarah Mae Downie Park



Historic Resources Project

Floral Park Renews Efforts to Get Historic Designation

by Julie Humphreys



The Historic Resources Committee, on behalf of FPNA, has resumed its long-standing efforts to seek designation of the Floral Park Neighborhood as a Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places. We view this as an important step in preserving and enhancing the aesthetic value and character of

our neighborhood. Such designation would provide official recognition of the unique historical, cultural and architectural qualities of Floral Park. The application process is detailed and lengthy, and several prior efforts to complete this process using volunteer efforts alone have been unsuccessful. This time, in addition to our Historic Resources Committee and student volunteers, we plan to contract with professional help in providing the research, drafting, and completion of the federal application.

The FPNA Historic Resources Committee will be seeking to earmark up to \$25,000 in the 2019 budget to complete the application process, which will include neighborhood outreach and education, photography, printing, and contractor fees. The neighborhood will vote to approve this proposal at the General Meeting, on Saturday, November 17th. All residents are encouraged to join the committee and we welcome all volunteers. For questions and more information, please email us at historicinfo@floral-park.com



Legacy Awards & Celebration

We are so delighted to be honoring three Floral Park Legacy Award winners this year! Please join us in congratulating Beverley Schauwecker, Nicki Curran, and Charlene Hanson – their contributions to our neighborhood have truly inspired us! The Legacy Award Committee is planning a celebration on November 17th, to show our appreciation for these dynamic, generous women who embody the spirit and values of Floral Park. Hope to see you there!

We are always accepting nominations for future Legacy Award honorees, please email communications@floralpark.com with your suggestion or download a nomination form from the Floral Park website!



Looking Forward to the Holiday Walk of Lights!

Join us for our annual tribute to the holiday season as we tour the neighborhood in search of bedecked homes, lights galore and blow-up snowmen that will make you wish we had snow! Drink stations will guide our way as we pound the pavement in merry-making. The Walk of Lights is scheduled for December 19th at 6pm, and we are looking for proud volunteers! Please let us know if you would like to host your neighbors and a drink station this year by emailing membership@floralpark.com



Beautification Update

by Chris Switzer & Nanci Zinngrabe

The city will begin planting entrances and exits in early November. They have been watering the meridians and feeding our trees (YEAH!!) and we are seeing lots of re-growth.

TREES have been a hot topic for our Committee the past couple of months. Since trees are one of the main attractions to our neighborhood, we are committed to keeping them healthy. An arborist assessed the trees and determined if they were stressed, or 50%, or 75% dead. Hazardous trees and 100% dead trees were identified for removal and replacement. We are actively working with the city as well as our tree committee to keep our trees beautiful in Floral Park. If a tree or branch has fallen, please call dispatch at 714-647-3380 for a faster response, or use the mySantaAna app on your phone.

Our “Floral Park Tree Reforestation Project” will be an ongoing project. If you would like more details please visit www.floralpark.com under Beautification. Angel Barnes and Ellen Koldewey have volunteered to be the tree sub-committee. You may see them walking around our neighborhood with their clipboards. Tell them thank you for their work!

As always, we welcome anyone who would like to join our committee or just help with digging, weeding, planting and cleaning up on gardening days in SarahMae Downie Park. We will be sending out a notification when we will be working in the garden.

Happy Autumn!

Chris Switzer and Nanci Zinngrabe, Co-chairs



TIPS FOR WATERING TREES

Each day, trees take in water through their roots and then transpire that moisture out through their leaves.

The City Parkway trees and trees on your property have developed extensive root systems, including deep tap roots, which allow them to find water even in times of drought. These trees can go through a few gallons of water in a single day, meaning that over time, they will become increasingly thirsty and weak if no water is available.

- Water in the early morning or evening. Watering during the hottest part of the day causes water to evaporate before it gets where it needs to go.
- Avoid wetting foliage when watering. Each water droplet can act as a tiny lens, intensifying the sunlight and burning the leaves.
- Don't overwater. Immature trees still have roots in a tight ball, and by over watering you risk drowning the plant. Instead, it's ideal to provide water in a slow drip every four or five days.
- Avoid watering trees right at the trunk. Instead place your water source at the drip line.
- Water trees and shrubs slowly. You want to get the soil wet about six inches below the surface, so small amounts of water applied over time are better than a lot of water all at once. Sprinklers and other above-ground solutions don't work as well because water evaporates or runs off rather than sinking in deeply.

Membership – The Fall Drive is On!

By David Buster

2018 has been a wonderful year for Floral Park and contributions. Our neighborhood not only fosters the most unique love for all things historic to Santa Ana, but so many of our residents are extremely generous when it comes to giving. From the numerous social gatherings to the enrichment of our community, so much could not happen without neighbors, and friends, like you! Our goal for this year's membership donations was \$10,000. So far we have reached a total of \$8,000 in contributions; we are almost there! I would like to challenge all neighbors to give - continue to give if you've given in the past and start the tradition of giving if you've never given before. Thank you!

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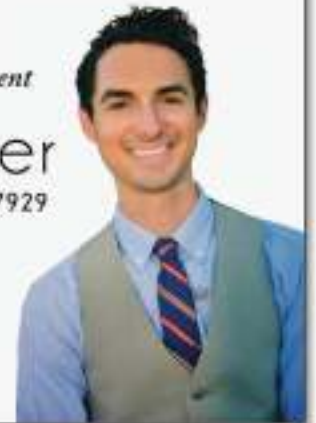
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