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US Representative Lou Correa awards Sean Verne the 1st place award in this year's Chili Cook-Off

Chili Cook-off & Block Party was Hot Hot Hot Stuff

This year the Chili Cook-off was brought back to North Park Blvd. as its own event after being combined with the Fall Concert the past two years. The theme was "Harvest Bounty" utilizing lovely Autumn colors in the decor with scarecrows, pumpkins and an abundance of colorful mums.

The event was held on Saturday, September 28 from 3-6 PM. The turnout from the neighborhood was the largest we've seen in the past several years due to having fourteen chili cook-off entries this year. *(continued on page 14)*

Floral Park Turns Into Tropical Paradise For Summer Luau Concert

Floral Park transformed the Heliotrope cul-de-sac into a magnificent Hawaiian Luau surrounded by tiki torches, hula girls, traditional Don Ho style music, and decorated tables taking you to the depths of paradise! The only thing missing was a waterfall.

The luau began with island tunes by Chris "Tiny Bubbles" Ho and his orchestra. While mingling, guests enjoyed being serenaded by the band, toasting a lovely evening and sampling all sorts of Hawaiian flavors. To top it off, Brian and Denise Byrd provided the awesome Hawaiian shaved ice cones.

We were entertained by a spectacular group of Polynesian dancers. Jeff & Suzee Katz and Adam Loughlin were among those brought up on stage to show off their hula talents. What a fabulous show! *(continued on page 14)*

FPNA Board Votes To Oppose Rezoning at 2525 North Main

The Floral Park board has voted unanimously to join Park Santiago and the North Santa Ana Preservation Alliance in officially opposing the Magnolia at the Park Residential Development by Vineyard Development, Inc. at 2525 North Main Street, across from the Discovery Science Center. Originally envisioned as a 496-unit high density apartment complex 90 feet tall, it has been scaled down, as of October, to 256 units (74 Studios, 103 one bedrooms units, 75 two bedroom units, and 4 three bedroom units) with 511 parking spaces (ratio of 2.0 parking spaces per unit with a 5-level parking structure with a 6th-level amenity deck.) However, this is still over twice the density of any project in Santa Ana adjacent to single family homes.

The project completely ignores one goal of Santa Ana's General Plan: "Preserve and improve the character and integrity of existing neighborhoods." There are 28 projects in various stages of approval/construction/availability which have or will add 4,909 housing units within 0.5 miles of 2525. This includes the 1,900 units slated for the Main Place Transformation project. From a city perspective, the 2525 project will do nothing to



lessen the existing density of the most densely populated sections of the city. Units in those areas are priced well below Vineyard's planned rents, so the new units will provide no relief to those who need it most.

The congestion that these new units would bring to an already overtaxed intersection could cause a traffic nightmare. These cumulative projects will create an additional 32,000 daily trips on our city streets. This does not count the new business properties also in their planning stages. A second driveway has been added close to Edgewood, the only west residential access point for 1,164 homes. This, coupled with the close proximity to the I-5 Main St. off-ramp, will create extreme gridlock. Add to that the removal of the carpool entrance and exit at Main, inadequate public transportation to employment locations and existing traffic congestion in this area, and the impact on the health, *(continued next page)*



Introducing The New FloralPark.com

If you haven't been to the Floral Park web site in a while, you're in for a pleasant surprise. It's been totally redesigned to be easier to navigate, more informative, and well, more fun!

You'll find pages about our history, what's happening in the neighborhood, how to get a parking permit, how to be on the historic register or get the Mills Act.

You'll find links that connect you to recommended plumbers and electricians to work on your house. You'll find links to articles about Floral Park in the Los Angeles Times and Orange County Register along with a collection of historic photos. You'll be able to become a Floral Park patron with the click of a button and purchase license plates, flags, heart stones and other Floral Park merchandise.

You'll find a gallery of photos from the Summer Luau Concert, the Chili Cook-Off and Block Party, the neighborhood pub night and other events, plus the 365 Days of Floral Park Instagram project.

You'll see what homes are up for sale in the neighborhood, what's sold and for how much.

And since there's always something going on in Floral Park, you'll find a list of upcoming events, including neighborhood meetings and happenings and how you can get involved, plus a full calendar of all the fun stuff that's happening in our fair city, from concerts, to screenings, to family events and more.

It's all on your neighborhood web site, so log on and get connected today at www.FloralPark.com.

(*No Rezoning continued*) safety, and quality of life for those living in the area is measurable.

At 256 units on the revised lot size (at time of writing), density is listed as 58 DUA (density of units per acre). Over the course of the past year, the residents have repeatedly declared this project unacceptable. Although the applicant's complex massing has changed, the project is still equivalent to a 5-story mega-apartment complex next to homes that are of historic significance to the community. We believe that Santa Ana can and should do much better than this.

The project at this location will impact the quality of life of the residents of Floral Park, Park Santiago and other neighborhoods. It adds a very dense site to an already congested area. When looking at the a.m. and p.m. peak traffic times and the 15 evaluated freeway access points (30 data points), we find that 22 of those data points currently receive a failing grade. Think of what it will be like after the completion of all the other projects that are currently approved. A recent article in the Orange County Business Journal said it best: "When increased density leads to overcrowding...it results in a lowered quality of life, including reduced privacy and greater demands on local services and amenities." While reduced in size, it is still six stories with inadequate parking, and according to the Environmental Impact Report, the impact to aesthetics is still "significant and unavoidable."

But the singular issue that caused the board to oppose the project is that it requires rezoning. Vineyard Development's plan for 2525 will require the City of Santa Ana to change the zoning from professional to specific development (allowing increased height and density) as well a General Plan amendment, a document used to manage development. And once that Pandora's box is opened, it sets a very dangerous precedent for future developments.

The Santa Ana Main Place Mall has been very transparent with its redevelopment plans. Vineyard Development, however keeps switching its details, even at meeting times. The mall requested to meet with the neighborhood at a Floral Park General Membership meeting and presented their plans, answered our questions and asked for our input. This is absolutely not the case with this developer.

We are not opposed to development in Santa Ana and actively want our city to grow and thrive. However, we are opposed to the 2525 North Main project and the rezoning that it would require.

Please make the effort to have your voice heard. This project goes before the city council on Tuesday, November 19. We encourage you to write them at citycouncil@santa-ana.org and attend the city council meeting on the 19th. You can also contact the North Santa Ana Preservation Alliance at NSAPainfo@gmail.com.

Floral Park to create Butterfly Sanctuary

We are very excited to announce that we have been approved to create a certified butterfly sanctuary in Sarah Mae Downie Park, the only public butterfly sanctuary in Santa Ana.

We will begin this fall with clean-up and construction of a small concrete barrier wall. Planting will take place in January utilizing various native plants to sustain the butterflies during their four stages of life: egg, larva, chrysalis and adult. The list of plants includes bush monkey flower, budelia (butterfly plant), penstemons of various varieties, rue, yarrow, showy milkweed, lavender, fennel, lemon and lantana.

Butterflies pollinate flowers while gathering nectar and their presence indicates a healthy garden. We look forward to completing the project and becoming officially certified by Spring, in time to be featured on the 2020 Floral Park Home and Garden Tour!

There are approximately 170 species of butterflies in Southern California including mourning cloak, common buckeye, gulf fritillary, swallowtail, monarch and painted lady. We are also lucky enough to live in a climate where we can watch and observe the monarch butterfly migration. Every year adult monarch butterflies make massive migrations from August through October, flying thousands of miles south to hibernate along the California coast and in central Mexico. In the wintertime in Southern California, butterflies like to roost in our trees and live in our open habitats including fields, meadows, weedy areas, marshes, and roadsides. Floral Park will soon be on the list of parks, sanctuaries and nature playgrounds to which the monarch butterflies can migrate.

We always welcome new members to join the Floral Park beautification committee. For information on meetings or projects, contact Chris Switzer and Nanci Zinngrabe at beautification@floralpark.com

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NO 2525 DEVELOPMENT



Snow in the forecast once again for Floral Park Holiday Party

The holidays are upon us and that means it's time for the annual Floral Park Holiday Party, our biggest social event of the year. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, December 7 from 3:00 -6:00 PM on North Park at Benton Way in front of the historic "Castle House."

Returning this year are the horse and sleigh ride, Santa and Mrs. Claus, face painting, balloon artist, cookie decorating, hot beverages, live carolers, and, of course, real snow generously provided by Sandy DeAngelis.

This is an event you don't want to miss, so mark your calendars now and get ready for a truly magical winter wonderland.

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Jeff Plost's photo of the Castle House on North Park Blvd. with the Zlaket family wedding is one of the many images on the Floral Park Instagram page.

365 Days of Floral Park Photos

Floral Park's Instagram page features a different photo of Floral Park every day, 365 days a year! Photos of early California tile installations are featured on Tile Tuesdays, photos of Floral Park and Santa Ana's rich history are highlighted on Throwback Thursdays and images of the many beautiful fountains throughout the neighborhood are the spotlight on Fountain Fridays. The rest of the week, it's beautiful photos of the homes, yards, flowers, gardens and architecture of Floral Park. Who knows, your home may have already been featured! Floral Park's Instagram page is located at <https://www.instagram.com/historicfloralkparkneighborhood/>, but you can also see the entire collection of Floral Park photos at www.FloralPark.com/gallery.



A fun time was had by all as Families of the Parks presented Boo! A Halloween Spooktacular on North Heliotrope Drive in Floral Park on October 27.

Letter From The President

—Ed Murashie



Seasons Greetings everyone. I just returned from walking the dog where I enjoyed seeing homeowners and volunteers busy setting up decorations and games on Heliotrope for the annual Spooktacular. I know the kids and adults alike are going to have a wonderful and safe time.

I want to start with a heart touching story I saw unfold last month on NextDoor. One of our neighbors, kindergarten teacher Sara Turrietta, reached out and asked for donations for a family who was experiencing homelessness. The outpouring of donations was incredible and made me reflect on what a great neighborhood we have. Thank you all who offered to help!

These are just two of the many stories and activities which make Floral Park a great place to call home. I would like to share some of this year's other highlights.

Floral Park was invited to contribute an item to the time capsule being buried today for the city's 150th anniversary and we chose this year's home tour book. It is something not found on the Internet and can be enjoyed when unveiled. For the first time in the six years I have lived here, the board took a stance on a city cause, a stance against the 2525 Main Street development. This year we had another outstanding home tour thanks to Sandy DeAngelis and her committee which provided more funds for scholarships than ever before. Also thanks to Tammy Heider our ambitious social director plus Suzee Katz and the many volunteers for the well-attended social events and the upcoming holiday party which will top off the year. This year we turned our attention and money on our neighborhood by way of new trees and becoming a historic district. We have always loosely called Floral Park 'historic' but now for the first time we truly are on the road to becoming one after submitting our National Historic District application this weekend.

With all that happened this year, I am more excited about next year with the new talent the board has acquired. Craig Kalthoff, our new treasurer, spearheaded the budget effort and worked closely with every board member to fund their projects next year, assuming the

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budget gets approved by you. He was brought up to speed quickly and has been provided support by Rich Heider our outgoing treasurer. I want to thank Rich for his years of dedication and keeping the books in order. The good news is Rich isn't going anywhere; he has jumped into the Bylaws Committee with both feet. Marc LaFont, our new communications director, has turned the website around. It looks great, is mobile friendly, more informative and should bring in more revenue. Jeff Katz has joined forces with David Buster as membership directors welcoming new neighbors, some of which showed up at the recent general membership meeting at The Olde Ship. Chris Switzer and Nanci Zinngrabe keep the place looking beautiful and have a surprise in store for next year. Ellen Koldewey is looking after our trees and held the recent bylaws committee meeting with Erik Hernandez. They figured out a solution they will be presenting to the board and you about election ties. Angel Barnes is keeping the most detailed meeting minutes I have ever seen and keeps us up to date with city matters. Julie Humphreys and Tracey Stein are gearing up for the next batch of charity and scholarship awards. It is the largest board FPNA has had and is running on all cylinders.

I want to end by thanking the election committee for doing double duty this year and especially thank Richard Payne for serving as the election committee chairman since the committee was formed. He is stepping down to pursue other interests and is passing the reins to Nicole Fabian. Laszlo Brio and Ann Andres will be returning and we are looking for another volunteer.

Happy Holidays to you and your family and please be mindful of others in need. —Ed

Floral Park Well On Its Way To Being A National Historic District in 2020

After many months of research and writing, the final submission to the State Historic Preservation Office and the National Park Service has been made for review and approval for designation at the state and federal levels for the Floral Park Historic District.

After receiving the submission materials, the Office of Historic Preservation will have a 3-4 month period where they will dedicate between 100 and 150 hours to reading the document while collaborating with the National Park Service for a final review. These two organizations will review the document and then submit any questions or requests for information back to historian Dylan Almendral and the Floral Park historic committee.

Approximately 5 months into the process, ballots for homeowners's voting will be mailed to the entire neighborhood. Within 3-4 weeks, the ballot responses will be counted. To proceed, we will need a majority approval vote of the returned ballots. After 4-6 weeks, should the voting go as expected, Floral Park will be a new Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places, the State Office of Historic Preservation and in the City of Santa Ana. Overall, the entire process will take a minimum of 6 months.

We anticipate reaching a final decision by June or July, 2020. In the meantime, a one-page abstract describing the process will be provided for Floral Park neighbors to understand what was submitted. Once the state has completed a preliminary review of the application and we have updated the documents based on the recommendations, we will make the entire document available online at www.FloralPark.com.

Another great piece of news: the LA Conservancy and the Art Deco Society of Los Angeles would like to show their support by touring the neighborhood and celebrating this project. This is an amazing accomplishment in the effort towards historic preservation of which we can all feel proud.



Neighbors Invited to Celebrate Chanukah at Menorah Lighting Ceremony

On Monday, December 23, Suzee and Jeff Katz will host their third annual Floral Park menorah lighting. This year, the gathering will take place on second night of Chanukah in their front yard located at 1919 N. Heliotrope Dr. at 6:30 pm. The ceremony is open to all Floral Park and West Floral Park neighbors, regardless of religion or heritage. Jeff and Chabad Rabbi Shuey Eliezrie will share a brief universal message of the holiday. The lighting will be followed with traditional latkes (potato pancakes), sufganiyot (jelly doughnuts), wine and beer (He'Brew). For further information, contact Jeff at Jeffrey.Katz@kesherlawgroup.com.

The House That Westerns Built: 2121 North Flower

by Dylan Almendral



The early ranch style home on Fower Street with American Colonial flair was built in 1936 for writer Allan Vaughn Elston (1887-1976) who chose Santa Ana as a place to settle down, raise a family and write westerns, mysteries and the occasional movie and early television script.

Allan Vaughan Elston was born on July 28, 1887 in Kansas City, Missouri. Elston studied engineering at the University of Missouri where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering in 1909. After college he worked as a transit man for railroads in the West and Midwest, a resident engineer, a cattle rancher and a consulting engineer. In 1917, Elston could be found in Balera, Colorado where he was drafted into the National Army and ranked as a 1st Lieutenant in "D" Company 314th Engineer Battalion of the 89th Infantry Division. Training would take him from Colorado to Kansas and finally to New Jersey for embarkation aboard to the Carpathia as part of the American Expeditionary Forces. The 89th Division saw action at Lagny, France where they were baptized with mustard gas from the other side of no-man's land. The 89th would take part in the battles of St. Mihiel and in the Argonne. The responsibilities of the engineers would be that of construction and destruction, improving roads for convoys, constructing barbed wire entanglements, pill boxes, trench systems, telephone and telegraph lines as well as acting as shock troops during major offensives to cut through wire and obstacles of the enemy. Elston

would return to the United States in 1919 a Captain.

Upon arriving back in the US, his first published article in Munsey's Magazine titled "American Soldiers and the Women of France" was published in 1919. It detailed local customs and daily life, friendships and

courtship between the two cultures. Afterward he began a small engineering firm in Tulsa, Oklahoma and wed Kathleen Chestain of Tulsa. Their first son, Allan Jr., would be born in 1920. He began work as a free-lance writer of western fiction and mystery stories in 1924 and became well known for his western novels and stories for pulp and men's magazines like Argosy, Detective Fiction Weekly, Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine, Adventure, and Zane Grey's Western Magazine.

In the mid-1930s, Allan and family would move to Santa Ana, California, Allan had written a few successful stories that were adapted for film and bought the family home at 2121 N. Flower Street. Between 1937 and 1956, Allan would be credited as a writer of original stories for 10 productions including "Alfred Hitchcock Presents", "Schlitz Playhouse", "The Pepsi-Cola Playhouse", "City Detective", "Robert Montgomery Presents", and films "Isle of Destiny", "Paradise Isle" and "Paradise Express".

Elston's petitioned the United States Army for re-enlistment at 56 years old and won that fight, receiving a commission as Major at Camp Hood, Texas as part of the Tank Destroyer Training Corps. But he was not the only Elston to fight for his country: Junior flew a P-38 photo reconnaissance plane with the 8th Air Force out of England before being shot down and being held a prisoner of war in November of 1944.

After the war, Elston continued his successful writing career which includes novels Roundup on



The Picketwire (1952), Long Lope to Lander (1954), Showdown (1956), and Saddle Up for Steamboat (1973).

Allan Vaughan Elston, a veteran of both World Wars, his wife Kathleen and their children Allan Jr., daughter Magene and son John William, enjoyed their home at 2121 N Flower until he passed away on October 21, 1976 and the home was sold to Ed and Karen Athey in March of 1977.

Your holiday shopping dilemma solved

What do you buy the person who has everything? How about a donation in their name to the Floral Park Scholarship Fund? Or make them a Patron of Floral Park with a donation to the neighborhood? They'd probably really appreciate a Floral Park flag or license plate frame so they can show off their neighborhood pride. Or you could place a heart stone in Sarah Mae Downie Park in honor of someone you love. Now you can do all of your Floral Park shopping online at www.FloralPark.com/shop.



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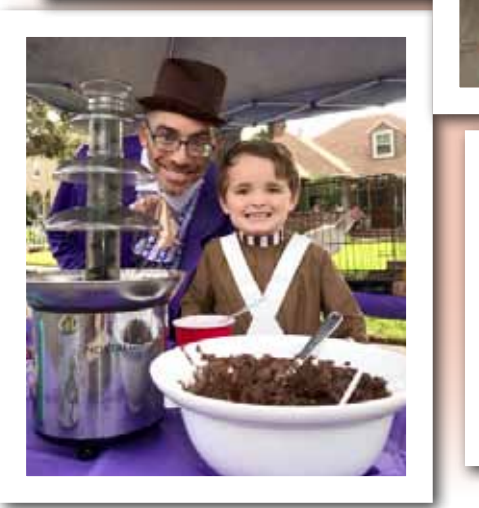
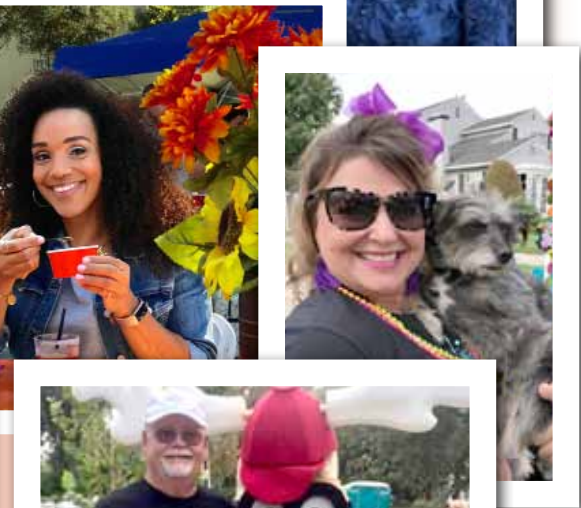
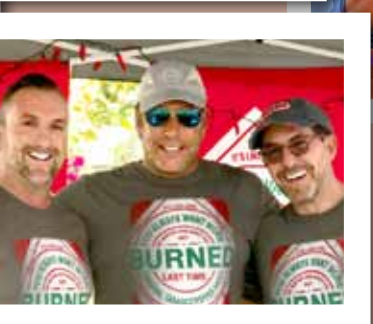
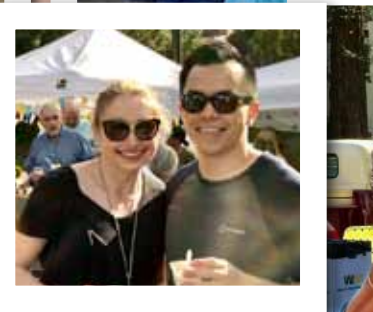
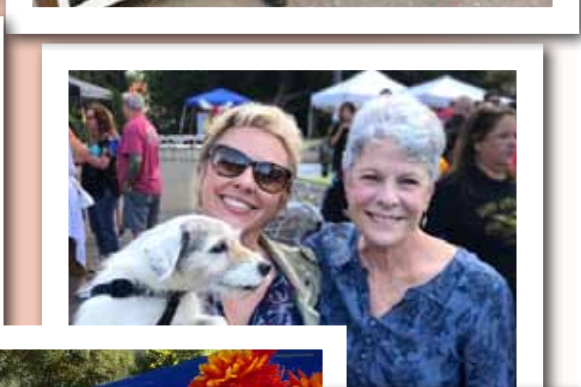
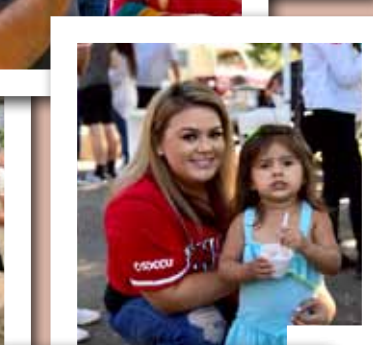
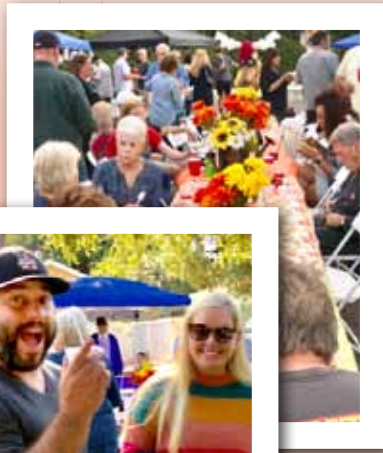
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7th Annual Chili Cook-Off & Block Party



Remembering the life of Debbie Burks Karaffa

On September 14, family and friends from near and far joined together in Sarah Mae Downie Park to celebrate the too short life of Debbie Burks Karaffa. We miss her walking our streets while she trained for one of the many 5K's she participated in for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Debbie was a friend to many, a wife, a mother and a member of the Floral Park Book Club, among many other accomplishments too many to mention. A heart stone has been placed in the garden to honor her memory. If you would like to order a Heart Stone for someone you care about, please contact Nanci Zinngrabe at zcasasucasa@yahoo.com or go to FloralPark.com/shop.



Friends and family gather at Sarah Mae Downie Garden to celebrate the life of Debbie Burks Karaffa.



Welcome New Neighbors

Floral Park would like to welcome all our new neighbors who have moved into our wonderful neighborhood. Be sure and keep an eye out for these new home owners, make introductions and give a friendly 'Hello!' We look forward to meeting you at an upcoming Floral Park event.

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I'd like to give a huge shout out to the following neighbors who made the Luau possible: Suzee & Jeff Katz for going door to door for signatures & obtaining all permits and securing the band and dancers; to Richard Terrones, Jeff Katz, Rich Heider, Brian Byrd, Ed Power, Laszlo Biro and Dave Fink for setup and clean up; Dave & Lazs, we couldn't have pulled off the event without you stringing all the lights and running the electrical; and to our homeowners on Heliotrope for donating their electricity and embracing their street transformed into an island paradise.

We also extend our appreciation to the generous donors in our neighborhood for the event. Many thanks are due to Morgan Buster and her company "A La Mode Collections" for loaning the rattan chair and ottoman for the photo booth and to Dwayne Greenleaf & Pedro Arizmendi owners of the new trendy restaurant in downtown Santa Ana, Benchmark, for donating a gift certificate for the best decorated table. Competition for the coveted prize was fierce with so many tables decorated with colorful island motifs. Overall, it was an amazingly fun night. Thanks to everyone who made this magical evening such a huge success!

(Chili Cook-Off continued from page 1)

It was such fun visiting each of the booths creatively decorated and sampling all the secret chili recipes and toppings made from scratch in hopes of winning the FPNA 2019 Chili Cook-off best chili and people's choice awards.

Judging was very difficult for the confidential judges selected by Rich Heider: Congressman, Lou Correa, historian specialist, Dylan Almandral and State Farm agent, Eddie Q. Each contestant did a fabulous job coming up with a theme for their booth and chili. The creativity was spectacular.

First place went to Sean Verne and his New Chili's on the Block entry, second place went to new contestants Santa Ana Elks Lodge #794 with their Heartburn Chili, and third place went to new resident Michael Smith with his Old Stump House Stump Chili. The People's Choice Award went to new residents Jonathan Rosenberger and Trace Weatherford for their Red's Smoked Brisket Chili. The Best Decorated Booth award went to Wayne Suraci and Merle Craig for their Park Avenue Chili (Monopoly theme). Others competing in the Cook-Off included Steve Carlsen, and Michael & Jeanette



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Thank you to every contestant who entered the cook-off. Without your willingness to make over two gallons of chili and decorate your booths, FPNA couldn't have had the event. Many thanks to the social team for distributing flyers, Marc LaFont for advertising the event and soliciting entrants, Rich Heider and Jess Carr for preparing the entrant bags and procuring all supplies, Jeff and Suzee Katz for obtaining permission from all residents on N. Park, filing for all permits and hiring the DJ, Jeanette Mustafa for helping decorate the tables, Paul Miller and Laszlo Biro for running all electricity and Richard Terrones, Ed Power, Brian Byrd, Rich Heider and Jeff Katz for set up and tear down.

I'd also like to give a shout out to KC and Helen Jones on N. Park who joyfully provided the entire

neighborhood yummy frozen margaritas plus chips & salsa! Thank you KC and Helen for making the cook-off extra fun. Last but not least, our sincerest thanks to Ryan Matas for his generous gift card of \$100 to his fabulous restaurant Craftsman Pizza, Bar and Grill in Anaheim and to The Olde Ship British Pub for their gift of \$50. We appreciate the support of both wonderful restaurants and encourage Floral Park residents to visit these establishment for a delicious meal.




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Floral Park In Santa Ana Time Capsule

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Local Events Added To Website

Looking for fun stuff to do in and around Floral Park? There's a new calendar of local events added to the Floral Park website. You can now see what's happening at the Bowers Museum, what concerts are taking place around town, when the Farmer's Market is happening, what special events are taking place downtown, etc. Many of the events are free. So next time you need to find something fun to do, let FloralPark.com/calendar be the first place you go!

Floral Park Holiday Party

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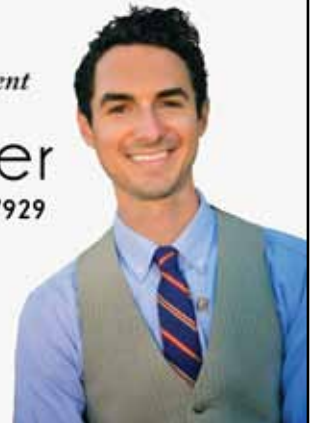
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Feature Your Home In The 2020 Floral Park Home & Garden Tour

Each year, we appeal to our neighbors to volunteer to put their residence on the Home Tour. We were so successful last year that we more or less “overbooked” and our visitors had difficulty getting to each home and garden.

We’ve decided to resize our event to maximize the fun and excitement we all feel on the two days of Home Tour. But, we’ve also expanded what we plan to do.

In the past few years, we’ve added several features. In 2017, we added the wine garden. In that first year, we had a volunteer nearby neighborhood singer who was such a great hit that she came back for a two-day gig last year.

In 2018 we began to offer on-tap beer, again a hit. In 2019 we added “Opening Night” on the Friday before Home Tour. We didn’t quite sell out for a couple of reasons but we did put on a silent auction that, as the evening went on, grew and grew and provided a good bit of fun and produced about \$5,000 in proceeds for scholarships. Entertainment was by a Floral Park resident.

This indicates that the Home Tour is an ever-evolving center of our neighborhood life. What do we have in store for the coming year?

We want to limit our house selection to five homes that will be indicative of our variety of architectural and life styles. We’d like to get several gardens as well. Our goal is to have everything chosen by the end of this calendar year. This will allow us to focus on the detailed planning and promotion for what could be the first Home Tour after we’ve been officially designated an historic neighborhood.

We already have two homes chosen for the tour. We’d love to have yours. If you live north of Santa Clara and want your home or garden on the Home Tour, please call Sandy DeAngelis at 714-357-8565 or write HomeTour@FloralPark.com.




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Become a Floral Park Patron and support neighborhood preservation

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If you haven't already done so, would you consider giving this year? You can become a Floral Park Patron with a donation of as little as \$25. All five levels of patronage come with benefits (like Home Tour admissions and Chili Cook-off tasting tickets) and it all goes to support neighborhood programs and services such as historical projects, reforestation, park maintenance, neighborhood beautification, social events, scholarships, local charities, and more. Your donation makes a difference, and because Floral Park is a 501(c)3 organization, your donation is also tax deductible. Patronages make a lovely holiday gift to the person who has everything! To become a Patron with a tax deductible donation, go to www.FloralPark.com/shop.

FPNA General Meeting November 14

There will be a Floral Park general membership meeting on Thursday, November 14 at 7:00 pm at Rancho Santiago Community College, 2323 N. Broadway. Mayor Miguel Pulido will speak and we will vote on the proposed budget. To view the proposed budget and the meeting agenda, go to FloralPark.com/board.

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in search of the most festive homes
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**Most Beautiful, Most Creative,
Most Whimsical, Most Old Fashioned,
and Best Use of Lights.**

Judging will take place on Saturday, Dec. 14.

Then on Wednesday, December 18, it's the
Annual Walk of Lights

Starting at 7:00 pm, we invite you to tour the
neighborhood to check out the neighborhood's
festive attire. Drink/Snack stations will be set
up throughout the neighborhood to add to
the merry-making. For information, a list of
stations, or to host a station yourself, go to
www.FloralPark.com/calendar.

FALL MIXER

Come enjoy nibbles and sips with your
Floral Park neighbors at our
annual Fall Mixer!

Saturday, November 16, 3:00-6:00 pm
2321 North Park Boulevard
www.FloralPark.com/calendar

Mark Your Calendars Now for 2020

Here's a quick reference for some of our planned meetings and events this year and in 2020. Dates and times are subject to change so look for more details in eblasts and at FloralPark.com/calendar. Locations and dates not listed are yet to be determined.

NOVEMBER 2019

FPNA General Meeting 11/14, 7 pm,
Rancho Santiago CC, 2323 N. Broadway
Fall Mixer 11/16, 3-6pm, 2321 N. Park

DECEMBER 2019

Holiday Party 12/7 3-6 pm, North Park & Benton
Decorating Contest Judging 12/14
Walk of Lights 12/18, 7-9 pm

JANUARY 2020

FPNA Board Meeting 1/21, 7 pm

FEBRUARY 2020

Valentines Dinner 2/8, 6 pm
FPNA Board Meeting 2/18, 7 pm
National Margarita Day Event 2/22, 6 pm
Spring Mixer

MARCH 2020

FPNA Board Meeting 3/17, 7 pm
FPNA General Meeting

APRIL 2020

FPNA Board Meeting 4/21, 7 pm
Floral Park Home & Garden Tour 4/25-26
Tour: 8am-4pm, Wine Garden: 11-6 pm

MAY 2020

Cinco de Mayo Party 5/3, 3-7 pm
FPNA Board Meeting 5/18, 7 pm
Board Elections.....

JUNE 2020

FPNA Board Meeting 6/16, 7 pm
General Meeting (Scholarships, Charity & Legacy Awards)
Freedom Fest 6/27, 3-7:00, Heliotrope

JULY 2020

FPNA Board Meeting 7/20, 7pm

AUGUST 2020

FPNA Board Meeting 8/18, 7pm
Summer Concert 8/22, 5-6 pm

SEPTEMBER 2020

FPNA Board Meeting 9/22, 7pm

OCTOBER 2020

Chili Cook-Off & Block Party 10/3, 3-6 pm
FPNA Board Meeting 10/20, 7pm

NOVEMBER 2020

FPNA Board Meeting 11/17, 7pm
General Meeting (Budget Approval)

DECEMBER 2020

Holiday Party 12/5, 3-6 pm, North Park
Decorating Contest Judging.....
Walk of Lights



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