

West Floral Park SPRING 2015 NEWSLETTER



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True Gardeners of West Floral Park

BY DONNA LAYNE, COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR



When I go into the garden with a spade, and dig a bed, I feel such an exhilaration and health that I discover that I have been defrauding myself all this time in letting others do for me what I should have done with my own hands. ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

You have all seen them while walking or driving through the neighborhood. Those front yards/gardens that make you stop, if only for a moment, to enjoy their beauty. Gardens are art and the gardeners who create them are the artists. Just like art, we are inspired when we see beautiful gardens. Here are four stories about the true gardeners of West Floral Park. Thank you to the people on West Floral Park Nextdoor.com who recommended these gardeners for this story.

I first met Guida Quon almost 15 years ago on an early morning dog walk, think 5:30 a.m. Guida, in her pajamas, was out in their lovely front yard picking off snails from her plants. She would collect, count and bag the snails—her record was 60 snails in one morning! At that time I knew I had met one of the true gardeners of West Floral Park.

Danny and Guida Quon have always loved gardening. Both their mothers were gardeners. Seventeen years ago they moved to West Floral Park for the flat yard having lived in Laguna Beach on a terraced hill. Danny confesses that the top priority for the flat yard was a new garage to house his vintage cars. | *Continued* >



UPCOMING WEST FLORAL PARK NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

Saturday, May 16 | 9th Annual Open Garden Day in WFP & JFP

Wednesday, May 27 | WFPNA General Meeting at Santiago Elementary

Saturday, July 4 | Neighborhood 4th of July Parade Festivities



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DANNY & GUIDA QUON

The Quons describe their garden as serene and peaceful—a place you can get lost in.



After that was taken care of, they started working on their yard which was mostly grass and a blank canvas. The Quons didn't start with a plan for their gardens. They just started in one area and kept moving. Their gardens have evolved and changed over time. Gravel eventually overtook grass in their backyard. They have created little sitting area niches where people can sit and enjoy that particular spot. Some of you have seen the sitting niche below their very old Canary Island pine in their front yard and heard the melodic wind chime hanging high above in that tree.

The Quons describe their garden as serene and peaceful—a place you can get lost in. They want it to be comfortable and casual. It is interesting to see the juxtaposition from traditional with lots of greenery to gravel. One of Danny's garden favorites are his topiary trees out in the front yard. Putting in these trees, which started out as indoor Christmas trees, was not in any plan! It was just a

spur of the moment decision to leave space between the grass and their front sidewalk. From there they thought that their Christmas trees would look great at the end. Guida's favorite place in the garden is her fountain garden niche which can be seen from their dining room windows. She is hoping that someday this will become a secret garden when the boxwood hedge grows higher. She says that she sees ring-necked pigeons and hawks enjoying the water in the fountain. Also evident in their backyard is their love of propagating plants. They have propagating plants in hundreds of containers throughout their backyard—just like a nursery. They sell these plants and love the challenge of this hobby.

There is one raised bed in their backyard where they grow vegetables—which they never eat! Other than not eating the vegetables they grow, they think gardening is good for the body and soul. It keeps you in shape. Danny spends about four days a week in the garden. Although both Danny and Guida are retired, they spent as much time before retirement as they do now in the garden. Their tips for starting out include finding your style, reading a gardening book/magazine, having good gardening tools, buying plants you like, and just start playing in the dirt. They say there is great reward in watching something you planted grow.

Walking right next door you will find some other true gardeners, **Jim and Karen Mittendorf**. Riviera neighbor Barbara Faria says that the Mittendorfs keep their yard looking like a page out of Sunset magazine. It wasn't always so. Twenty-six years ago when they moved in the yard was all overgrown. There were shrubs so big that they covered



JIM & KAREN MITTENDORF

the dead trees. They had to clear everything. Their garden started out slowly and over time has evolved. Both Jim and Karen gardened as kids. And Jim's dad loved to garden—in fact he bought his first car from lawn mowing money. Karen was the only one in her family who liked to garden so she took care of the yard. Gardening together has been a passion of theirs all their married life—they enjoy working together in the garden. Their strengths and weaknesses complement each other. Jim likes to garden because he can create structure and control, and make it his own. Karen says gardening is like an artist with a blank canvas. She likes starting out with a vision and creating texture, movement and different shades of green on her garden canvas.

Jim and Karen describe their garden as a work-in-progress which is constantly changing and evolving. They have created a landscape of rooms starting with their hardscape and then adding their plants. Each space has its own special feel and element. They love the soothing, comforting, good feeling that each space gives to you. All you have to do is sit down and enjoy the moment.

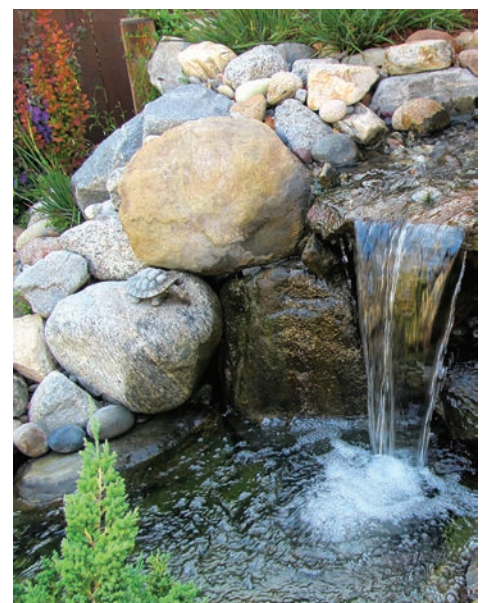
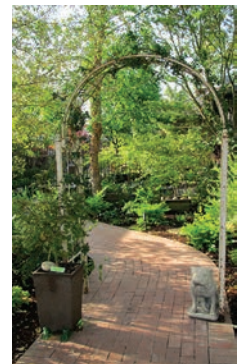
Over time, their garden has evolved from high maintenance to lower maintenance. Although their garden presents itself as a lushness of green, they are very proud that 90% of their plants are water-wise.

Last year they were on the Mary Lou Heard Garden Tour with over 900 people visiting their yard. They loved hearing that people wanted to see their yard—the visitors were appreciative and very complimentary. Jim enjoyed sharing the process on how things were done. One of their new collaborative garden art pieces in their backyard is a water table. They got their inspiration while visiting a nursery and

went home to create their own—which came out a lot better! Karen loves their back pond which is home to several koi. She likes sitting in the raised pergola listening to the pond water sounds bounce off the other garden structures.

Gardening involves mistakes. Just like all other true gardeners, Jim and Karen have made their share. They learned that patience is needed in all things green. They had a redbud tree in their front yard which developed black spots and was not budding out as anticipated. Although they loved the tree, Jim starting cutting it down only to discover that the tree had started budding. But a bit too late for the beautiful tree. Jim has learned that Karen likes to move plants around, if only a couple of inches. Jim hated this part of the gardening process until Karen started having their own gardener move the plants. Now everyone is happy! | *Continued* >

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STEVE TANCREDI

Something else the Mittendorfs have learned and pass along to our readers is to prune in the spring when you can see the shape of the shrub with its new growth.

Jim and Karen like to push the boundaries in their gardening. They enjoy taking plants that are marginal for our planting zone and getting them to adapt to this area. They love the Pacific Northwest plants and especially maples. Their efforts have worked as we watch the ever-evolving Sunset magazine Mittendorf garden. For the first time gardener they recommend that you live in a place

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for a while and be observant to what happens in each season. Ask yourself what you want to accomplish or how you want your yard to function. Find the style of yard you like and then lay out the structure (walkways, etc.). Then start to create and fill the spaces with plants. Buy more than one of each like of plant for cohesiveness—3-5 plants of the same kind. Creating bunches of little vignettes keeps the space from being boring. And lastly, be patient!

Nineteenth Street neighbor Susie Bailey writes that Steve Tancredi's yard is so beautiful. He is in his yard almost daily tending and manicuring. She can tell that this is his Zen place, along with Cassi (a Giant Schnauzer) lingering in the yard and running across lawns playing with Steve. Thus we feature **Steve Tancredi** as our next true gardener of WFP.

Steve describes himself as a type A person. Gardening is his therapy and helps balance out his type A personality. He was educated as an architect and considers himself a "wannabe" gardener. He wanted everyone to know that the front yard is his and the back yard is his wife's, Judi. However, he confesses that he does go into the backyard and tidies up when Judi is not looking.

His front yard was almost all grass with 40 rose bushes when he moved into his home in 2001. He needed to put his stamp on their homestead so he claimed the front yard. His gardening inspiration came from a 19th century landscape architect who loved random, natural movement in the garden. This style was the antithesis of formalism and was more into the movement of grass and plants. Steve talks about the concept of local symmetry which divides an area into pieces and each piece/layer has its own symmetry. So that is how Steve tackled his garden, piece by piece creating symmetry in each space. He also tries to get color without flowers although he does plant seasonal color in certain areas. He describes his gardening technique as imposing structure on randomness. A good case in point is making his Queen's wreath vine into a tree (right beside his driveway—the beautiful purple tree/vine). Saturday is Steve's gardening day and he usually spends all day out in the yard.

Steve loves to step back and enjoy the moment in his front yard. He loves seeing the results of his efforts—he says it's so fulfilling. He'll stand in one spot and say to himself, "that's really beautiful" and then he'll stand in another spot and do the same. Steve loves his garden in totality; however, his favorite spot is standing at the end of his driveway and looking towards the front door—he likes all the purple that he sees, from the front door, to his Queen's wreath to the purple in the perennial bushes.

Steve says that things have not always gone the way he expected in his garden. Not knowing the growth

PATT BUCHANAN- HARBRECHT



characteristics of a plant, underwatering/overwatering and not being aware of the nutritional needs of the plants are lessons he has learned along the way. By far though, his biggest enemy are snails which he happily throws into the street.

Every bare spot is a project for Steve. His grand scheme is to enclose part of his front yard into a courtyard. His recommendation for those starting out is to put in your structure first, then add the different levels of layering. Just like you do a painting.

Patt Buchanan-Harbrecht who has lived in West Floral Park for 15 years describes her garden as a messy jungle. Asked why she likes to garden and she will reply that she likes to grow things she can eat. Patt says that her proudest moment in gardening was when she grew the most beautiful cauliflower—it was huge and beautiful. She never picked it because it was so lovely but exclaims that it was such a waste! Although rather shy to speak with, insiders know that Patt is a true gardener.

Patt’s gardening journey began in childhood with memories around gardens and their growers. Patt’s grandmother (father’s mother) Sambuchinni owned a house on a hill in Jamestown, New York and a block away she owned a lot where she grew her vegetables. As a kid Patt was in love with that garden in the city, mostly because of the neatest little potting shed complete with bed and running water. She says is was very mysterious to her—a little house surrounded by eggplants and tomatoes in the middle of the city. Her mother grew up on a farm in Ohio. Her mother’s father had an antique store and during the summer he sold fruit and vegetables out front of the store from his 40 acres. So Patt grew up with an Irish grandfather who loved to grow things on one side and an Italian grandmother who loved to garden on the other side.

When Patt was 9 years old, the family moved from Seattle to Ohio and her chemist father tried his hand at farming. She lived on a farm for about three or so years before they moved back to the city, but during that short time on the farm she had a flower garden, a vegetable garden, chickens, the meanest rooster in the world, cats, dogs and her brother had pigs. She says it was so much fun.

Although Patt is an accomplished artist (she has a studio



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in her backyard) she is also a farmer at heart. She has an avocado tree she grew from a pit and it has hundreds of avocados every other year which are great! Her Anna apple tree has the best apples every year and sometimes twice a year. Although her grapes get moldy every few years, on the good years they are sooo sweet and prolific.

According to Patt, the key to having a green thumb is simple: Have enough money to replace every plant that dies until you find the right plant that will thrive in your garden.

Whether changing out to water-wise California friendly gardens, creating a relaxation oasis, planning an entertainment space, or just dabbling, these true gardener stories will certainly offer inspiration and direction. Last words of wisdom—every garden is different and no two gardeners are alike. Embrace, create and enjoy your outdoor space! Make it your own piece of art. ■

Boost Your Curb Appeal with Paint

BY JENNY VASQUEZ, CONTRIBUTING COLUMNIST



Spring fever is here and one way to give your home exterior a big boost in curb appeal and an increase in value is with fresh paint in a vibrant and attractive color.

So many of our home renovation and make-over decisions are driven by emotion and the influence of things we have seen over the course of time. A good place to start on your color

search is to walk or drive around the neighborhood and look at other houses that really grab your attention. Take a photo if you like what you see or be a friendly neighbor and simply ask them what colors of paint they used— chances are they'll appreciate the compliment and share the information with you!

Websites such as HGTV, Houzz and Pinterest provide good guidance and give exposure to many color and color combination options. Magazines such as House Beautiful and Better Homes and Gardens showcase many photographs that ideas can be taken from.

Other factors to take into consideration are your surroundings. If five houses on your small block are brown, painting your house brown is not going to bring much attention to it. The color

of your roof should also be kept in mind when selecting colors. The interior décor and style of your home are also important pieces to remember to help tie the home's appearance and feel together.

A common, costly mistake made is purchasing all the necessary amount of paint upfront and then not caring for the colors you have chosen. A sample portion can be purchased to avoid this. It's like trying on an outfit in the fitting room....sometimes it looks much different on. My suggestion is to paint a small "tester" area in a few of your top color favorites and stand back to see how they look once applied and dried. Remember, daylight and sunlight changes things. If the color has to grow on you, chances are, it is not the right color choice.

Let me end with adding that in no way am I a paint or design expert. In fact if you drive by my house you will see I need to listen to this advice and re-paint. It's only been on our "To Do List" since we moved in 2 years ago. We're getting to it soon, and I'll be happy to share the color choices selected once it's done. Happy Painting! ■

The color options and trends are many, so where do you turn for inspiration?



Trees, Trees and More Trees!

BY DOUG AND LAURA JAGERMAN, BEAUTIFICATION CHAIRS

"I think that I shall never see, a poem as lovely as a tree" ~Joyce Kilmer

The tree-lined streets of West Floral Park are an endearing quality of our charming neighborhood. In an effort to preserve our beautiful streets, the WFPNA Beautification Committee has submitted a list of homes to the City of Santa Ana that are eligible to receive a tree in their parkway. If you are on this list, you will be receiving a letter requesting your approval to receive a tree. The type of tree to be planted will be chosen by the city based on parkway width and aesthetics of your street.

If you do not have a parkway tree, and would like one, please email Doug and Laura Jagerman at doug.jagerman@gmail.com.

Please note that trees can only be planted in parkways where there is a 10 foot clearance from any driveway, water line or gas line. Therefore, even if you would like a tree, you may or not be eligible to receive one. ■

HAPPY HOUR

Girls' Night Out

Our Review of Local Restaurant : The North Left in Downtown Santa Ana

BY LAURIE HAMPTON, CONTRIBUTING COLUMNIST



Don't blink or you'll miss this little hide away we tried called The North Left in Downtown Santa Ana. You will need the landmark of Starbucks on the corner of 4th Street and Broadway (The North Left @ 400 N. Broadway).

You may recognize the location if you ever dined at Crosby's. Ryan Adams Chef/Owner has now partnered with Executive Chef Aron and opened The North Left, named for its location (but that didn't help the four of us in one car...3 blonds and 1 brunette-but she used to be blond, and we weren't even drinking!) The parking structure is conveniently close by.

The venue is cozy, narrow and intimate with an industrial-décor cement floor and very rustic with a big stuffed bear over the door (the bear has a story). Again, like so many newly opened restaurants in urban downtown, the bar is the focal point along with its signature drinks and eclectic twist of culinary creativity.

The bartenders Zach and Jamie and the waiters were above and beyond friendly and professional—they were all gracious and helpful with our questions and assisting in our selections. Throughout the evening, the entire staff made it past our table introducing themselves and telling us a little bit about themselves and the restaurant.

We started with a variety of appetizers with generous portions on 'share plates': Roasted Cauliflower with Honey Thyme and Goat Cheese, Steak Tartar—even for the squeamish this was delicious, Tuna Poke, Brussel Sprouts with



lemon/butter/hazelnut/cheese (we ordered that twice), Chicken Nuggets that were crispy/salty with a sweet honey bourbon BBQ sauce (one of their patrons #1 picks).

The waiter wanted us to try the biscuits and we now know why—these delicate, toasty, crunchy, perfectly salted puffs with a fluffy soft center served with sides of bacon butter and walnut butter are addicting. By mistake we ordered a Chicken/Kale/Corn/Avocado Salad (guess we didn't see the 'salad' part). But we have to say, this alone is worth the trip back to eat as an amazingly healthy over-the-moon lunch, but you should probably throw in some of those biscuits...no one should be that good! Then the OMG...The Three Little Piggies!!!! Besides the visual—3 little piggy shaped 'signature' biscuits on a wood board served with prosciutto and an assortment of sides. This is one of Ashley's, The Pastry Chef's, signature design/creations, along with her many other amazing delights. She definitely takes her skills to a labor of insanity...the recipe goes home with her every night and gets locked up, so don't ask for the recipe! For dessert, we then tried her deconstructed S'mores...Deeelicious!

This is a must try and rates a 10 from all 7 of the Happy Hour Girls. They have a variety of Entree Share Plates too, most popular is the Salmon Filet and the 20 oz. Steak. We would definitely return and highly recommend it!

They are open on Friday and Saturday until 2:00 AM and have a great late night vibe.

Enjoy...Until Next Time...*The Happy Hour Girls* ■



THE EASTER BUNNY COMES TO WEST FLORAL PARK!



BY MAURISSA TALARICO, EVENT CHAIR



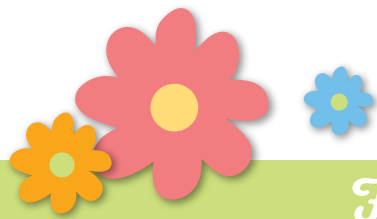
Over 45 kids, countless neighbors and parents all had a great time at the WFPNA Eggstravaganza in March. It truly was a fabulous day and so many people kept talking about what a special place West Floral Park is to live.

We had three houses share their front lawns and there were three separate egg hunts (ages 1-3, 4-6, & 7 and up) as well as face painting, and a visit from the Easter Bunny. No social would be complete without coffee, donuts, orange juice and cotton candy to enjoy.

Our biggest thanks is to Jack Waldo for being the bunny, Nichole Doughty and Mel Steiner for donating the coffee and donuts, and John Mai for the cotton candy! ■

Editor's Note: A huge thanks also goes to organizers Maurissa Talarico and Jessica Brownsell.





Fun at the Eggstravaganza!





The Social Buzz

BY RADHIKA DHOLAKIA, SOCIAL CHAIR

GREETINGS WEST FLORAL PARK NEIGHBORS!

I am thrilled to represent this amazing community as your 2015 Social Committee Chairwoman. However, I need your help!!! So many residents have already volunteered to chair or assist in our upcoming events but we need more.

Specifically, I need a Chair Person(s) for the Progressive Dinner and Christmas Party. In addition, I am seeking names of volunteers that will help us during the day of the events.

The most important request I am making is to solicit your opinions, thoughts, ideas, recommendations etc. on what "You" would like from the social events. Finally, we are always looking for homes to host our wonderful events, so show off your pride and offer your venue. Please feel free to email me at jesmoni@gmail.com or call me at 714.624.8222 anytime.

I look forward to a fun filled 2015 and looking forward to getting to know all my neighbors. See you at the Wine Walk!



It's Not Too Late!

BY MELINDA JORDAN-HEATHCOCK,
VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP

Last month we began our WFPNA membership drive, and although we've had a pretty strong start, we are still about half way from our targeted 20% of neighborhood participation. There is much to be accomplished this year and your donations will help us with our goals.

The Beautification Committee has already begun their work, including organizing our dumpster day, planning a work group to paint the backs of the stop signs in the neighborhood, keeping the common areas maintained with plants and flowers, and working with the city to purchase much needed replacement trees to keep our streets looking great.

Our community outreach projects, including the Eggstravaganza for the neighborhood children, the Senior Tea, and the 4th of July parade, also depend on your generosity to take place. And don't forget the Christmas giving back charities that our Neighborhood Association contributes to each year's end. None of these activities could take place without our membership donations.

So, it's not too late to become a contributing member of WFPNA. 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 at westfloralpark.com. Help to make this another great year for our West Floral Park neighborhood. ■

Back by Popular Demand...



THE GIANT PUMPKIN GROWING CONTEST IS BACK!!

BY BRUCE BAUER, EVENT CHAIR

WFPNA is pleased to announce that the giant pumpkin growing contest will be back again this year! Interested gardeners should start preparing their soil and planting their seeds in anticipation. The contest will be held in the fall (details to follow but sometime in late October.) There are plenty of resources on the Internet as to how to best grow giant pumpkins. Special giant pumpkin seeds can be purchased at any hardware store. However, we will also have giant pumpkin seeds available upon request (send your request along with your address to brucetbauer@aol.com and they will be dropped off into your home mailbox.) **Plan ahead.**



Awards will be given for:

- 1 Largest Home Grown Pumpkin
- 2 Uncarved Pumpkin with the most "Character"
- 3 Best Carved Pumpkin (Carve it at home and bring it in)
- 4 Best Cooked Pumpkin (Make any recipe, but the main ingredient must be pumpkin!)



WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS!

We would like to welcome the following people to our neighborhood. These new neighbors were invited to our New Neighbor Social this month.

MICHELLE AND MAHEA YAMASHITA ON FREEMAN STREET



Traffic and Speed Management in our Neighborhood

BY RIGO GARCIA, NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH CO-CAPTAIN

Speed bumps, Parking Permits, One Way Streets, and Stop Signs are often suggestions neighbors make to one another when a car speeds by, but rarely do we see one of the proposed methods come to fruition. A recent post from our neighborhood forum (www.nextdoor.com) prompted the inquiry into how exactly neighbors can petition to receive relief from speeders and extended stay vehicles. Below we examine how each one is proposed, pros/cons, and where to petition for one:

■ **Speed Bumps:** The city first assesses the street in question by one or more of the following: Increasing Police Presence, Mobile Radar Trailer, Speed Awareness Letters, “Keep Kids Alive, Drive 25 Campaign”. If the efforts described above are not effective, then the Public Works Agency will then further determine whether conditions exist to allow for speed bumps. Conditions include, whether or not the street is a primary fire access route, the desired location is more than 500 feet away from a stop sign, adequate visibility, and that the average speed is greater than 35 MPH 85% of the time or more. If the

conditions allow for a speed bump, then a petition is mailed to those households that are affected by the speed bump, the petition signatures (1 per household) must be gathered by May 1st, and have at least an 80% approval from the residents that are affected.

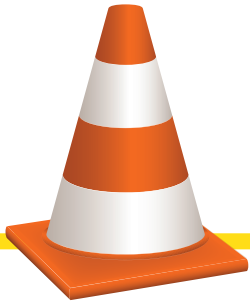
Then we come to a crossroads, Public Works creates a priority list for city funded speed bumps, while also allowing for privately funded speed bumps. If your street is not selected during the first two calendar year cycles then your request will be dropped and you will have to start again. Private funding is available for installation, but the projected cost is approximately \$7500. If your street is selected to be funded by the city though, then Public Works polls the impacted area and tabulates the results. Assuming the passage of the poll, the impacted area report is presented to city council where they may vote to approve or deny the request. Projected start to finish timeline: 15 Months. One way

directional streets follow a similar path to speed bumps, but they are even more rare as the cost associated with implementing one begins at \$150,000, and rarely get approved by Public Works.

■ **Parking Permits:** The parking permit process begins with an application to the Public Works Agency to confirm that a problem exists on your block. If the condition exists, parking permits can be requested through a petition process on a block by block basis. The petition must be approved by at least 66% of the affected residential property owners. If the petition is successful, then only the residents in that block can receive eligible parking permits. These permits consist of up to 3 parking permits (attached to your vehicle bumper or rear glass), and 75 guest permits per year. More guest parking passes are available for purchase if necessary. Parking permits and guest permits expire every two years, at a fee of \$61.35 each.

■ **Pros:** Parking permits reduce noise, parking congestion, traffic hazards, and illegal activities. Parking permits also help reduce the frustration associated with not being able to park in front of your home. They create a citation based disincentive for people to not park on that block. The goal of parking permits is to improve the quality of life for those households affected by the prolonged parking that contribute to





trash, loitering, and air pollution. Permits sometimes increase the desirability, while protecting the sustainability and livability of a neighborhood. The guarantee of “approved” vehicles on a block is appealing.

■ **Cons:** The argument against parking permits is closely associated with a “kicking the can down the road”. While one block may find relief, the neighboring block may now find that they now have the same problem. If you are an individual who tends to have a lot of visitors, you may find that 75 guess parking passes go by very fast, and replacement passes can add up quickly. Each guest pass is good for one day, up until noon the next day. In a neighborhood that thrives on social events, parking permits can create a problem for a neighbor on that block that would like to host either a meeting or an event. Some other concerns: Filling out guest passes becomes an inconvenience for some people, or if you forget to fill one out, you may find yourself having an awkward conversation with your guest about who should pay for the ticket.

If you’ve had success, or a setback in attempting to get one of these traffic management strategies implemented on your block, share your story with us at nextdoor.com. Contact number for Public Works Agency is (714) 647-5662. ■



WFPNA TREASURER’S SNAPSHOT

(as of 3/1/2015)

BY STEVE TANCREDI, TREASURER

ACCOUNT BALANCES	2015 Budget	YTD Actual
Checking		3,829
Savings		8,988
REVENUES		
Membership	6,250	4,225
Advertising	800	-
Social Events	9,700	-
Open Garden Day	8,900	-
Other	20	-
Subtotal	25,650	4,245
EXPENSES		
Membership	500	152
General Meetings	440	123
Community Events	360	-
Community Outreach	1,950	-
General Operations	3,615	445
Open Garden Day	5,750	-
Social Events	9,700	-
Neighborhood Watch	740	-
Communications	4,420	643
Beautification	4,700	-
SUBTOTAL	32,175	1,363
BALANCES / TOTALS	\$ (6,525)	\$ 2,882

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).

Dumpster & Shred Day in West Floral Park a Success!

Thanks to the City of Santa Ana for five dumpsters and to the Nichole Doughty First Team Realty Team for the shred truck! We love this event in our neighborhood! Also a shout out to Ed LeBeau for renting a truck and offering to help other neighbors to get rid of their junk!





CONNECTIONS!

WFPNA 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 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. Check it out and request to join this closed and private Facebook group. Send an email to Mika at mikadenny@me.com if you have trouble joining.
- **Nextdoor.com:** WFP residents can sign up on 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.

Dops!

We Missed These People in the Winter Newsletter!

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