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The World of Travel...Our Next Chapter

by Cathie Lentz Fryer - *WFP Neighbor since 1988*

As the windows and doors of the world begin to reopen the **BIG QUESTIONS** are: Where Can We Travel and When Can We Travel Without Restrictions? Those are two big questions that our travel advisors deal with every day. As the world moves forward, answers to those questions will evolve. Travel advisories for destinations, travel procedures, and protocols will be ever changing for the foreseeable future.

Travel has always required patience, but for now an extra dose of **patience** and **flexibility** are important. Prices are fluctuating daily with many hotels charging premium prices. Airline ticket prices are also changing and we see prices to some popular destinations rising.

The doors to domestic travel within the US are open for US Citizens. Hawaii is the most popular place to travel this summer. National Parks, Dude Ranches, River Rafting trips are all booking fast. The northern California Wine Country is fully open.

Airlines are experiencing many schedule changes. It is important to reconfirm air reservations and check with your airline to ensure you are aware of current procedures and protocols. The doors to international travel are opening wider and wider. Destinations in Mexico and the Caribbean and US Territories are open to US Travelers. Yes, there are specific rules to follow but people are traveling and enjoying nice vacations.

Can US Citizens travel to Europe? As this is written some countries are open and we are waiting for others. Currently many countries are open with Covid-19 testing requirements and health forms to be completed before entry. We anticipate that vaccinated travelers will eventually have the least restrictive requirements to travel the world.

If you ever had the desire to visit Africa, most of Africa is open and we have clients who have enjoyed amazing vacations. I personally am set to host a group in late July/August!

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Upcoming West Floral Park Events

July 31: Garden Swap **August 15:** WFPNA General Meeting

How about ocean cruising? The pages have been turned and ocean cruising is now scheduling and sailing. If you are flexible and can travel in 2021, there are some excellent specials offered by many cruise lines. Vaccine vs No Vaccine? Some cruise lines require guests to be vaccinated, like Princess and Holland America, while others like Royal Caribbean, do not.

River Cruising in Europe is ramping up to begin sailing in July. I personally am scheduled to sail on the Danube River in July and the Rhine River in December! With small ships and limited passengers, this style of travel is very popular. Many US River Cruises have been sailing this summer.

Guided vacations around the US and Internationally, with travel providers like Globus and Trafalgar, are opening with smaller groups and opportunities to create your own "Travel Bubble" of friends. Where can we travel and what are the restrictions, can be answered with the Sherpa web site: <https://apply.joinsherpa.com/travel-restrictions> This is the most current and accurate information for our every revolving door of the travel world.

Through this pandemic and beyond, I strongly recommend that everyone find a travel advisor to trust with your travels. With our ever-evolving world of travel, using a professional will make for a smoother and easier vacation for you!



Durnstein, Austria, river cruise on the Danube

I live in WFP and my associate Jade Chiarini lives in Floral Park. We welcome the opportunity to partner with you on your next journey. Stay inspired, it is time to begin writing our next chapter in travel!

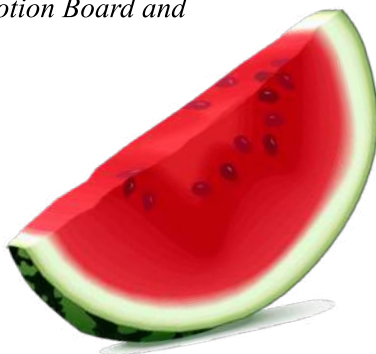


Watermelon Sorbet by Claudia Jordan

Watermelon has always been a fruit that brings happy and fun memories in my family life. I remember spending all day at Santa Monica Beach and my mother packing it in a cooler for us to eat all day. So refreshing! I hope that you also have happy memories of this special summer fruit. Enjoy the recipe! Low-calorie, healthy and cool - what could be better for a summertime dessert? *Recipe courtesy of National Watermelon Promotion Board and countryliving.com*

Ingredients:

- 1/2 watermelon
- 1 can frozen pink lemonade concentrate
- 1 can crushed pineapple
- 1/2 cup sugar



Directions:

1. Scoop out watermelon and run through a blender or food processor. Pour puree through a strainer removing pulp and seeds.
2. Measure 8 cups of watermelon juice, add lemonade concentrate, pineapple, and sugar.
3. Pour mixture into a 9x13 inch pan. Cover and freeze until firm.
4. Break frozen mixture into chunks and blend until smooth.
5. Serve immediately and enjoy!

West Floral Park's Second Harvest Food Bank of OC Virtual Food Drive: Spring 2021



Thank you to our neighbor Emily Rankin for volunteering and coordinating this effort for our neighborhood.

The virtual donation was a success!

The original goal was 3000 meals for \$1000 dollars (\$1 = 3 meals). Neighbors donated approximately about 4500 meals by giving \$1350.17!

If you would like to learn more about this organization, please visit their website FEEDOC.ORG.



Our annual 4th of July Parade was back this year! Neighbors followed a convoy of over eight golf carts up Rosewood, over Riviera, and back down Westwood where they were greeted with an ice chest full of popsicles. A great time was had by all.



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 Claudia Jordan at jordansincali08@gmail.com 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.



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by Donna Layne, OGD co-chair

June 19th was certainly a beautiful day in the neighborhood! Due to COVID restrictions, Open Garden Day was postponed a month and revamped a bit.

Eleven gardens (a record number) were open in West Floral Park and Jack Fisher Park for guests to visit, be inspired, and enjoy. People were ready to return to a bit of normalcy and loved this event. We had almost 700 paid attendees, making this the biggest Open Garden Day in our fourteen year history. Select vendors were set up in key driveways, the Master Gardeners were back to educate, and Pico de Gallo served up delicious Mexican food. Live entertainment from Velvet Bow Strings Duo was enjoyed by our guests as they bought tickets.

We missed having our Open Garden Day trolley and our garden experts but look forward to their return next year.

Thank you to our garden owners who graciously opened their gardens to make the 2021 Open Garden Day possible. Many people came together and gave their precious time to make this event the success that it was. It was a true labor of love for our committee and volunteers.

Thank you!





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Congratulations to our Garden of the Season!



Home of Matt and Linda Speer at 2330 N Flower Street

The WFPNA Beautification Committee is proud to announce our "Garden of the Season" award for the summer season. Our committee looks at all of the homes in our wonderful neighborhood. Neighbors who demonstrate "above-and-beyond" efforts to maintain and improve their front yards help to make our neighborhood a more beautiful place to live and contribute to the value of our homes.

Welcome New Neighbors!

We would like to welcome the following people who moved into West Floral Park this spring. These new neighbors, along with others from 2020 will be invited to our New Neighbor Social in September. If you happen to see them, be sure to say hello and welcome them to our neighborhood!



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