



# West Floral Park

**SUMMER  
2022**

# NEWSLETTER



*Where Neighbors Turn Into Family and Friends*

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## **CELEBRATING OUR OWN WFP CENTENARIAN Mrs. Ruth Hurley**

The Hurley family of 1007 Riviera would like to invite their WFP neighbors to join in the celebration of Mrs. Ruth Hurley's 100th BIRTHDAY on August 19th at 8pm! Ruth is the original owner of her WFP home, where she and her husband, Chuck, picnicked before purchasing the land and building their home in 1956.

Ruth's century long life journey began in Fort Worth, Texas, on August 19, 1922. She grew up in the Great Depression on a dairy farm and tended to the animals. As a child, she enjoyed reading, music, and learning to play the piano. Her love of learning and staying active and adventurous would become central themes in her life. In high school, she enjoyed archery, dancing, and was an honor student, graduating at the young age of sixteen.



Jobs were scarce at that time so just one year after graduating, Ruth traveled alone by bus to Washington, D.C. from Texas for work, having only a contact name and phone number for a place to stay on her arrival! Fortunately, she was hired by the Civil Service Commission in the Geography and Land Development Department, working for six months before returning to Texas to take a position at the Department of Agriculture. While working there, America entered World War II, food was rationed and Ruth volunteered her time on Saturdays to the war effort.

Ruth continued to work after the war and attended Texas Christian University where she met her future husband, Chuck Hurley. Ruth married Chuck in 1946. He was a navigator in the Air Force and earned his master's degree at TCU before they relocated to California in 1953 and eventually settled down in WFP in 1956.

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## **Upcoming West Floral Park Events**

**August 27:** Progressive Dinner

**September 18:** WFPNA General Meeting



Ruth and Chuck had six children and their home soon became a central place for the neighborhood kids to play and hang out. Ruth was supportive and involved in all her children's activities: serving as a Room Mother at St. Joseph's school almost every year, troop leader for both the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, and was even the scorekeeper and team mother for all the little league baseball teams managed by her husband, Chuck. Ruth was known to bake gingerbread men for her children's classmates every Christmas and was also active in the Santa Ana High PTA and Athletic Booster Club. Even with a busy schedule supporting the activities of six children, Ruth was an amazing cook and prepared a complete and nutritious meal for her large family virtually every night for over 30 years!



**RUTH'S SECRET TO A LONG AND HAPPY LIFE?**  
Eating healthy, exercising regularly, going to church, and reading the newspaper daily- which she still does.

Ruth enjoyed many adventures with Chuck. He was an avid fisherman and hunter and Ruth often joined him. During retirement, involvement in children's activities was replaced with traveling, swing dancing, and spending time with family and friends. Ruth is also a devout Catholic and has attended St. Joseph's Church every Sunday for almost 70 years.

Ruth has accomplished so much in her 100 years but the accomplishment that brings her the most pride is that she and Chuck were able to financially provide for all six of their children to graduate from college, as well as their grandchildren. This was due to the success of the family business, Hurley's Electronics.

Ruth is known for her kindness and generosity to her large family of six children, ten grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren, as well as friends and neighbors. **Her family will be hosting a fireworks show at their home at 1007 Riviera at 8:00pm on Ruth's birthday, Friday, August 19th. All are welcome to join in the celebration of a beloved member of the WFP neighborhood for nearly 70 years, the newest centenarian, Mrs. Ruth Hurley!**

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** Mrs. Barbara Faria has lived next door to the Hurleys in WFP for more than 45 years. You most likely have seen her taking her early morning walks with her umbrella and dog treats for the pups she encounters along the way! Here's a photo of Barbara with Ann Neidringhaus, another long-time WFP neighbor. What a small world it was when Barbara ran into Ann at the Vatican while on vacation in 2019!





**INTERESTING FACT:** On February 26, 1969, the Santiago Creek overflowed and the Hurley home became the command center for the Army Corps. of Engineers. Cars were dropped into the creek from Ruth's backyard to divert the flow of water and help protect neighbor's homes from erosion. Photos are of unknown locations along the creek showing wrecked cars and sandbags.



## This One's for the Dogs!

Hopefully you've had the opportunity to meet the Heimann girls of 21st Street; Giselle, Hannah, and Topi.

These beautiful golden retrievers are therapy dogs raised by Patti and Tom. When they're not taking walks, swimming, or chasing balls, they LOVE to listen to stories and Patti hosted book readings for the children of WFP this summer on Wednesday mornings.

Her selection included books such as *Pete the Cat* and the *Biscuit* books and children were welcome to bring their own as well, some reading in different languages, which the girls loved!

Our thanks go to Patti for setting up this fun activity for the kids of our neighborhood!





# CAN I HAVE A FLAMINGO WITH THAT BINGO?



The neighborhood turned out to "flamingle" on Saturday, June 25th, in the beautiful backyard of the Schulein family. This was the 2nd annual Flamingo Bingo event (with a slight pause due to COVID) and all who attended had loads of fun!

Our bingo caller was our very own Harrison Zierer and he was assisted by the lovely Ms. Annie Corcoran. Those in attendance enjoyed appetizers and cocktails brought for the sharing before the spirited "competition" for bingo prizes began. Check out the photos carefully and you may catch a glimpse of some used Bingo cards wadded up and thrown at the lucky winners by the unlucky losers!

Thanks to the hosts and organizers for a fun-filled evening. We look forward to future Flamingo Bingo events!





# Annual 4th of July Parade



WFP families and friends came out in full force to demonstrate their patriotic pride during the annual WFP 4th of July Parade! It was a fun celebration for the whole family and the kind of small-town American event that you might find in works by Norman Rockwell with decorated bikes, wagons, scooters, strollers, golf carts, and even some vehicles.

The parade was led by a fire truck and began at Rosewood and 21st, made its way to Riviera and back down Westwood to 21st. It culminated with complimentary fire truck rides (**THANK YOU Mel Steiner of First Team Real Estate**) and ice cream from an ice cream truck (**THANK YOU Kevin Shuler of Keller Williams Realty**).

It was another fantastic event coordinated by your WFPNA Outreach Chairs Claudia Pinedo and Vanessa Collins!

*P.S. The Parade was followed by the 18th Annual Piccolo Pete Car Races – if you've got photos or an update, we'd love to hear from you at [mcamerontft@gmail.com](mailto:mcamerontft@gmail.com)!*



# MEET THE JENKINS FAMILY

## Making Pride Month Memorable

June was Pride Month and a new tradition was born at the home of the Jenkins family on 21st Street and Towner as they created "Pride Month Happy Hours" to help WFP neighbors celebrate together throughout the month of June. They provided lawn games, champagne, non-alcoholic drinks, and snacks to toast our community and celebrate our LGBTQIA+ neighbors and friends. Thank you to the Jenkins family for the opportunity for neighbors to get together and enjoy each other's company!

The Jenkins family has lived in WFP for about three and half years but have roots with other family members going back decades. They've got more in store; they're planning a movie night at their house on August 26 and will be selling concessions. All proceeds will go to purchasing supplies for the unhoused in Santa Ana and neighbors will be invited to help put together donation bags at a date to be announced. If you'd like more information, you can reach out to Amber Reine Jenkins via the Nextdoor app or email her at [amberreine@icloud.com](mailto:amberreine@icloud.com).



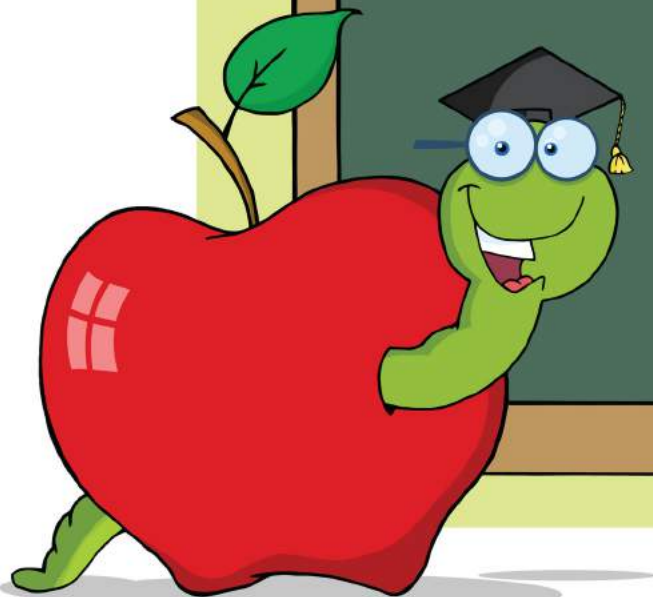
## AS SUMMER DRAWS TO A CLOSE

Sadly, before you know it, summer will be over and the kids will be returning to school to begin another school year. To mark the end of summer and beginning of fall, we'd like to recognize both our 2022 graduates and any teachers residing in our neighborhood to celebrate your accomplishments. You did it, and right in the middle of a pandemic!

Just email your information to [mcamerontft@gmail.com](mailto:mcamerontft@gmail.com) so we can include it in the Fall Newsletter.

**Graduates:** Your name, where you graduated, and any big next steps planned.

**Teachers:** Your name, where you work, and why you became a teacher.





# SANTA ANA COLLEGE UPDATE

Did you know Santa Ana College has been ranked third in California as a top college in the West Coast according to EDsmart.org, a nationally-recognized publisher of college resources and rankings? The rankings are based on data gathered from the Department of Education based on criteria that includes affordability, location, online degree offerings, and average post-graduation salaries.



## OTHER NOTABLE FACTS:

- Ranked as one of the nation's top two-year colleges awarding associate degrees to Latino and Asian students.
- Recognized throughout the state for its comprehensive workforce training programs for nurses, firefighters, law enforcement, and other medical personnel.
- New Science Center with ~65k square feet of space.
- Santa Ana College offers articulation agreements with California State University and the University of California. Santa Ana also has Honors Program transfer agreements with 15 institutions. Check out the Transfer Center to help get you into the University of your choice!

## FALL SEMESTER BEGINS AUGUST 22

## HISTORY:

Santa Ana College held its first classes in the fall of 1915 as Santa Ana Junior College, located on the campus of Santa Ana High School, during the presidency of Woodrow Wilson. It opened its doors to 24 students and 11 teaching faculty. It was the second junior college founded in Orange County and the fourth oldest in all of California. It relocated to its current location at 17th and Bristol in 1947 and now serves nearly 30 thousand students per semester!



*Aerial View of Santa College among the original orange groves  
(17th St. running top to bottom and Bristol running left to right)*

## Congratulations to our Garden of the Season!



### Home of Steve and Nichole Doughty at 2206 Westwood Avenue

The Doughty's home on Westwood Avenue was chosen by the WFPNA Beautification Committee as this summer's "Garden of the Season." It was chosen because of its well thought out landscaping that has been consistently maintained over the years. We celebrate you and all the neighbors of WFP who work hard to maintain and improve their yards to enhance the beauty of our neighborhood.

## TIGHTEN THE TAP

California is experiencing historic water shortages. Although there is no current water supply emergency in Santa Ana, the Santa Ana City Council approved reduction actions for a Level 2 Water Supply Shortage to comply with State requirements and help protect future water supplies.

There has been a call to action to all Santa Ana residents to do our part and conserve water. As a reminder, Santa Ana's water rules effective 6/7/22 limit outdoor watering to no more than two days per week and only between 6PM and 6AM.

Some ways and/or city requirements to conserve water include:

- Quickly repairing any water leaks
- No washing down sidewalks or driveways (sweep instead!)
- Only wash vehicles with a shut-off nozzle on your hose
- Only use a fountain/water feature with a recirculating system
- Turn off those auto sprinkler systems during & for 48 hours after rainfall
- Turn off water while shaving or brushing teeth
- Wash full loads of laundry only
- Use a timer to ensure you take quick showers

For those interested, the City of Santa offers free California-friendly landscape training and other resources, including ways to help your trees survive a drought. Water-wasting can be reported on the mySantaAna phone app.



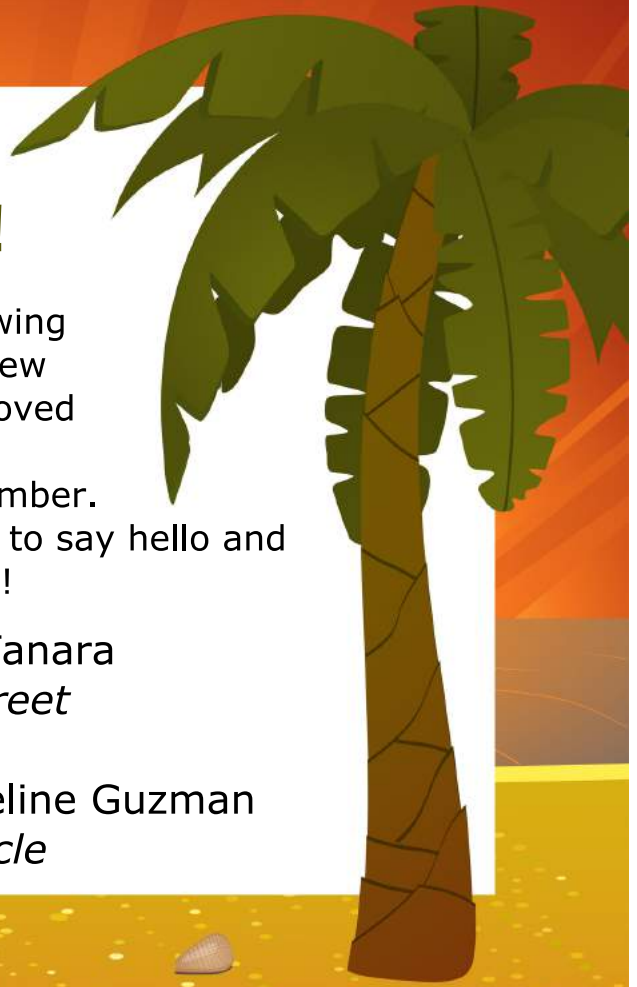


# Welcome New Neighbors!

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

Ryon & Shadi Tanara  
*of Louise Street*

Jay Barkman & Jacqueline Guzman  
*of Ruth Circle*



## 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 us at [westfloralpark@gmail.com](mailto:westfloralpark@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.



**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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## OUR COMMUNITY MARKET UPDATE

**Real Estate News Serving West Floral Park**  
The Following Homes Sold in the Second Quarter 2022

| ADDRESS                | SQUARE FOOTAGE | \$\$\$ / SQ. FT. | SALES PRICE |
|------------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|
| 1210 W Santa Clara Ave | 1921 SF        | \$515/SF         | \$990,000   |
| 2010 Louise St         | 2036 SF        | \$594/SF         | \$1,210,000 |
| 1109 Ruth Circle       | 2258 SF        | \$531/SF         | \$1,200,000 |
| *1932 N Heliotrope Dr  | 2700 SF        | \$639/SF         | \$1,932,000 |
| 1815 N Flower St       | 3241 SF        | \$606/SF         | \$1,965,000 |
| *1147 W Riviera Dr     | 2296 SF        | \$732/SF         | \$1,680,000 |

\*Represents a home sold by Kevin Shuler



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