

FLORAL PARK

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

Spring 2019

May Flowers Issue

New Trees For Floral



FPNA Beautification Committee "Tree Team" with hard hats and shovels with members of the hardworking City of Santa Ana Public Works Agency (PWA) and West Coast Arborists (WCA). 23 trees were planted during the cool season when planting is best. Myrtle, oak, pine, and sycamore trees are now being watered with "gator bags" on Flower, Greenleaf, Ross, Victoria, and North Park Blvd parkways. Camphor trees are growing on the Flower Street median. Nice work team!

Board Elections This Month!

Join the FPNA Board – it's a great chance to meet more neighbors, help coordinate special projects or events, or just hang out with some really fun people! See more details on our website, or email elections@floralpark.com with your intent to run, by May 14th. Lots of opportunities available!

2019 Home Tour - turn the page to see more!



Don't Miss These Upcoming Events!

**FPNA General Meeting
Scholarships & Charity Awards**
Sunday, June 23rd
3:00pm
2121 N. Victoria Dr.

Freedom Fest
Saturday, June 29th
3:00-7:00pm
On Heliotrope Dr.

Summer Concert
Saturday, August 24th
5:00-9:00pm
Heliotrope Cul-de-Sac

See our Events
Calendar on page 9!

2019 Home & Garden Tour!



Social Scene

by Tammy Heider, Social Butterfly Extraordinaire



Welcome to spring! The Social Committee is off to a great start for 2019! We've already enjoyed two events and we have plenty of surprises in store for the rest of the year. So here's the low down on the events we've held and a sneak preview of what's to come!

The year started off with a new event, a Valentine Sweetheart Dinner on February 10th, which we limited to 20 couples. It was a lovely, romantic evening hosted by Rocke & Alison DeMark at their fabulous castle home. We began with a valentine-inspired photo opportunity, complete with a decorative backdrop and professional photographer Stephanie Bazarro. The party had an Italian theme, and each guest enjoyed a refreshing cocktail at the prosecco bar with fresh fruit added to the bubbly. Appetizers included bruschetta and a sampler platter of Italian finger foods. Each couple selected their seat at a table decorated with lovely fresh flower arrangements of roses and lilies created by Alison DeMark and hand-painted Valentine wine glasses that I (Tammy) hand painted.

Dinner was catered by Sweet Basil Café, of Costa Mesa. The main course selections included lasagna, lobster ravioli and eggplant parmesan. Dessert was created by master pastry Chef Kim Ramos-Moushey, owner of Chocolate Sins, in Laguna - chocolate chip cannoli, limoncello cookies, tiramisu and a chocolate fountain for dipping delectable bites! We had prizes for the newest and longest relationship – winners Michael & Jeanette Mustafa and Stephen & Karen Amsler took home decorative picture frames. Couples created sweetheart letters to present to each other, and the evening concluded with take home gifts; a long-stemmed pink rose for the ladies from her partner, and all couples received their photo in a Valentine card holder. I've received many encouraging compliments and hope to have the Valentine Dinner again in 2020.

Next up was our 4th annual National Margarita Night on February 22nd. This fun event was hosted by David & Karen Aepli on Flower Street. The Aepli's backyard was a perfect setting for a party like Margarita Night! Even on a chilly evening, we had a great turnout of neighbors sipping Cadillac Margaritas made by Rich Heider, next to a contemporary fireplace to keep everyone warm! We had plenty of food to go around, as everyone brought a Mexican inspired dish to share. So who would like to host for 2020?!!

At the printing of this newsletter we will have just had our Cinco de Mayo celebration, an event hosted by neighbors Johnny & Nicholas, on Flower Street. We changed it up a bit this year by asking attendees to bring a dish to share and featured entertainment, games and a festive photo op! Look for pics in the next newsletter!

Be sure to mark your calendars for our much beloved Freedom Fest, Saturday, June 29th from 3:00-7:00pm, along Heliotrope, between 19th Street and Santa Clara. Suzee & Jeff Katz are spearheading the event and are in the planning stages now. It's gearing up to be a fantastic day honoring our veterans and our nation. We will have all the traditional fun and a few new items added to the day's event! We'll reach out to the neighborhood shortly asking for volunteers to lend a hand. Freedom Fest is definitely a family friendly community favorite!

To round up the social corner, here are a few more event dates to look forward to:

Social Committee Meeting for Freedom Fest – Thursday, May 30th 7pm

Summer 2 Fall Concert – Saturday, August 24th 5-9pm

Chili Cook-Off – Saturday, September 28th 3-6pm

Holiday Party – Saturday, December 7th 3-6pm

And In the works...

Cigar and Bourbon/Whiskey night

Progressive Dinner (sometime in July)

Ladies' English Tea and a wine and chocolate night!



Sweetheart Dinner!



XOXO

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Night!





Sarah Mae Downie Park

Clean-Up!



Beautification Update

by Chris Switzer & Nanci Zinngrabe

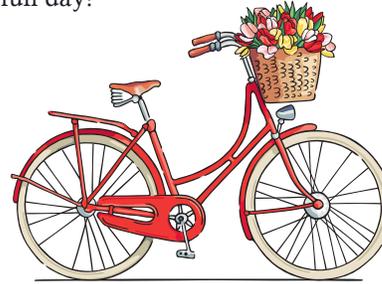


Spring Has Sprung in Sarah Mae Downie Park!

In early April, our Beautification Committee, joined by some new fun neighbors, showed up to our gardens with gloves, shovels and gear to clean and weed our SMD Herb & Flower Garden! Over 2 days we planted flowers, succulents, herbs and veggies in our garden beds. With good conversation, getting our hands in the dirt, and accomplishing a goal together.....it was really such a fun day!

Plan to take a walk or bike ride to see the park!

Take a few sprigs of the many herbs or pick a veggie for your next meal ...plus.... it's a great place for a photo op or selfie!!!



Other News of Note....

TREES

All 23 trees have been planted and neighbors are taking great care of them using their "gator bags". Extra thanks to our awesome Tree Team, Ellen Koldewey and Angel Barnes for organization and educating our neighborhood about the planting and caring for all new trees!

MBYA

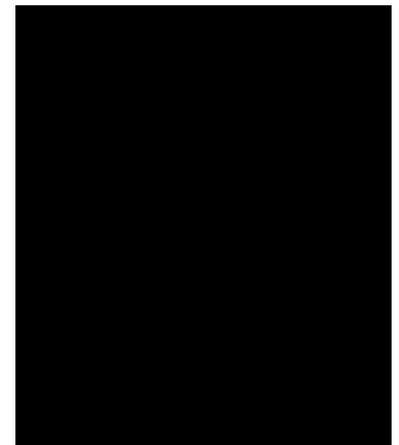
The Most Beautiful Yard Award will be awarded in late June. We are so excited to find out who the winner is!!!! Thank you to all who helped with nominations! When we find out, we will send out an eblast with the nominated and ultimate winner!

A Warm Welcome to Families of the Parks!

We have some exciting news to announce!

In response to your enthusiasm and to meet the demand for a broader appeal, FOFPP will now be known as the "**Families of the Parks**". Along with the new name, we are also debuting our brand-new logo, designed by our very own talented **Talin Espinoza**. With this change, we are proud to serve all the surrounding neighborhoods, including: **Floral Park, West Floral Park, Jack Fisher Park, Morrison Park, and Park Santiago**. We hope to better serve you and your families, and we hope to see more of you getting involved! Look out for our eblasts and upcoming events!

Cheers!
FOTP Committee



Opening Night...the Glam &

It was a truly glamorous evening for our first annual Home Tour Opening Night celebration. Make sure to include it in your plans for next year!



Look Who's in the News!

Floral Park neighbor Olivia Matas, currently Miss East Riverside County, is headed to the Miss California pageant in June! The state competition will have 41 young women competing for the title of Miss California, and the winner not only receives scholarship money and a wider audience to support their social initiative, but also will go on to compete for Miss America in September.

Olivia's platform initiative is Elder Abuse Advocacy, which holds a special place in her heart, after she witnessed its effects firsthand, with her great grandmother. She hopes to further her endeavors and broaden her audience through Miss America programs.

Olivia will serve as Miss East Riverside County for the next year, advocating for elder abuse prevention, making appearances on behalf of the Miss California Organization, and serving as an ambassador for Children's Miracle Network and Ageless Alliance. All the best to you Olivia!



More to See & Do



Take Me to Your Favorite Taco

By Tracey Stein & an “anonymous taco taster”

I recently received a suggestion to feature some great tacos in and around town, submitted by a Floral Park neighbor and self-acclaimed taco expert. Whether you have a late-night craving or are just looking for a new adventure, I think you’ll find these selections a must!

The Taco Stand – new to Orange, near the Circle!

Great asada tacos, we recommend the Sonora taco and street corn on the cob.

Pico de Gallo – corner of 17th & Flower – you know them well!

Great al pastor on the “trompo” (no not our President, but on the spit)
-available only on weekends-



Baja Fish Tacos – in the Barnes & Noble shopping center – nothing better than books & tacos!

Get the asada or fish tacos – grilled or Ensenada style (breaded & fried)

Tito’s Tacos – corner of Ross & 17th – an old fave!

Shredded beef or potato tacos al vapor (steamed) – they also have tasty crispy tacos!

Jalapenos – on Glassell in Orange

One of my best friends Sandra highly recommends the crispy beef tacos...thanks Sandra!

Carnitas Los Reyes – worth the drive, at Tustin & Palmyra St.

Last but not least, for the “real deal” street tacos...we recommend the chicharron tacos, and carnitas are their specialty.

We hope you enjoy these recommendations and hope to see you there! If you have your own recommendations for things to see and do, please email newsletter@floralpark.com.

FPNA Treasurer’s Report

All totals are for the period ending April 1

Balance Across All Accounts.....	\$93,630
Income.....	\$10,071
Expenses.....	\$31,481
FPNA Contributions.....	\$2,175



See the complete budget at floralpark.com

Now You're Up To Date!



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

May

FPNA Board Elections Meeting

5/14 7:00pm @ RSCCD Boardroom
(2323 N. Broadway)

Monthly Board Meeting

5/21 7:00pm @ 2301 N. Flower

June

Monthly Board Meeting

6/18 7:00pm @ 1808 N. Flower

FPNA General Meeting

6/23 3:00pm @ 2121 N. Victoria

- Scholarships, Charity & Legacy Awards

Freedom Fest

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

July

Monthly Board Meeting

7:00pm Date/Location tbd

- New Board Transition Meeting

August

Monthly Board Meeting

7:00pm Date/Location tbd

Summer Concert

8/24 5:00-9:00pm

September

Monthly Board Meeting

7:00pm Date/Location tbd

FPNA General Meeting

7:00pm Date/Location tbd

October

Monthly Board Meeting

7:00pm Date/Location tbd

Chili Cook-Off

9/28 3:00-6:00pm

November

Monthly Board Meeting

7:00pm Date/Location tbd

FPNA General Meeting - Budget Approved

7:00pm Date/Location tbd

December

Holiday Party

12/7 3:00-6:00pm @ N. Park & Benton

Walk of Lights

Details to come!



STAY IN THE LOOP. JOIN THE FPNA EMAIL LIST!

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

If you live in Floral Park, and want to stay informed, simply email: eblast@floralpark.com with your street address, email address(s) and your name(s).

NEED AGENDAS OR MINUTES?

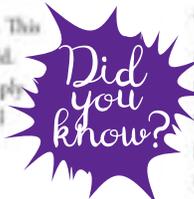
If you want to read the agenda or minutes for a Neighborhood General Meeting or a Board Meeting, you can request them by mail (send the Board Secretary a self-addressed stamped envelope)

Mail your request to: FPNA (Agenda or Minutes)

PO Box 13366, Santa Ana, CA 92711-1366

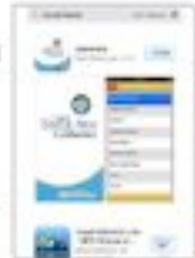
-or- Email your request to secretary@floralpark.com. Board Minutes are also on the website for your access.

www.floralpark.com/fpna-board



SANTA ANA PUBLIC WORKS 'ON THE GO'

The City of Santa Ana has a "mySantaAna" Smart Phone app that allows residents with iPhones and Android phones to point, click and send photos of maintenance issues such as graffiti, potholes, sidewalk defects, street signs, street sweeping, trees, street light repair, weeds, storm drain, water pollution, water wasting, abandoned property, and others



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

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

GARAGE SALES

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



FLORAL PARK BOOK CLUB

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

Look for eblast updates throughout the year, and if you have any questions or suggestions, or would like to host a mixer (lots of fun!!), please send a note to David at membership@floralpark.com.

Membership

by David Buster

Our neighborhood continues to welcome many new residents, and it's great to see such enthusiasm for our historic homes and unique community! If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to FPNA, please use the form below, or visit our website at www.floralpark.com.

Remember that giving has these added benefits:

- \$25 - (1) Entry in Chili Cook Off
- \$100 - Chili Entry + 10 Cook Off tastings
- \$200 - Chili Entry + 10 Cook Off tastings + 2 Home Tour tickets
- \$350 - Chili Entry + 20 Cook Off tastings + 4 Home Tour tickets
- \$550 - Chili Entry + 20 Cook Off tastings + 4 Home Tour tickets + seating for (6) at an FPNA event + \$75 DTSA Gift Card



New Neighbors!

- Millicent Low
- Mae Lin & Zeb Cyrus
- John & Diane Somerville
- William Bridge & Michele Profit

Winter Showers Brought....Spring Donations!!

- Trish & Lazlo Biro**
- Donna Duffy**
- Ellen Koldewey**
- Chris and Kelly Reinberger**
- John Bretza**
- Diana and Peter Christoffersen**
- John Von Szeliski**
- Pamela Schneider & Laurie Ann Burns**
- Gary Barton Ph.D & Aleda Barton**
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- Kate & Mel Ladd**
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- Patricia Doyle**
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- Ruth & David Seigle**
- Alison & Rocke DeMark**
- Don & Joanne Payne**
- Maureen Lukaszewski**



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

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