

The Home & Garden Tour . . . Right Around the Corner!

If you are a walker as I am, I am sure you see your neighbors beginning to freshen up their yards and touching up the paint, etc. Those folks know that visitors are on the way. Yes, the annual Floral Park Home and Garden Tour is set for Saturday and Sunday, April 26 and 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Activity in the neighborhood is high and spirits are upbeat and energized. It definitely that time of year!!

Please mark your calendars for those dates as no one is allowed to be on vacation or out of town – it will be Home Tour Weekend.

For any of you new to the neighborhood, this is our major fundraiser, and we expect some 2,000 to 3,000 visitors walking the streets and visiting our Home and Garden Tour. We are delighted to have six fabulous homes on the Tour this year and two or even three gardens. It is so very

exciting. But, it's not too late to volunteer your home or garden. Just let me know.

From the money we raise at the Tour, we fund five \$1,000 scholarships to four area high school graduates and one Santa Ana College transfer student who are heading to college. In

addition, we contribute money to five to ten local charities. In the past we've probably helped some two dozen worthy not-for-profit organizations in completing their missions of community improvement.

Further, we are able to fund such neighborhood beautification projects as tree replacement, street light repair/replacement, the custom street signs and many other projects such as our local parks and gardens and enhancing our entryways.

This year we have some plans for exciting new projects, and we need your help!!

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Have you seen our new look?

The FPNA website was recently updated. If you haven't already, be sure to get online and take a look around.

Plans are to add new columns of general interest to the neighborhood: remodeling tips, show off your pets, clubs and organizations, and more!

This is your website . . . Let us know what you want to see!

www.floralpark.com

February's Neighborhood Mixer ... a Great Turnout!



More than 85 neighbors gathered at the home of Wayne & Merle to meet new residents, catch up with old ones and enjoy delicious appetizers and desserts.

Be sure not to miss the next Mixer scheduled for June 1. See page 12-13 for photos of the February event.

Floral Park Neighborhood Association General Membership Meeting

Sunday, March 23, 2014, from 3-5 p.m.

El Pico de Gallo Restaurant
Right HERE in Floral Park
At the corner of
Flower and 17th Streets

This will be an informal meeting packed with information, open conversation and two-way communication. Keepin' it casual: Jeans, grubbies and old shoes

Come join us for cold beer, Mexican food and hot topics

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Letter from the Editors ...

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 • Ashley Lawson
Joe Magaddino • Mark Mittmann • Bev Schauwecker
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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 Lovely Spring in Floral Park!

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Your new Floral Park Neighborhood Association Board of Directors conducted an all-day workshop on January 25 to orient the new board members, form a team, put finishing touches on the 2014 calendar and brainstorm ideas. The other articles and announcements in this newsletter are products of the workshop. This is the second year we have started with a workshop and we think it's a great way to get a running start.

Board members returning for the 2014 calendar year include Darlene Glenn-Wolff (2nd VP/Beautification), Joe Magaddino (Treasurer), Nancy Smith (Co-Communication Director), Bev Schauwecker (Co-Communication Director), Jeff Smith (Membership Director), Sandy DeAngelis (Home Tour Director), and me (President).

Board members new for 2014 include the team of Sarah Krutsinger, Mark Mittmann, John Krutsinger and Whitney Mittmann (who constitute the 1st VP/Sponsorship board position), Kathy Cooper (Secretary), Ashley Lawson (Social Director), Erin Suica (Assistant Social Director) and Ed Murashie (Parliamentarian).

If you have lost count, that's fifteen people fulfilling the ten designated board positions--lots of hands to share the work. And, lots of diversity: Some board members have lived here for more than 30 years and some have lived here for less than six months. Young, not-so-young, male, female, gay, straight, liberal, conservative, religious and not-so-religious. It is a wonderful blend of the people that ARE Floral Park.

The "business" of the Floral Park Neighborhood Association is neighborhood beautification and preservation, neighborhood social events, neighborhood communication and giving to Santa Ana charities and scholarships. The board and the hundreds (yes, hundreds) of volunteers that staff all the things this neighborhood accomplishes every year are well-equipped to successfully complete all the tasks and projects we have on the calendar for 2014. My sense is that the board will do great things for the neighborhood and for Santa Ana.

Neighborhood Watch

A few neighbors have expressed interest in starting neighborhood watch groups.

The way it works, the program is more aptly called "block watch." Basically, it starts with neighbors along a block within sight of each other volunteering to receive some training from the Santa Ana program, to keep an eye on their stretch of the neighborhood and to immediately notify the Santa Ana Police Department when they witness suspicious behavior. It is not a vigilante program and physical confrontation is neither suggested nor condoned.

If you are interested in volunteering to commit to

President's Podium

Neighborhood Watch, let me know at your earliest convenience. If several blocks are interested, I will ask a Neighborhood Watch representative to attend Floral Park's next General Membership Meeting (scheduled for Sunday, March 23) to get the ball rolling on YOUR block. If the interest is limited, then I will place you in contact with the Neighborhood Watch program folks to arrange for a briefing for you and your block-mates.

Have You Checked Your Backside Lately?

No, I don't mean that backside. This is a confession and a suggestion about something a bit less personal. As many of you know, we recently completed an addition to our home and to our garage. We also replaced a side fence, did some outside painting and replaced the roofs of the house and the garage. So, parts of the project were improvements and some were maintenance and repairs—long-deferred maintenance and repairs.

I am embarrassed to say that one of the most sorely needed set of repairs was on the backside of our garage. This is a piece of our property that is completely inaccessible from our lot and completely out of our view. But not out of the view of our "back fence" neighbors that face Santa Clara. No, in their cases the backside of our garage provides a dominating panorama out their back windows. I swear that the back and side of our garage at zero lot line looked like an abandoned building. It hadn't been painted in over 25 years, there was a broken window and cruddy old asphalt shingles edging the roof. It was a project that was out of sight and out of mind.

So, here is my pitch: With the home tour approaching and spring cleaning a few weeks away, this might be a good time to get to know your back fence neighbors and find out what they see of you from their back porch.

You might be surprised and have reason to get to work.



See you on the street!

Blake P. Anderson
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General Membership Meeting

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- Meet and chat with your Floral Park neighbors and board members
- Learn what is planned for our 2014 events calendar
- Get the latest on the Floral Park Home & Garden Tour
- Hear about Floral Park's 2014 Community Giving & Scholarship Program
- Sign-up for Neighborhood Watch
- Find out about the construction planned on Broadway this summer

Ask questions. Make a point

And much more...

See you there!

Spring NEIGHBORHOOD CALENDAR:

FPNA BOARD MEETING

March 10 - 7p.m.
2204 N. Victoria

GENERAL MEETING

March 23
3 - 5p.m.
El Pico de Gallo Restaurant
See details Page 1

Painting Party

Saturday March 15 at 9a.m.
See details page 9

DUMPSTER DAY

April 12, 8a.m - Noon
Various locations
See details page 9

FPNA BOARD MEETING

April 14 - 7p.m.
1919 N. Ross

HOME & GARDEN TOUR

April 26 & 27,
10a.m. - 4p.m.
See details page 1

CINCO de MAYO

Sunday, May 4, 4 to 8p.m.
2204 N. Victoria
See details page 7

FPNA BOARD MEETING

May 12 - 7p.m.
2133 Greenleaf

NEIGHBORHOOD

MIXER - June 1
2432 N. Riverside Drive
3 to 6pm
Bring a dish to share.

FPNA BOARD MEETING

June 16 - 7p.m.
2397 N. Flower St

GENERAL MEETING

Scholarship Awards
June 8 - Location TBD

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LOOKING AHEAD:
Summer Social Events
see page 7 for details.

All dates, times subject to change. Please check website for up-to-date information.

All neighbors are invited to FPNA Board Meetings. Please join us with your ideas, questions or concerns.

Floral Park's Treasures Hunt

This issue:

Floral Park

A weather vane is used to show the direction from which the wind blows. Traditionally, weather vanes are mounted on taller structures including houses and barns. The reason weather vanes are posted in high locations is to prevent interference and to catch the purest breezes.

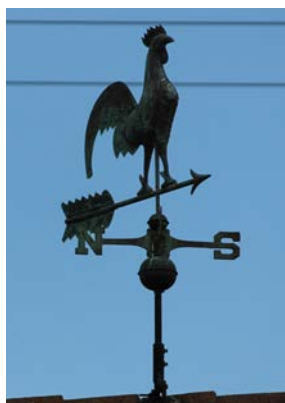
The key piece of a weather vane is the central pivoting arrow or pointer. The pointer is usually tapered at one end to

provide balance and to catch even light winds. The larger end of the pointer acts as a sort of scoop that catches the wind. Once the pointer turns, the larger end will find a balance and line up with the source of the winds.

Weather vanes have been used as early as the first century B.C. The earliest weather vane on record was a bronze sculpture built by Andronicus in Athens. The instrument was known as the Tower

of the Winds and looked like the Greek god Triton, ruler of the sea. Triton was believed to have the lower body of a fish and the head and torso of a human. A pointed wand in Triton's hand showed the direction from which the wind was blowing.

In the last decades of the 19th Century, Victorian buildings had fancy weather vanes and elaborate metalwork embellishing almost every inch of roof



What makes Floral Park Great?



Calling all Floral Park residents! We want to hear from you! We all love our community and are familiar with the great things happening within our beloved borders of Seventeenth, Broadway, Riverside, and Flower streets. We all get to laugh and have fun at the all social events put on (i.e. Chili Cook-Off and Holiday Party); we all get to share in the pride and prestige the Home & Garden Tour brings to our front doorsteps; we all get to enjoy in the beauty and tranquility of the tree lined streets and accompanying aesthetic features which give our neighborhood its cherished charm; we all are able to connect with each other through the various medley of mixers and meetings

hosted throughout the year; and we all stay informed through our (new and improved) website and this quarterly newsletter. All these wonderful benefits we enjoy together as a community is because you and your neighbors take the time to serve by freely giving back your time, talents, and resources. This is what makes Floral Park great!

We want to get more familiar with ways in which you, our Floral Park community, are serving outside of our beloved borders. Over this next year we want to take what makes Floral Park great and take that step out and share it with deserving others in our greater Santa Ana community who could benefit from it just as we have and do.

Let us hear from you about different ways you are serving Santa Ana, different groups you are partnered with, or suggestions of deserving organizations that are in need of help.

Our goal is to simply coordinate willing neighbors to go together, as a Floral Park community, to meet one or more of these needs. We plan to announce one or more future service opportunities chosen in the June newsletter.

Please send all suggestions or ideas to serve@floralpark.com or Floral Park/Serve, PO Box 11366, Santa Ana, CA 92711-1366.

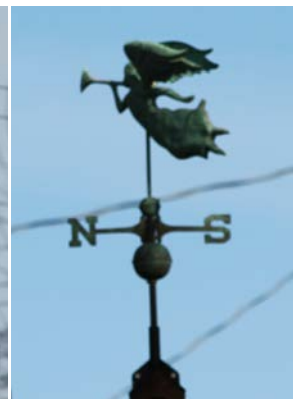
Weather Vanes

space. Victorian style copperwork, de rigueur on Queen Anne, Second Empire, Richardsonian and Tudor buildings, is in great demand for the Victorian Revival homes of today.

The subjects and styles of weathervanes remained virtually unchanged through the middle ages. With the settlement of a new world, American facilitated widespread use of weathervanes by making them fashionable. There, an entire other historic story is told.

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

newsletter@floralpark.com



A warm welcome from your Social Directors, Ashley Lawson and Erin Suica:

To all who come to this happy place: Welcome.

Walt Disney imagined a place where all would be welcome, a place where dreams come true. What started as a dream filled with vivid imagination, Disneyland, was created and built by people devoted, determined, and believing it could be true.

It is that type of imagination, devotion, and welcoming spirit that's the essence of this very special place that we call home: Floral Park. It truly is a place like no other.

It is with our gratitude for this opportunity, and our appreciation for Floral Park, its history, and its tradition, that we say hello and welcome. We, Ashley & Erin, are the neighborhood Social Directors and we are very excited and inspired about being a part of the social events this year.

We want to thank Sherri Honer and the rest of the Social Committee for all of their time, hard work, and dedication to the cause – “FUN!” These events and activities wouldn't happen if not for the commitment and support of the social committee and their willingness to pitch in and lend a hand. We truly cherish this great group of people and value everyone's talents and gifts.

ALL are welcome to join our team this year. If you want to do a lot, or a little, we welcome and appreciate any of the time you are able to give. We hope to add to our great group of volunteers, and to make this a great year for making new friends and to forming new bonds in our neighborhood.

To that end, we started early. In January, we began enticing neighbors with Porch Beers! Yes, we had an idea: what's more inviting than being outside on the porch, beer in hand, ready and waiting for neighbors, friends (and hopefully new social recruits) who just happen to be walking by.

Turns out, it wasn't such a bad idea. Our first success! There were some new faces that joined us for the dinner and meeting in January, we set the social calendar of event dates for the upcoming year, and our wonderful volunteers signed up to help us co-chair the big events!

To the volunteers who are present and contribute at every meeting, who arrive at the beginning and stay to the end, helping to set up and tear down each event, who always offer to bring something when we meet, we appreciate you more than you know. We can't thank everyone enough!



Porch Beers



Social Committee Appreciation Dinner

Here is a sneak peak of the big events to come. If we have missed someone who volunteered to co-chair an event, please let us know. OR if after reading the event descriptions you become interested and want to co-chair, PLEASE contact us.

Current Calendar of Social Events - 2014

CINCO DE MAYO

Sunday, May 4, 2014 – 4:00 to 8:00p.m.

A new event for this year that will be held on Victoria Drive. Currently under “concept development” however, thoughts of BBQ, tacos, lawn games, and music have been tossed around. And a thank you to co-chairs Susan McManus, Joy Rideout, Jess Carr, Sandy DeAngelis, Sherri Honer, Amy Tsotsis, and Ashley & Erin.

FREEDOM FEST

Saturday, June 28, 2014 - 4:00 to 8:00p.m.

You guessed it, social's take on a fantastic 4th contests, and likely some new surprises. You're not going to want to miss this one.

- Thank you to Suzee Katz, with help from Sherri, who have volunteered to co-chair this event.

FALL CONCERT

Saturday, September 20, 2014 - 5:00 to 9:00p.m.

Love that ol' time Rock-and-Roll! Polish up your dancin' moves and get ready to move your soul for the Fall Concert.

- Thank you Amy Tsotsis and Tammy Heider for volunteering to co-chair the concert.

THE GREAT CHILI COOK-OFF & BLOCK PARTY

Saturday, October 25, 2014 - 3:00 to 6:00p.m.

Start pulling out and perfecting the old-family chili recipe because there's a new sheriff in town. Get ready for an afternoon of good food, great music, and fun times.

- Neighborhood favorite Peanut set to perform.
- Thank you to Jessica Carr and Joy Rideout who have volunteered to co-chair the event.

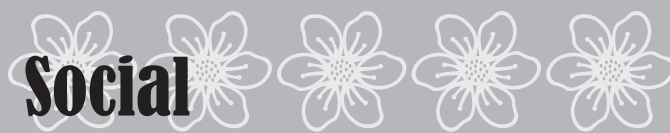
HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday, December 13, 2014 - 3:00 to 7:00p.m.

- Santa and his Elves will be out in full force, costume and all. Ready to spread the holiday cheer ... in their green tights too of course, that's the word on the street!
- We hope a lot of parents sign up to SAVE THE SNOW this year ... Reports are in - there will be a massive snow shortage this year due to the overuse in the Midwest / East Coast!

OH MY!

- Yes, they are back and a big thank you to co-chairs Ann Walsh and Ashley Phillips!



Social Committee Meetings*

April 16 (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m. – Ashley's House

June 4 (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m. – Erin's House

August 13 (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m. – Ashley's House

October 1 (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m. – Erin's House

November 19 (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m. – Ashley's House

*Social Committee Meeting dates, times, and/or locations may be subject to change.

Ashley's address: 2204 N. Victoria

Erin's address: 2409 North Park

Please mark your calendars and give a thought to joining us at one or all of our social committee meetings. If you are new to the neighborhood, we would be happy to fill you in and get you up to speed. And if you are an 'oldie but goodie,' stop by to reconnect. It's never too late to get involved and even if you only have a few minutes or an hour to spare, every little bit helps!

PLEASE, keep an eye out for updates and look for future email blasts, posts on the FPNA website's homepage or at floralpark.com/events, flyers, AND even a porch beer ... or two. You never know how we may try and get the word out!

If you wish to reach us to share questions, comments, new ideas, etc., feel free to email us at social@floralpark.com. We would love to hear from you!

Ashley & Erin



Erin Suica, Ashley Lawson and Pete Suica

2014

Home & Garden Tour

Home & Garden Tour

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WHAT CAN I DO?, you say

First, you can come to the Tour and invite your family, friends and co-workers to attend. Plan a day of it and have a blast!

Second, volunteer to help.

Docents work one shift of three hours and get a free ticket in exchange, plus they add personality to the Tour. Contact Nicki Curran at docents@floralpark.com to volunteer.

Third, you could enter your vintage automobile in the Car Show and receive a free ticket to the Tour. We have between 25-50 cars each day; contact cars@floralpark.com to find out more details.

Fourth, take a look at your front yard. Does it need a little fresh look or did the crab grass attack again? For many visitors, this is how they learn of Floral Park. Let's make sure we SHINE!

And in addition, you can purchase your tickets in advance and save five dollars. That way you will have a few dollars more to spend on a special treasure at our vendor area or food booths!!

Most importantly, COME, ENJOY AND SEE
FLORAL PARK AT ITS BEST!!



SATURDAY & SUNDAY Santa Ana, CA
APRIL 26, 2014 APRIL 27, 2014 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

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Tour Tickets the day of the show.

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



Sandy DeAngelis,
Home Tour Director
sandy@historichomes.com

The next Home Tour Committee Meeting:
2121 N. Victoria Drive - 7pm
March 13, 2014

The mission of the Floral Park Neighborhood Association is:

"To preserve the integrity of and to develop a sense of unity within the neighborhood."

We have such a beautiful and unique neighborhood with our older, vintage homes, our towering shade tree-lined streets, our antique street lights, our serene Sarah Mae Downie Park, and our wonderful and caring neighbors. The Board has committed to continuing to maintain and refurbish public areas throughout our neighborhood.

Dumpster Day

Saturday April 12 from 8a.m. until noon

Our annual Dumpster Day will be held on Saturday, April 12 from 8a.m. until noon (or until the dumpster is full) at the following locations:

- 2121 N. Victoria Dr.
(There will also be an Assistance League of Santa Ana donation van available)
- 2108 N. Greenleaf St.
- 2416 Riverside Dr.
- 1816 N. Heliotrope Dr.
- 2360 N. Park Blvd.

No hazardous waste and no E-waste (no electronics, no battery operated items).

Sign Post/Lamppost Painting Party

Saturday March 15 at 9a.m.

The Beautification Committee needs some help/volunteers to touch up the paint on our street signs and lampposts so everything looks fabulous for Home Tour. We are not repainting the entire sign or pole. We will be concentrating on north of



Darlene Glenn-Wolff
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Beautification

Santa Clara. We will meet on Saturday, March 15, at 9a.m. at the home of Darlene Glenn-Wolff at 2133 Greenleaf St. We need a minimum of 12-14 people. But of course the more people the merrier and the faster this will go.

We also will need volunteers (large or small, young or old) to pull a wagon filled with goodies and beverages to keep us going. So consider volunteering and joining us. It should be fun and it's a great opportunity to meet new neighbors. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Darlene Glenn-Wolff at 2133 Greenleaf St. (RSVP via tel 714-558-6091 or e-mail: darlene_glenn@hotmail.com).

Most Beautiful Yard Award -A Call for Judges

Each year the City of Santa Ana awards a home in each neighborhood the Most Beautiful Yard. The neighborhood associations are asked for their input in the nomination process.

FPNA is seeking neighbors who would like to give their impartial vote for the three best-looking front yards (street view only). If you would like to participate, please contact Darlene Glenn-Wolff (tel 714-558-6091 or e-mail 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 contact Darlene Glenn-Wolff via tel 714-558-6091 or e-mail:

darlene_glenn@hotmail.com



Dear Neighbors and Friends,

This year is off to a good start.

Contributions received total \$3,100 so far. Thanks to all those who contribute to Floral Park Neighborhood Association (FPNA).

More than 85 neighbors turned up for the first mixer of the year at the lovely home of Wayne Suraci and Merle Craig on February 9. I know everyone had a great time. Wayne and Merle were very accommodating hosts which made my job so much easier.

One of my tasks is to welcome new neighbors to Floral Park. If someone new moves in on your street be sure to also welcome them and let them know what goes on in the neighborhood. Point them toward the FPNA website **floralkpark.com** so they can see upcoming events. Some new

neighbors tell me they want to be involved but don't know how.

FPNA is continually updating its email list for e-blasting the neighborhood so if you want to receive those please email **membership@floralkpark.com**. Address and phone number would be good also.

So once again if you have ever enjoyed a neighborhood event, obtained important information from the FPNA newsletter, website or e-blast or simply appreciate being part of a neighborhood that cares for its neighbors, please take the time to consider supporting FPNA with a monetary contribution.

Thank you and see you around the neighborhood!

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Go to: **www.floralkpark.com**



Jeff Smith
FPNA Membership Director
membership@floralkpark.com

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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 six months and have not been contacted, please let me know your name and contact information.

Jeffrey Smith, FPNA Membership Director:

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A very special
Thank you

to Wayne & Merle
for hosting the February
Neighborhood Mixer!

A great time was had by all!!

See photos on next page!

Floral Park Neighbors

Thank you . . . Wayne and



..... Merlefor hosting the mixer!



Thank you, Alex, for
the beautiful photos!

Floral Park Neighbors

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	\$ 93
Membership Contributions	\$ 10,000	\$ 11,468
Newsletter/Website Promotional Sponsorship Funds	\$ 6,000	\$ 7,845
Subtotal	\$ 16,200	\$ 19,406
Expenses		
Administrative	\$ 8,000	\$ 7,707
Membership/New Neighborhood	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,672
Newsletter/Website	\$ 4,000	\$ 7,343
Subtotal	\$ 14,500	\$ 17,721
General Fund Ending Balance	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,685
Sponsorships Fund:		
Contributions		
Home Tour	\$ 50,000	\$ 62,415
Heartstone Income	\$ -	\$ 249
Social Events Income	\$ -	\$ 2,223
Miscellaneous Income	\$ -	\$ 2,725
Subtotal	\$ 50,000	\$ 67,612
Expenses		
Home Tour	\$ 30,000	\$ 20,081
Special Events	\$ 10,500	\$ 17,029
Planned Sponsorship Commitments	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,828
Neighborhood Special Projects	\$ 15,000	\$ 2,79
Scholarships	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000
Charities	\$ 3,500	\$ 5,000
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 1,918
Subtotal	\$ 66,000	\$ 52,858
Sponsorship Fund Ending Balance	\$ (16,000)	\$ 14,754
Total Unallocated Funds	\$ 89,836	
Floral Park Ending Balance as of 12-31-13		\$ 120,575



Joe Magaddino, Treasurer
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Out & About

So, about the time this newsletter comes out it will be Mardi Gras time. That's as good a reason as I can imagine to enjoy our local versions of what many consider America's unique gift to world cuisine – Cajun and Creole cooking. And, we have plenty to celebrate, thanks in large part to our great Vietnamese immigrant community. More on that in a bit.

Mardi Gras is officially March 4, the last day before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten season. But, it's the run-up to Fat Tuesday, as it translates into English, is what makes it fun.

Speaking of translations, a couple of years back I had an English friend, who is totally befuddled by and a bit patronizing of all things America, post a comment about Fat Tuesday arriving. I mentioned that we were enjoying Mardi Gras season over here as well. She bounced back with something to the effect of "How do you bloody Americans come up with a term like Mardi Gras to describe Fat Tuesday?" I took particular delight in letting her know that Mardi Gras is French for Fat Tuesday. Needless to say, she was eating crow on Fat Tuesday!!

So where to find such delights? Well, one spot is at the corner of MacArthur and Bristol right here in good old Santa Ana, just north of South Coast Plaza. Why there? Well, within about a block you can find three excellent choices for Cajun-influenced cuisine – **Ritter's Steam Kettle Kitchen, the Boiling Crab, and the Kickin' Crab.**

Ritter's is more or less a local spin-off of a very well-received Las Vegas restaurant and the other two are Vietnamese-Cajun places.

First up, though, is **Ritter's Steam Kettle Kitchen.** The name derives from the half-dozen or so steam-heated pots connected to a boiler in the back. The elaborate plumbing is on display and you can see many of the dishes being made right behind the

counter that is the focal point of the restaurant.

I had the house gumbo at a spiciness level of 8 out of 10. The flavor was simply excellent but I found that 8 is about at the top of my heat index. I had the house version that included



with Ed Trotter

shrimp, crab, clams and fish. Others are available.

Sandy had Ritter's Famous Pan Roast, as it is called, with chicken and sausage. The menu calls it a "tomato cream based creole dish served with rice and trinity," the latter being the Louisiana version of the mirepoix: onions, bell peppers and celery.

Most classic French or Cajun dishes begin with this. Sandy had spiciness level 5, just right for her.

Also available are such Cajun favorites as étouffée, shrimp and crawfish cooked in a dark roux sauce, and jambalaya as well as chowders, Po' Boys, and other delights.

I should mention that neighbor and friend Susan Hart and her dad, newly relocated to Orange County from Tucson, meander down there for a dozen oysters. Susan lived in New Orleans for many years and her dad is from that region as well. I saw a dozen being served at the table next to us and I must say they looked fat and sassy. I'll have those next time.

At present, Ritter's is still awaiting ABC approval for a liquor license, probably for wine and beer.

You gotta go there!!

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An alternative is either of the **Boiling Crab** or the **Kickin' Crab.** Both are versions of the fairly recent culinary phenomenon called Vietnamese-Cajun, as mentioned above. Eh, you say?

The Vietnamese are among the world's greatest shrimp fishermen and women. Thus, it made sense that as that population migrated from war-torn Vietnam, many would make their way to the Gulf Coast of the United States, where most of our shrimp industry is located.

As people do, they kept their own traditions alive and married them with the cultural environment in which they found themselves. What lucky people to have arrived in Cajun Country! A marriage made in heaven.

Eventually, as some of those immigrants or their families made their way back to Little Saigon here in the OC, they brought back the Cajun influence. Thus was born a whole new style of easy but delicious eating.

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Recently, Sandy and I were accompanied by Susan Hart on a quick jaunt down to Boiling Crab, as far as I can tell the first Vietnamese-Cajun restaurant in Orange County. It seems to be very similar to The Kickin' Crab. I have not ventured there, but from the website it appears to be a close variation on the theme.

Boiling Crab has a reputation for long waiting lines as no reservations are taken. The Santa Ana facility has been open less than a year and is the largest in the chain. So, apparently the waiting line issue has been resolved for us!

To call it casual dining is an understatement. The most commonly served dishes come in double-bagged plastic bags brought to your table in what looks like a fishing pail. No plates, no cutlery, no kidding.

We all ordered a combo of shrimp and crawfish, with Susan adding Andouille sausage, in their Whole Shabang sauce, a mixture of Rajun Cajun, lemon pepper, and garlic sauces.

So, what do you do with a mess of crustaceans? Pop off the shells with hands and fingers and have at it! As you progress through this concoction, the paper-covered tables take on a fine patina of Cajun spices as you cast aside the shells. Susan even put her sausages on the table for community feeding! It was delightful, particularly accompanied with sweet potato fries.

Sandy and I also shared a Dungeness crab as this is the season for such. It, too, was delicious. And, of course, I can't forget to mention the raw oysters, \$15 for a dozen (a very fair price) that we all shared. Again, yummy.

So, "laissez les bons temps rouler" or "let the good times roll" as they say in New Orleans.

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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.

Neighborhood Watch

Want to set one up on your Street? This involves getting together with a group of your neighbors; Santa Ana Police Department provides the training.



Garden Club

I would like to start up the Garden Club again. Call Karen Athey at 714-835-1696 or e-mail me at karenathey@att.net

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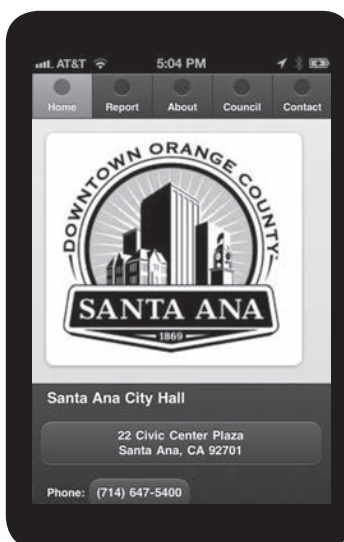


Neighborhood Notes

Public Works . . . *On the go!*

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iPhone and Android users may download the “mySantaAna” application for free from the iPhone App Store and Google Play



Android Market by searching for the keyword “mySantaAna.” Once installed, users will simply open the application and follow the prompts to take pictures of the issue and then tap “submit”. Using built-in global positioning system technology, “mySantaAna” will attach a location to the picture and route the information to the appropriate City Department for resolution.

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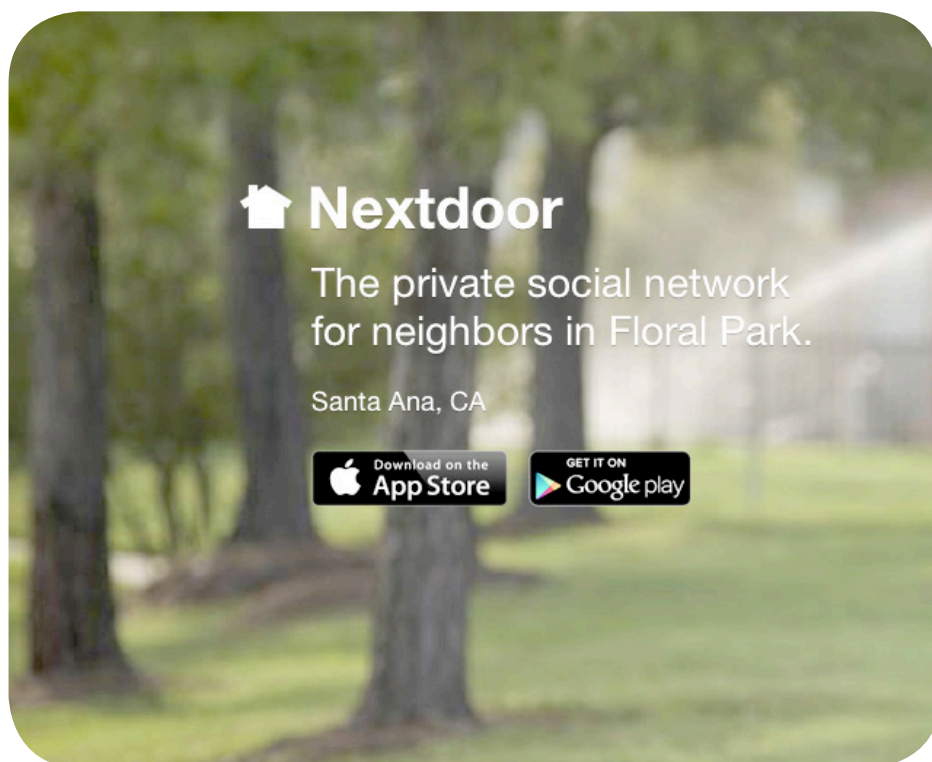
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Families of Floral Park (FOFP)

Since the group started over 20 years ago with a handful of mothers with young children who wanted to meet for playdates and socializing, FOFP has evolved and grown from its wee beginnings, to what we have experienced in the recent past, hosting big neighborhood events for our families with sometimes over 500 people in attendance. While the big events have been great experiences for all, it is not sustainable and we are at a loss for volunteers to head up the group. So, it is again time for change, and we are returning to our roots.

We are excited to explore how we can reinvent ourselves in the coming year as we seek to go “smaller,” even a little deeper. What this could look like though is as varied as each one of us.

For the parents of younger children, we are seeking those parents who would like to meet similar parents to start up routine playgroups or story times at the park or a neighbor’s home during the week.

For the parents of 6-9 year olds, we may be looking at starting a book club that both boys and girls would enjoy. The book club would meet once a month.

For all parents, it might look like a few adults-only events: hangouts at the pub, group date nights, or inclusive holiday parties at neighbors’ homes.

These types of ideas can be shared and organized directly on the Families of Floral Park Yahoo Group. If you wish to be added to our Yahoo Group, please send an email to: FamiliesofFloralPark-subscribe@yahoogroups.com The ideas are endless in finding ways to help our families make connections with each other and to continue encouraging one another in the



great adventure of raising strong and healthy kids. If you have ideas of your own, please share them with the group, so that we can support each other and help make these ideas a reality.

We are still in need of Board members to oversee and provide governance for the funds raised up to this point. We have the ability to be creative with how the Board functions and what positions are held. Because we are going smaller, holding a position on the Board would not call for as much time and energy expended as it has in the past. If you are interested in becoming more involved, please contact Jade Chiarini-Gallagher at jadechiarini@yahoo.com or Corrie Johnson at corrie.johnson@gmail.com - use re: FOFP.

Lastly, we do plan on continuing the tradition of hosting our lemonade stand at the annual Floral Park Home Tour the weekend of April 26/27. This has been, and continues to be, a wonderful way to meet new neighbors and invite them to become more involved in FOFP as well as supporting our awesome neighborhood association, FPNA, in their biggest event of the year. Funds raised from the stand will continue to be used



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The Lemonade Stand at the Home Tour

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If you are interested in volunteering for the Lemonade Stand, please contact Michelle Donahue at mdon2108@gmail.com



Parents even get into costume at the Harvest Festival



at the Harvest Festival



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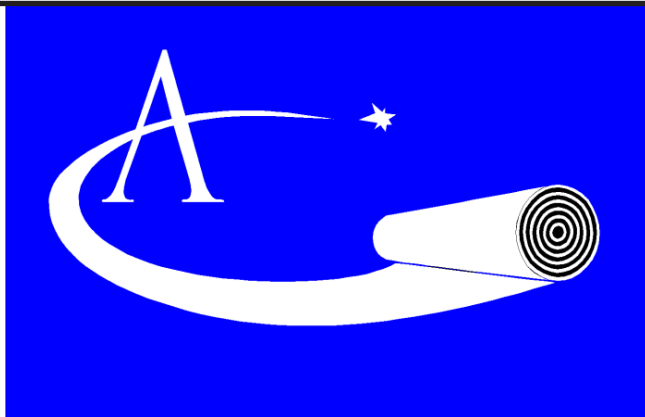
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