



# West Floral Park FALL 2015 NEWSLETTER

## WFPNA

*Where Neighbors Turn Into Family and Friends*

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## West Floral Park Goes to the Dogs

BY DONNA LAYNE AND NEXTDOOR.COM NEIGHBORS

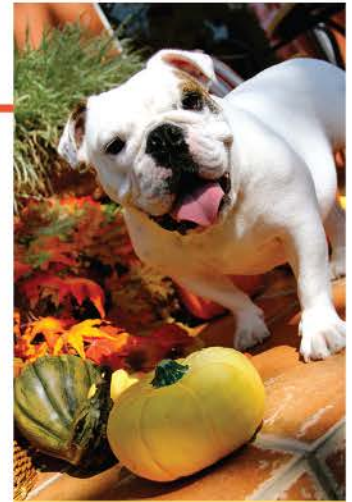
*West Floral Park has gone to the dogs! Dogs everywhere—morning, noon and night—taking their owners out for walks or just hangin' in their front yards. I maintain that our dogs have helped us be more connected with each other in addition to keeping us healthier and happier. As any pet lover knows they are part of the family. So I dedicate this feature story to all the dogs in West Floral Park. I would also like to remember some of our dog friends who have recently crossed over the rainbow bridge. Enjoy our dog photos sent in by people all over our neighborhood who responded to my Nextdoor.com request for photos.*

Tracy Edmunds let us know that there are 3 families in our neighborhood volunteering to raise guide dog puppies. The Edmunds (on Olive Street) and the Heimanns (on 21st) are raising puppies for Guide Dogs for the Blind, and the Wurts (on Westwood) are raising puppies for Guide Dogs of America. Edmunds/Heimann's new pup is "Flora" and the Wurts are training "Holland." You might



see them walking their puppies around wearing their green or yellow jackets. It's helpful for our neighbors to know what to do when approaching a guide dog in training or "at work." Usually when you see a person with their guide dog it is best to speak to the owner and not the dog. Same goes for petting which can be a distraction for the pups. Always ask the owner first. *Continued on Page 2 >*

*At Left: Guide Dog puppy FLORA who is being co-raised by the Edmunds and Heimanns.*



*Above: MAGGIE, the new kid on the block. Proud owners Matt Holland & Mark Spratt of Westwood Avenue.*

## UPCOMING WEST FLORAL PARK EVENTS

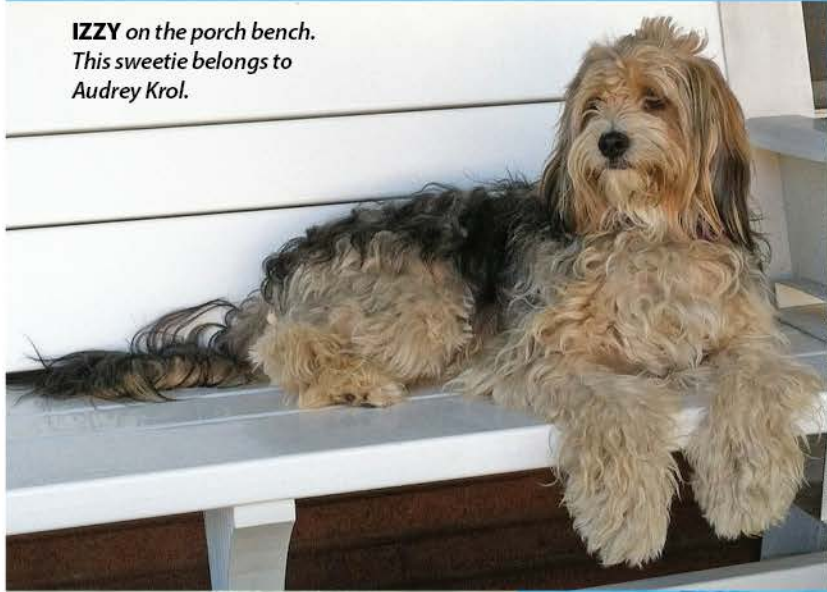
**Wednesday, November 18** | WFPNA General Meeting & Elections

**Sunday, December 6** | West Floral Park Annual Holiday Party

**Sunday, December 13** | Holiday Light Judging — Turn your lights on!

## West Floral Park Goes to the Dogs (Continued from cover page)

**IZZY** on the porch bench.  
This sweetie belongs to  
Audrey Krol.



The Edmunds on Olive Street  
"career changed" Guide Dog  
puppy **ROSELLA**.



**WINSTON** at the beach.  
Another one of Audrey's pups.

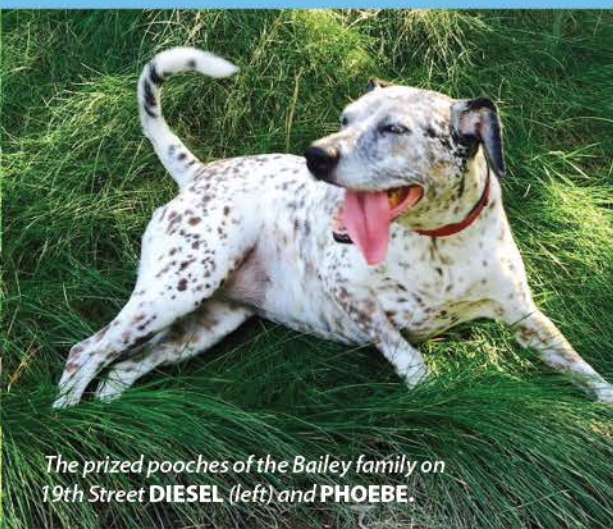
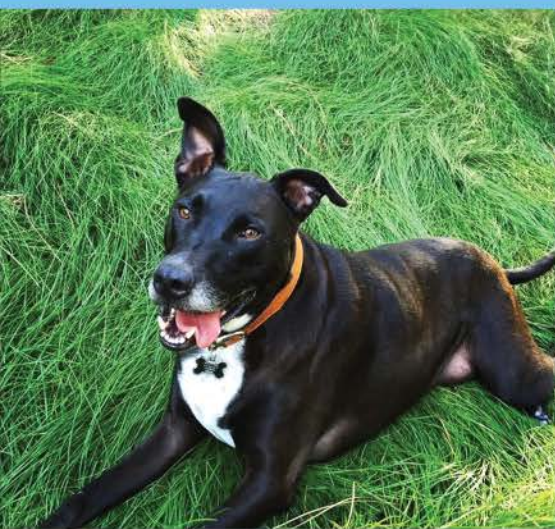
**CHEWY** (above) lives with the  
Wilsons on Lowell Lane.

I am **OTTO** (above on the left) I am a Chihuahua mix.  
Next to me is my brother, **RALEIGH**. He is a Terrier mix.  
We belong to Rod & Carol who live on Rosewood Avenue.

Meet Sweet  
**CHLOE**  
Paige Lefever's  
"Foster Fail"  
living happily on  
Towner Street  
along with **RUBY**  
(to the right of  
Chloe) She is  
Paige's little  
Chihuahua-  
Pitbull mix.



Hi! I'm **AMY**, a West Highland Terrier (left) and my  
sister **HAZEL** (right), she's a Chihuahua. We live with  
Bruce Bauer on Rosewood Avenue.



**CASSIE** lives with the Tancredis on 19th Street.

The prized pooches of the Bailey family on 19th Street **DIESEL** (left) and **PHOEBE**.



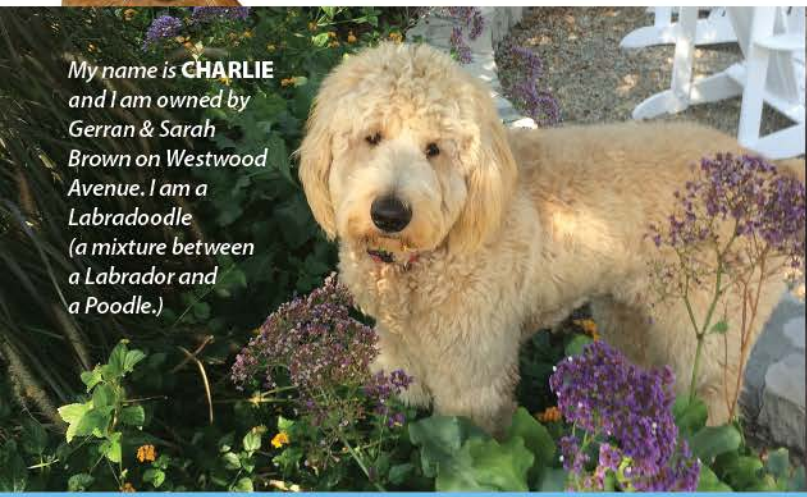
**SADIE** who lives with the Lawlers on Rosewood Avenue.



**BOSKO, EMMA and RED** (above) are from the same litter. Dori & Bruce on Rosewood actually helped the mom deliver these. Best fur babies ever! We are kind of proud of them and love them dearly. Bosko is so attached to Dori and Bruce he doesn't let them out of his sight.



Hey! What About Me?!



My name is **CHARLIE** and I am owned by Gerran & Sarah Brown on Westwood Avenue. I am a Labradoodle (a mixture between a Labrador and a Poodle.)



This is **ELLIE & COCO** who live with Jim & Karen Mittendorf on Riviera Drive.

**West Floral Park Goes to the Dogs** (Continued from page 3)



Here's **TRIXIE** (above). She loves to go camping and on hikes! From the Jordan Family, Jeff, Claudia & Sarah on Olive Street.



**CHASE** works 24/7 as the sentinel guard dog on Olive Street. The Denny's apologize for his daily barkathons.



**CLINTON** loves it when his owners Rigo and Amelia Garcia go out of town because his neighbor Drew comes over to take care of him.

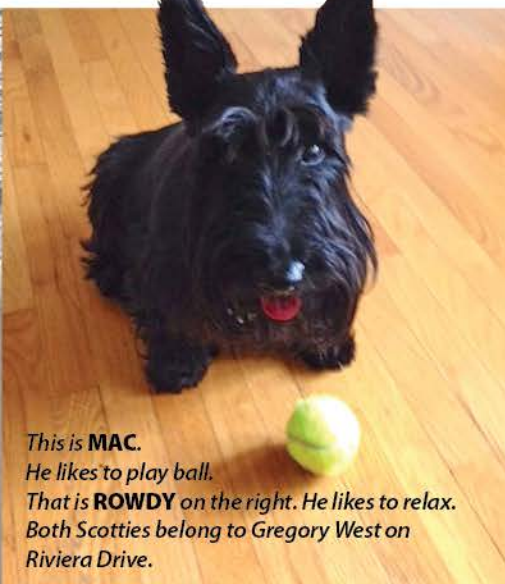
**LOST DOG?**

Post on Nextdoor.com to get the quickest response and reach lots of people who can help look for your wayward pup.

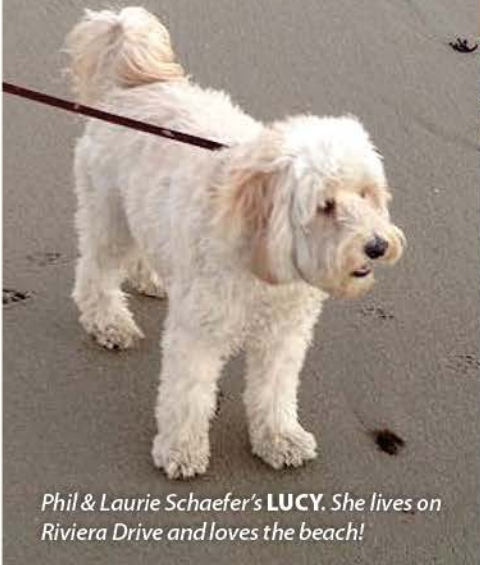
**FOUND DOG?**

Email Lovebugs Rescue as soon as possible. They check email all day and can scan for a chip and help get the dog back home to its family.

[info@lovebugsrescue.com](mailto:info@lovebugsrescue.com)



This is **MAC**. He likes to play ball. That is **ROWDY** on the right. He likes to relax. Both Scotties belong to Gregory West on Riviera Drive.



Phil & Laurie Schaefer's **LUCY**. She lives on Riviera Drive and loves the beach!



**MAGGIE**, the Queen of Westwood Avenue lives with Joe & Michele Chatelle



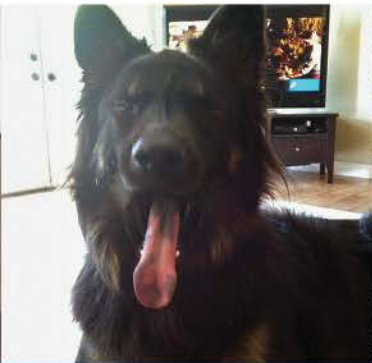
Michael Buss and Autumn Browne's **MOLLY** was an old, smelly, matted mess when they found her at the OC Shelter. Today she is "Best In Show!"



Above Little Ethan and **THE GIRLS** in the Heimann Home on 21st Street.



Freeman Street Jim & Jenny McGuire's adorable friends: (below from left to right) **CHLOE, RASCAL AND JAKE.**





*These beloved pets have recently crossed over the Rainbow Bridge.*

**REST IN PEACE FAITHFUL FRIENDS**  
 Shown to the right and clockwise starting from top left:

**WEEZEE**—Beloved baby of Claudia & Mark Calvillo on Olive Street  
**KYLER & ANNA** —Beloved friends of Brian Dawson on Riviera Drive  
**CEDAR & J.P.**—Beloved friends of Jim & Karen Mittendorf on Riviera Drive  
**REX** —Beloved "Wonder Dog" of Allen & Donna Layne on Westwood Avenue



# THE GARDEN OF THE MONTH AWARD RETURNS TO WEST FLORAL PARK!

BY DOUG & LAURA JAGERMAN, BEAUTIFICATION CO-CHAIRS

In an effort to recognize West Floral Park neighbors who demonstrate “above-and-beyond” efforts to maintain and beautify their front yard, members of the WFPNA Beautification Committee are selecting a resident each month to be honored with the “Garden of the Month” award. We all know that beautiful gardens help make our neighborhood a beautiful place to live.



## Congratulations to our Garden of the Month Winners



### AUGUST

Home of Darrell and Mika Denny  
2009 N. Olive Street



### SEPTEMBER

Home of Jose and Johanna Mata  
2332 N. Towner Street

## AWARD GUIDELINES

- Pruned, trimmed and shaped foliage; edged and defined lawns; yard is free of debris and clutter;
- Water wise gardening—Plants and trees that reduce the need for watering, while preserving the integrity and continuity of the landscapes for which the WFP neighborhood is known.
- Excellence in home and property maintenance;
- Overall landscape design includes elements that are original and creative;
- Garden beds that are neat in appearance weed-free, mulched, etc.;
- Landscape design that fits the home’s architecture;
- Overall, beautiful curb appeal.

All Garden of the Month winners will receive a sign to display in their yard for the entire month and be acknowledged in the WFPNA Newsletter. A resident may only win once in any given calendar year.

**Please note:** In the month of December, the “Garden of the Month” award will be replaced with the “Holiday Decorating” awards. This year’s Holiday Decorating judging will take place on Sunday, December 13. More details to come!



### OCTOBER

Home of Joseph and Chela Banuelos  
1908 N. Westwood Avenue

# HOME VACATION RENTALS *in Our Neighborhood*

BY BRUCE T. BAUER

*With* the advent of the “sharing economy” there has been a meteoric rise in vacation home rentals in residential neighborhoods. With sharing websites such as Airbnb.com and Homeaway.com, to name a few, a homeowner can easily rent out their house on a short-term basis and generate some serious revenue for the homeowner. Cities, and neighbors alike, had never anticipated this sort of activity years ago and therefore this activity has operated via loopholes (although some cities, like Anaheim, have expressly allowed it). The rise of these rentals has a consequence on the surrounding neighbors and neighborhood. While these short-term rentals may be a great deal for the homeowner, in practice they are often a raw deal for the neighborhood. Cities, such as Santa Ana, and a myriad number of others in the County, are scrambling to address this new reality.

The impact of these rentals was highlighted recently when a new homeowner rented out their home in our neighborhood, on a short term basis, and advertised it as a six bedroom house that sleeps 22. The advertisement for the house highlighted its proximity to Disneyland and proudly informed the reader that it was located in a “nice, quiet neighborhood.” However, when renters started to occupy the house the surrounding neighbors could no longer enjoy their “nice, quiet neighborhood” because of the disturbances caused by the occupants. The lives of surrounding neighbors were turned upside down because of the activity that emanated from this house. The City acted promptly with notices of violation and the homeowner appealed. Approximately 20 homeowners attended the administrative hearing that was eventually held and voiced their experiences with this short-term rental while others voiced support for their fellow adjoining homeowners. As one of our neighbors stated so touchingly at the hearing, while referencing his other attending homeowners, “these people aren’t my neighbors, they are my family.” Many of these same neighbors also made their opinions known to the City Council and the Mayor about these problems and appeared at a recent City Council meeting and spoke about the problems.

While the administrative judge ultimately ruled that the notices of violation that the City had issued against the homeowner were invalid (on procedural and other grounds), the City Council later voted unanimously to impose 45-day emergency moratoriums targeting short-term rentals while officials craft new regulations to curb neighborhood impacts of the rapidly growing industry. The neighbors of West Floral Park were heard! We can all be very proud of our neighbors.



THE LIVES OF SURROUNDING NEIGHBORS WERE TURNED UPSIDE DOWN BECAUSE OF THE ACTIVITY THAT EMANATED FROM THIS HOUSE.

Our tight-knit group of neighbors has done well to nip this problem in the bud (these problems have recently appeared in other adjoining neighborhoods such as Washington Square). In Anaheim, where the number of short-term rentals has doubled from 200 to 400 since the city passed an ordinance last year allowing for these short-term rentals, Anaheim's police department has received 300 calls for service related to short-term rentals! As one Anaheim resident stated to the Anaheim City Council, “You should be ashamed for letting this go on. It has destroyed us.”

The City officials in enforcement and City Council members such as Angie Amezcua and Michele Martinez are to be lauded for the responsiveness to our neighborhood. The City Council acted, from the time the problem was spotted, in a two month's timespan!

The issue is slated to return October 20 for public input, debate and a vote on permanent regulations. ■



# The Social BUZZ



BY RADHIKA DHOLAKIA, SOCIAL CHAIR

**HELLO NEIGHBORS.** The 2015 Social Season is almost coming to an end. We had a lot of fun at the Wine Walk, Progressive Dinner and Oktoberfest. So let's end the year in merriment, drink some egg nog, and enjoy holiday cheer at the West Floral Park Christmas Party on Sunday, December 6th. The Social Committee will be working diligently as usual to organize a memorable event for you. Stay tuned for details...Enjoy the photos from our August Progressive Dinner







# WFPNA TREASURER'S SNAPSHOT

(as of 10/12/2015)

BY STEVE TANCREDI, TREASURER

ACCOUNT BALANCES	2015 Budget	YTD Actual
Checking		\$ 8,310
Savings		9,590
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Membership	\$ 6,250	8,250
Advertising	800	958
Social Events	9,700	7,827
Open Garden Day	8,900	8,439
Other	-	-
Subtotal	25,650	25,474
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Membership	500	267
General Meetings	440	138
Community Events	360	44
Community Outreach	1,950	250
General Operations	3,615	1,311
Open Garden Day	5,750	5,435
Social Events	9,700	6,764
Neighborhood Watch	740	-
Communications	4,420	3,650
Beautification	4,700	782
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>32,175</b>	<b>18,641</b>
<b>BALANCES / TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ (6,525)</b>	<b>\$ 6,833</b>

We publish the Treasurer's Report each year and provide copies at each General Meeting to let you know what's going on with our WFPNA funds. The Board has completed and approved the 2015 Budget. Should you have any questions, please contact Steve Tancredi ([stancredi@robinvest.net](mailto:stancredi@robinvest.net)).





# HAPPY HOUR

## *Girls' Night Out*

### **Our Review of Local Restaurant : Robbin's Nest in Downtown Santa Ana**

*Our Girls' Night Out team leader Laurie Hampton had to travel unexpectedly for family. So the girls decided to contribute their little review for our latest happy hour venture.*

The Robbin's Nest Wine Bar and Bistro is a quaint low-key hideaway located at 207 West 2nd Street in Santa Ana. The Happy Hour menu features a good selection of red and white wines, some craft and bottled beers all at competitive prices. Paired with their appetizers and ambiance this makes for a nice Happy Hour Tuesday-Friday from 3 pm-7 pm. But it doesn't stop there. They offer weekly specials, i.e. Tapas Tuesdays, Sunday Brunch and Group Events. They have all sorts of yummy dishes on their menu. The Pastrami Rolls are crispy wonton wraps filled with their house smoked pastrami, fontina cheese and some type of crunchy slaw, they serve it up with a special mustard aioli sauce. We couldn't decide what to eat!



Between the starters, salads, soup, sandwiches, flatbreads and pizza too. They also serve a variety of entrées after 5 pm from Spaghetti alla Puttanesca and Shrimp Scampi to Filet Mignon (purchased from the local and famous Harris Ranch). One of the Pizzas that caught our eye was one called "Three Fun Guys in a Mini Van!" Wonder what's in it? We did too...it starts with three types of mushrooms sautéed in butter and deglazed with marsala wine, then layered on top of mozzarella and asiago cheeses...Sign us up for a ride in that van! Among other things we decided to try their Charcuterie and Cheese Platter. You

can see it in our photo below, plenty of everything that goes great with wine.

You can see their entire menu, wine and beverage lists and find more information about booking special events on their website at [robbinsnestwinebar.com](http://robbinsnestwinebar.com). They also have a Facebook page.

Added to the evening's relaxed vibe was a wonderful group, the OCEA Trio, playing background music. The live music provided a relaxed, upscale ambiance to the entire evening.

So if you want an easy going evening, try the Robbin's Nest. It's definitely worth trying out. Enjoy... Until next time...

*~ The Happy Hour Girls*



**THAI TANGERINE**  
12541 Harbor Blvd  
Garden Grove, CA  
(714) 534-4490

### *Looking for a Some Great Thai Food?*

I was too. Luckily, neighbor Susie Bailey recently recommended a place on Nextdoor.com called Thai Tangerine, it's actually located in Garden Grove but only 15 minutes from here. We ordered delivery and the guy came early and all the food was hot and carefully packaged. We loved it so much that we went to the restaurant for my husband Darrell's birthday the following week. The Yellow Curry dish is to die for! The restaurant is a wonderful hidden gem. They really go all out on their presentation of foods. They form the rice on your plate into a heart shape. Sauces and spices come in special little dishes with tiny spoons. Really fun and great quality food. The owner himself, Tony, came over and sang happy birthday to my husband while playing the guitar. He is also the delivery guy! **Try them out.** ~ Mika Denny

## APPETIZER

### ROASTED BUTTERNUT BRUSCHETTA

From Donna Layne's Kitchen

Served recently at our WFP new neighbor social

Makes 8 servings

Prep: 10 Minutes

Bake: 15 minutes

- 1 Medium Butternut Squash, peeled, seeded and chopped into 1/2 inch pieces (about 4 cups)
- 1 Tablespoon Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- 1/2 Teaspoon Kosher Salt
- 3/4 Teaspoon Ground Black Pepper (divided as instructed in directions)
- 1 Log of Goat Cheese (8-ounces)
- 2 Cups Baby Arugula
- 1 Lemon (halved)
- Crostini Recipe (see below)



- 1) Preheat oven to 450°
- 2) On a large rimmed baking sheet, combine squash, oil, salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 3) Bake, stirring once, for 15 minutes or until cooked through and beginning to caramelize. Let cool (this can be made the day before.)
- 4) To assemble: Make crostini recipe (as directed.) Spread goat cheese on the crostini. Top with a pinch of arugula leaves and a few pieces of roasted squash. Squeeze a small amount of lemon juice over the crostini just before serving. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 teaspoon pepper.

### CROSTINI RECIPE

Makes 8 servings

Prep: 10 Minutes

Bake: 15 minutes

- 1 French Baguette, thinly sliced on a diagonal
- 1 1/2 Tablespoons Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- 1/2 Teaspoon Kosher Salt
- 1/2 Teaspoon Ground Black Pepper
- 1 Clove Garlic, skin removed

- 1) Preheat oven to 350°
- 2) Place sliced baguette on a large rimmed baking sheet. Brush both sides of bread slices lightly with oil sprinkle evenly with salt and pepper.
- 3) Bake for 8 minutes or until lightly toasted. Let cool. Once cooled, rub garlic clove over each crostini.

# THE RECIPE BOX

*With fall here and summer behind us, it's time to start thinking about cooler weather and cozier meals. Start off your fall fixings with Donna's Roasted Butternut Bruschetta or try this delicious Pumpkin Soup that is an annual tradition in our home at Thanksgiving time!*

BY LAURA JAGERMAN  
BEAUTIFICATION  
CO-CHAIR



## SOUP

### LAURA'S PUMPKIN SOUP

From Laura Jagerman's Kitchen

- 1 Tablespoon Butter
- 1/2 Cup of Diced Onion
- 1 Chopped Garlic Clove
- 2 Tablespoon Flour
- 2 Teaspoon Curry Powder
- 2 Cups of Chicken Stock
- 2 Cups of Canned Pumpkin (one 14 oz can)
- 1 Tablespoon Honey
- Nutmeg
- 2 Cups of Heavy Cream



In a large sauce pan, melt butter. Cook onion and garlic for 8-10 minutes. Stir in flour and curry powder and cook for one minute over low heat, stirring until well blended. Gradually add chicken stock, whisking until smooth. Stir in pumpkin and honey. Season with nutmeg. At this point you can refrigerate the soup. Before serving, reheat and add heavy cream until thickened. Be careful not to let it boil. Serve with homemade croûtons and caramelized red onions.

**Enjoy and Happy Fall!**

# WFP STEVE FRYER INDUCTED INTO SANTA ANA U.S.D. HALL OF FAME



PHOTO: COURTESY OF THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

FROM THE REGISTER NEWSPAPER

*WFP Register readers were delighted to read this article in August about our own Steve Fryer. Congratulations Steve! High school sports columnist Steve Fryer was part of an inaugural group of honorees who have been added to Santa Ana Unified School District Athletics Hall of Fame.*

Fryer was honored for his contributions to covering high school sports. He now has his name permanently placed on a wall of fame beside 26 coaches and athletes who graduated from Santa Ana public schools (he is an alum of

Saddleback High School). Fellow inductees include Olympic medal winner Ed Carruthers and baseball All-Star Garry Templeton.

The introduction of the Hall of Fame was part of Friday's unveiling of Santa Ana Public Schools Complex, which includes a football stadium, baseball fields, batting cages and soccer fields. Fryer and other inaugural inductees were recognized during halftime of the Segerstrom vs. Santa Ana Valley game.

Fryer has been with the Register since the late 70's, and became high school sports columnist in 1990. "It was a proud moment Friday, representing Saddleback High with my name on the wall of fame," Fryer said in a Friday column on OCVarsity.com. "This career has been like stealing, in a way. So many times I've covered a great high school game and thought, I should have paid to get in to see this, but instead I'm getting paid to be here."

Fryer is an award-winning journalist with an encyclopedic knowledge of high school sports. He has been honored by the CIF-Southern Section as a champion for character, the Orange County Department of Education for his contributions to public education and the Southern California Interscholastic Basketball Association as a member of its hall of fame.

*We have just learned that Steve will be honored by the City of Santa Ana for his contributions. His invitation letter cites him as a "community treasure". The City Council will recognize him on Tuesday, November 3rd at 5:45 pm.*

## SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS : UPCOMING EVENTS

### ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS (OCSA) WINTER MARKET 2015 • December 2-3



The OCSA Winter Market focuses on the talented Visual Art's Conservatory students and staff. The students are lead through a business of art workshop in which they develop unique hand-crafted items that can only be found at this event. Please come and support these students as they launch their new and exciting works. To top off the night there will also be one-of-a-kind gingerbread houses, holiday music by the talented Instrumental Music Conservatory and the Annual Visual Arts Tamale Supper Fundraiser. It is sure to be a wonderful event.

**Wednesday, December 2nd from 11 am-8 pm (Tamale Supper 5-8 pm)  
Thursday, December 3rd from 11 am-5 pm.**

**Location:** OCSA's new Dance, Music and Science building, 906 North Main Street; Rooms 102 & 103 (access from Sycamore Street)



### SANTIAGO SCHOOL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE • December 11



Mark your calendar! On Friday Dec. 11, 2015, the Santiago School PTA will be having a Holiday Boutique. It will be held in the Library/Media Center at the school (2212 N. Baker Street) from 7:30 am-6:00 pm. There will be lots of vendors selling a wide variety of items. We hope that you will stop by. In addition, we are looking for vendors from the neighborhood, who would like to sell their items. For more information, please email Patty at: [averybusymom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:averybusymom@sbcglobal.net).

# The Backyard Scoop



ZEBRA FINCH



RED CHEEKED  
CORDON BLEU  
FINCH



GOLD  
BREASTED  
FINCH



BABY CINNAMON  
SOCIETY  
FINCH

BY THE GARDEN KEEPER

**FINALLY**, rain for those parched lawns and planters. I relished the long overdue one-day storm after what seemed a never ending steamy four weeks. My backyard went from dried patches to puddles of mud in one day. But not all was lost. After all, my garden is more than plants and trees. The birds in my aviary took full advantage of the rainy moment. Not a minute of their day was wasted building nests and looking for sprouted seeds and a cool drink. The humidity and heat combined didn't dampen their activity and it encouraged me to do my part by providing fresh water with ice cubes, a rotating assortment of cool sliced cucumbers or slices of orange as well as occasional chopped lettuce or spinach. Yes, it's true that in the wild

they'd have to fend for themselves and hide in the shaded trees to avoid the weather, but they aren't in the wild. They're in my backyard. Some may think it a bit over board. After all they're just finches, but I so enjoy their enthusiasm for life. And I could never repay them for what they give me. They are all about the moment. Not yesterday or tomorrow...not even a minute ago. It's about the NOW. There are plenty of resources in the yard as well. Fallen twigs (the perfect size for nesting) from the avocado trees or selected dried flowers along with the pine twigs that I find on my walk. On occasion I take corn husk and silk from the cob for them to use. An array of natural materials are placed in an open

box along with grass clippings, dried rose petals and leaves. Once there is a mound of materials, the box is placed on the aviary floor. Let the mayhem begin! Seriously, I would have never given it a second thought until the aviary. See it doesn't have to be about parched lawns and planters. So, what's in your garden? And that's the Backyard Scoop!

## HOLIDAY TREE BOWS BY BRUCE BAUER, PROJECT CHAIR

If you noticed the red, white and blue bows on the trees lining Santa Clara during the Fourth of July season, then you have seen the work of a recently formed joint committee between WFP and Floral Park. This committee's mission is to decorate the Santa Clara corridor from Bristol to Broadway that both West Floral Park and Floral Park share. They would decorate two times a year: (1) Fourth of July; and, (2) the Holidays. It is a great way to unify the neighborhoods that share so much. The committee demonstrates the close ties between our neighborhoods and highlights, for visitors, the pride of ownership that all of our homeowners share. Hopefully, the work of this committee will later encompass decorations on Flower Street as well since it too bisects both neighborhoods. Look for requests for volunteers to help hang holiday decorations during the upcoming holiday season on the Nextdoor.com website.





# PATRIOTIC PRIDE AND FUN

Enjoy the photos  
from our annual  
4th of July Parade





# Adding VALUE

BY PHIL SCHAEFER, REALTOR & WFP NEIGHBOR

*People often ask me what buyers are looking for in our neighborhood. Well think back to when you moved here. What attracted you? Beautiful tree lined streets, one of a kind vintage homes and the friendly vibe of the neighborhood are likely answers. So let's look at those.*

Trees add value to your home, especially mature trees that are taller than your house. Good landscape design can make or break any house. Likewise haphazard landscaping can hurt your homes curb appeal and value. We live in an urban forest, Santa Ana is known for its beautiful trees.

Now on to our houses. Where else can you find such a rich architectural variety of solid well built homes in Orange County? All buyers want hardwood floors and most of our homes have them. Also buyers go crazy for original tile and even appliances!



My first North Santa Ana home had double porthole window ovens that still worked. Too many times I see trendy remodels that scream 1980 or something bad. If you must remodel it's always a good idea to get professional help. Also go with the style of your home and take it to the next level, stay true to the heart and soul of the original house. Vinyl windows do NOT add value to your home and can hurt it. There are some great examples of beautifully done remodels here and unfortunately some bad ones. Rescuing an old house can be a labor of love but if done right can bring

big returns to the owner. Paint is the cheapest thing you can do to make things look fresh and well kept. Get some advice on color if you are unsure, colors can be tricky and look very different when you get them on a whole house! Now about the neighborhood. I hope you love your neighborhood as much as I do. Driving or walking or biking down any of our streets you are likely to see chairs or benches in front yards for neighbors to relax in and visit with passersby. If you have a dog you walk you are likely well connected with your neighbors. Our large front

lawns are a thing of the past. You can spend over a \$1,000,000 in Irvine and not get a front yard! These spaces are hang outs for neighbors to share a drink or friendly conversation and just relax. Collectively this is a neat and prim neighborhood, well kept by folks who care. Most of the buyers I work with are amazed when people introduce themselves or bring a plate of cookies over as a welcome to the neighborhood. We are an old fashioned neighborhood which is a refreshing contrast from the fast paced OC lifestyle.

Let's keep it that way!





# MEMBERSHIP UPDATE


BY MELINDA JORDAN-HEATHCOCK, VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP

*Although the weather doesn't reflect it, summer is over and we have officially entered the fall season. Children are back to school and we are looking forward to cooler weather, and hopefully some rain for our thirsty front yards. Our main membership drive was kicked off last February but it isn't too late to become a paid member for 2015. West Floral Park still needs your membership donations to continue to make this neighborhood one to be proud of. We are a little ahead of last year's membership numbers, but still behind in our 20% goal of all households in West Floral Park, so your monetary participation will help meet that goal.*

The various committees have been hard at work this year: the Beautification Committee is getting city approval to replace trees in our neighborhood, our Neighborhood Watch Committee has been very successful in keeping our community safe & informed and working on plans to see if speed bumps will be approved for our busy streets; and our various other committees and volunteers have been busy organizing the Oktoberfest and the annual Holiday Party. The Holiday party is not only a beautiful and fun event, it is also a time when we invite our neighbors to give back to the less fortunate as we contribute to various charities in the local area. Our community outreach efforts are also depen-

dent on membership dues that welcome our new neighbors with gift baskets and useful information. All of these events and outreach programs are only possible because of the donations we receive from our members each year.

■ **Do Your Part, Join Today!** If you haven't already become a member, please consider becoming a contributing member of the West Floral Park Neighborhood Association. Either mail your check to WFPNA, Attn: Steve Tancredi, P.O. Box 6243, Santa Ana, CA 92706, or go to our PayPal link on the WFPNA website: [www.westfloralpark.com](http://www.westfloralpark.com). Help to make this another great year for our West Floral Park neighborhood.



## WFPNA YEARLY ELECTIONS

### ARE YOU READY TO SERVE?

BY DONNA LAYNE, COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

Thinking about giving back to the neighborhood? Thinking about volunteering some time to a worthy organization? Thinking about making a difference in the community? Thinking about meeting more neighbors and having a bit more fun? Well then it's time to think about running for a WFPNA Board position.

**West Floral Park Neighborhood Association  
Board Elections and General Meeting  
Wednesday, November 18 at 7 pm  
in the Library at Santiago Elementary**

■ **All Positions are Open:** President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Beautification Chair, Communication Chair, Social Chair, Neighborhood Watch Captain and Member-at-Large. Our organization benefits from fresh perspectives and people willing to work hard. See you on November 18!





# Welcome New Neighbors!

BY MELINDA JORDAN-HEATHCOCK, VICE PRESIDENT

*We would like to welcome the following people to our neighborhood. These new neighbors, along with five other households, were invited to our September New Neighbor Social held at the home of Steve and Cathie Fryer. Our next New Neighbor Social will be held in April.*

- DANIEL & LYNZIE ALLEN FAMILY on Towner Street
- ROB LOUISELLE & CRAIG BLANKENHORN on Santa Clara Avenue
- STEVE BROWNSSELL on Westwood Avenue
- KENNY KRAISORNKOWIT & YING HSIEH on 18th Street
- DAN & MOLLY MONTENARO on Towner Street
- TOM & LINDA MCFARLAND on Rosewood (moved from 21st Street)
- HUGO & GABY VAZQUEZ on 18th Street

***If you see them on your travels throughout the neighborhood, please stop and welcome them to our hood.***



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# OUR WFPNA NEWSLETTER

BY DONNA LAYNE, COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR & NEWSLETTER EDITOR

*I remember receiving my first WFPNA newsletter soon after Allen and I moved into the neighborhood almost 15 years ago. I loved it! I loved the neighborhood connections and the sense of community it brought. I honestly have loved receiving every WFPNA newsletter since that time and for the past three years, I have been editor of this newsletter. Over the years, this newsletter has gotten better and better.*

We are now publishing 16 page, full-color newsletters! Someone recently asked why we don't just send the newsletter electronically to the neighborhood. I thought it was a very good question that many people might be asking. First, we have many long-time neighbors who do not use the computer or connect to the internet. So for them, they would miss out on this important neighborhood connection tool. Second, we know that only a small fraction of people would look on our website for our latest newsletter (if we posted it there only) and that sending our newsletter via email is impossible since we don't have everyone's email address. Having a copy in hand multiplies the chances that our newsletter will be read. The WFPNA Board feels strongly that one of our primary responsibilities is to build connections and a sense of community in West Floral Park. We feel that our newsletter is one of our best

tools for doing this. Plus it is beautiful and draws people's attention. One story shared with me was when a friend visited one of our residents and saw our newsletter laying on the coffee table. This visitor commented on how beautiful it was, was impressed with the stories and said how fortunate that we were to live in a neighborhood that produced a newsletter. People learn about our neighborhood and what a great place WFP is to live by hard copies of our newsletter.

Yes, the newsletter does cost to print. Even with the addition of pages, the cost of our newsletter has remained the same due to a change in the printer we use. We have Mika Denny to thank for this. In addition to designing and producing the newsletter, she has a trade account with our new printer and she passes along the savings to us. The newsletter costs about \$4,000 each year to print. This is about 13% of our total expenses. Plus last year WFPNA received \$2,000 from targeted newsletter advertising. All in all, I think our printed newsletter is a heavy hitter that does not come with a relatively high price. I hope you enjoy this edition, I think it is one of the best yet!



## NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS!

*West Floral Park Neighborhood Association relies on many different communication tools to communicate neighborhood news, safety and events as well as important city information. Sign up for one or all to get connected!*

■ **WFPNA Email Blasts:** Be "In the Know," send us your email contact information and we will add you to our email blast list. Email Donna at [a.layne@sbcglobal.net](mailto:a.layne@sbcglobal.net) and in the subject line of your email type: WFPNA Add me to your list. Include your name, address, and email in the body of your message. Email blasts are sent out as needed, about twice monthly.



■ **Facebook:** Our Facebook page is a more informal, day-to-day, interactive page on happenings in and around our neighborhood and the City of Santa Ana. Anyone who is a member can post there. Check it out and request to join this closed and private Facebook group. Send an email to Mika at [mikadenny@me.com](mailto:mikadenny@me.com) if you have trouble joining.

■ **Nextdoor.com:** WFP residents can sign up on [Nextdoor.com/join/JXNKHE](http://Nextdoor.com/join/JXNKHE) at any time by going directly to the website. There is an address verification requirement—to ensure the safety and security of this site. Residents can post on Nextdoor.com as appropriate and needed. You can access the site from your desktop or better yet, get the Nextdoor.com app for your smart phone and get alerts any time, anywhere.



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