



# West Floral Park **WINTER 2019** NEWSLETTER

## WFPNA

*Where Neighbors Turn Into Family and Friends*

**Your West Floral Park  
Neighborhood Association  
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## 2019 Membership Drive: JOIN TODAY!

**At the beginning of every new year we reach out to all of you for support. Together we can do so much for our neighborhood.**



February is our Membership Drive month. We have many reasons to love our wonderful neighborhood, and by becoming an active paying member of WFP your donation goes towards building solid relationships and keeping our neighborhood safe and beautiful.

*Support Your Neighborhood*

EASY PAY ONLINE AT [WESTFLORALPARK.COM](http://WESTFLORALPARK.COM)

*Your donation helps our community in the following ways:*

**Communications:** This newsletter is one reason we need your support. While newsletter advertising pays for the majority of printing costs, we still rely on membership donations to pay for the rest. Plus, your donations pay the fees for our website hosting company and for the email blast service.

**Beautification:** The plants and maintenance in the neighborhood common areas, as well as the tree bows at Christmas and the 4th of July flags on Santa Clara, are paid for with your donations.

**Outreach:** Our outreach program that includes welcome baskets for new neighbors and two New Neighbor Socials a year is a result of your donations. The yearly Senior Tea, the 4th of July Parade festivities, and the Children's Easter Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt are all activities that are appreciated and funded with your donations.

**Neighborhood Watch:** The WFPNA maintains a list of homes with security cameras and, because of your donations, last year launched an incentive program for homeowners in under-represented areas, increasing the security of everyone in West Floral Park.

**Remember, EVERYONE in the neighborhood benefits from this Association, shouldn't we ALL help to keep it going?**

Send your check made out to West Floral Park Neighborhood Association (WFPNA) to Ian Gibson (P.O. Box 6243, Santa Ana, CA 92706) or pay online with PayPal on the West Floral Park website ([westfloralpark.com](http://westfloralpark.com)).



## Upcoming West Floral Park Events

**February 23:** WFPNA General Meeting

# 2018 DONATING HOUSEHOLDS

**Our West Floral Park Neighborhood Association received donations from 104 Paid Memberships. Thank you to the following neighbors!**

## **18th STREET**

Kurt Eisenburger & David Vrbecky  
Michael & Mia Griswold

## **19th STREET**

David & Miko Hartman

## **20th STREET**

Mary Lou Farmer  
Jim Finnegan  
Thomas & Patti Heimann  
Tim & Ann Johnson  
Patrick & Kathryn McLarney

## **21st STREET**

Stuart & Silvia Fuller  
Nathan & Emily Rankin

## **BAKER STREET**

Carl Duvel  
Amy Kelly  
Juan & Jane Laguna  
Willford & Jean Michael  
Lynette Perry  
Allan & Rocio Price

## **BUFFALO AVENUE**

Jim & Pat Broeske

## **FLOWER STREET**

Tracey Stein

## **FREEMAN STREET**

Richard Evans & Diana Janzen  
Juan & Victoria Gutierrez  
Don & Carolyn Honer  
Ruth Honer  
Evelyn Riedel

## **GREENBRIER STREET**

Henry & Marilee Aquilera  
Claudio & Dora Oviedo

## **LOUISE STREET**

Wayne & Shirley Arendt  
Doug Gray & Aiden Nguyen  
Doug & Laura Jagerman  
Gerry Scott-Moore & Nancy Rimsha  
Richard & Jenny Vasquez

## **LOWELL LANE**

Larry & Kristin Ball  
Jim & Vicki Bright  
Connie Castillo  
Audrey Eilts  
Don Franklin  
Rick & Brenda Johnson

## **MARION WAY**

Bruce & Valerie Hall

## **OLIVE STREET & LANE**

Christy Benson  
Mark & Wendy Blalock  
Michael Buss & Autumn Browne  
William & Andrea Gee  
Pat Huffnagle  
Bud & Elizabeth Lacy  
James & Barbie Nellesen

## **RIVIERA DRIVE**

Richard Amborski & Mel Steiner  
Richard Austin & Ana Gomez  
Zaven & Jamie Bilezikjian  
Robert & Barbara Faria  
Claire Jackson  
Ray & Beth Laham  
Paul & Martha McKeon  
Jim & Karen Mittendorf  
Dick & Buffie Politiski  
George & Kathleen Weir  
Greg West

## **ROSEWOOD AVENUE**

Jeff Adams & Pilar Mazzone  
David Booth  
Shawn Cunningham & Kim Wright  
Jim & Nancy Gartner  
Ian & Kari Gibson  
Jim & Kate Hartman  
Carol Hull  
Quynh Kieu  
Tom & Linda McFarland  
Bruce Proctor & Dori Holnagel  
Lillian Reimer  
Ric & Jude Romero  
Patti Saenz  
Eric & Jody Tate  
Brian & Zubia Villacorta

## **RUTH CIRCLE**

Behzad Nikfarjam  
Sonia Wegge

## **SANTA CLARA AVENUE**

Craig Blankenhorn & Rob Louisell  
Dianne Jeffries  
Edward LeBeau  
Harrison Zierer & Mark Engeln

## **TOWNER STREET**

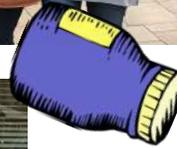
Daniel & Lynzie Allen  
Brian & Rita Atkinson  
Bonnie Berger & Judith Goldstein  
Patrick & Annie Corcoran  
William Crowley & Tamara Scott  
Steven & Cathie Fryer  
Bill & Carolyn Hogan  
Stanley & Mitzi Magill  
Mary Majors  
Charles & Jill Manfre  
Michael & Debra Moss  
Joyce O'Brien  
Ralph & Barbara Pagter

## **WESTWOOD AVENUE**

Joseph & Chela Banuelos  
Carmen Bias  
Maria Bias  
Joyce Brown  
Joseph & Michele Chatelle  
Raymond Davis  
Steve & Nichole Doughty  
Dennis & Melinda Heathcock  
Provi Hull  
Linda Largent  
Allen & Donna Layne  
William & Tracy Matheny  
Sisters of St. Joseph  
Robert & Anne Unetic  
Rick & Teresa Wagner



# Beautification Committee Report



## *Fall Garden Swap*

On Saturday, November 10th, our final Garden Swap of the year was held at the home of Rob Barker and Dean McCleskey. Neighbors gathered for an afternoon potluck, drinks, and swapped items from their gardens. Some of this swap's favorite items were apricot-jalapeno jelly, mexican-lime curd, and various succulents. We hope you join us at a future "swap" in the coming year.

## West Floral Park took "Pictures with the Kringles"



On Saturday, December 15th, Santa, Mrs. Claus, and Twinkle the Elf visited the driveway of Joe and Michele Chatelle on Westwood to pose for pictures and greet neighbors. Everyone enjoyed cider, homemade cookies, and hot cocoa. Many thanks to Michele's sister, Renee, for taking fantastic photos and to Kurt Eisenburger for handling the printing!





# It's Truly a Dog's Life in West Floral Park

Hi! My name is Sophie. For the last year I have called West Floral Park my home. I've seen a lot of fun things happen around here.



It's been fun growing up in a neighborhood where I get to meet so many amazing people.



There was even a party at my house where I met other new neighbors.

One Saturday in April, all my neighbors threw away their stuff in a giant metal box that was outside my house. I don't know why they did it, but I do know I met some nice people that day.



On the Fourth of July I got dressed up and walked in a parade! There were so many families and kids. I even saw a fire truck!



I hope to see you around the neighborhood soon! (If I'm not busy napping)

# President's Message

by Harrison Zierer



Another year has come and gone and it's hard to believe that we are already almost into the third month of 2019. I know that this year will be a great one for our neighborhood. When I moved here three years ago, I was amazed that neighborhoods like ours existed. Not just the beautifully maintained homes, but also the spirit of camaraderie and togetherness through all our wonderful events.

My hope is that you will join us for one or more of these events this coming year. We really do try to plan something for everybody. If you like to garden, come to one of our quarterly Garden Swap events where neighbors gather to share what they have grown. If you don't like to garden but enjoy looking at them, be sure to attend our Open Garden Day on May 11th. This day is always fun for the entire neighborhood and shares with the surrounding area the pride we take in our yards and homes.

If you are more of a party animal, be sure to come to one of our four fantastic social events. We have the upcoming Wine Night, our Progressive Dinner in the summer, Oktoberfest in, you guessed it, October, and the Christmas Party in December. If you are a family and want something you can all enjoy together, be sure to come to the Easter Eggstravaganza, Fourth of July Parade, Fall Music Festival, or Pictures with the Kringles. Even if you don't have kids, come join in the fun!

If you have never attended a WFP event please come join us for a least one. Take advantage of this very special neighborhood that we call home.

## Treasurer's Report

By Ian Gibson, WFPNA Treasurer  
as of 12/31/18

Account Balances:    Checking \$4,612    Savings \$8,100



Revenues	2018 Budget	YTD Actual	Expenses	2018 Budget	YTD Actual
Membership	\$6,000	6,970	Membership	400	343
Advertising	3,500	2,740	General Meetings	400	314
Social Events	12,650	12,289	Community Outreach	345	1,116
Open Garden Day	11,500	10,817	General Operations	2,586	2,463
Beautification Donations	525	0	Open Garden Day	9,077	8,849
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>34,175</b>	<b>32,816</b>	Social Events	13,807	11,954
			Neighborhood Watch	3,200	2,479
			Communications	4,250	4,654
			Beautification	2,625	1,537
			<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>36,690</b>	<b>33,709</b>

*Should you have any questions, please contact Ian Gibson at [nosbig8585@gmail.com](mailto:nosbig8585@gmail.com)*

# The Social Buzz



On Saturday, December 8th, West Floral Park celebrated the season at our Annual Christmas Party. Sweet and savory crepes were served along with champagne, wine, and an "adult" hot chocolate bar. There were even carolers from Foothill High School to make the evening even more festive. If you missed this wonderful event, be sure to join us next year as we celebrate the holidays with friends and neighbors!



# Come join us this year at a neighborhood event!

## WFPNA Annual Events

Easter Eggstravaganza  
July 4th Parade  
Oktoberfest  
Wine Night  
Senior Tea Party  
Progressive Dinner  
Garden Swaps  
Christmas Party



## Special thanks to the following neighbors, without whom NONE of our social events would be possible!

Bob and Barbara Faria for hosting our **Wine Night**

Doug Gray and Aiden Nguyen for hosting the appetizers for our **Progressive Dinner**

Doug and Laura Jagerman for hosting the dinner and desserts for our **Progressive Dinner**

Jim and Nancy Gartner for hosting **Oktoberfest**

Rick and Theresa Wagner for hosting the **Christmas Party**



I also want to express my deepest gratitude to:

- \* My fabulous Social Committee: Annie Corcoran, Nancy Gartner, Mia Griswold, Patti Heimann, and Kathi McLean without whom none of these events would have been possible. Thank you for all the hours you spent in meetings, viewing venues, picking up alcohol, ice, water, napkins, coffee stirrers, flowers, and all the other party necessities. Thank you being available early to set up the houses and for always staying late to help clean up, and most of all for your creativity, warmth, laughter, and your ability to deal with each other's quirks and support each other when one of us is having a rough day. Working with you is so much fun!
- \* Cathie Fryer/CTA Travel for providing the "over the top" raffle baskets at each event. When our events make budget, it's only because of your ongoing generosity.
- \* Harrison Zierer for designing all our flyers and for getting the word out via newsletter deliveries, email blasts, and NextDoor posts.
- \* Dennis Heathcock and Ian Gibson for making sure the events get posted on the WFP website and that the PayPal button is up and ready whenever we need it.
- \* Steve Doughty for procuring the wines for our Wine Night and Christmas Party.
- \* Steve and Sean Fryer for selecting the Oktoberfest brews, Sammie Foster for all the wonderful decorations and a huge thank you to Cathie Fryer for putting together all the rest of the food and coordinating the event as a whole
- \* Karen Mittendorf for keeping track of all the RSVP's and sending out confirmation emails to all the attendees. Also, thanks for taking on the task of making sure all our guests have name tags so no one ever feels like a newcomer.
- \* Donna Layne and Melinda Heathcock for all the times you greeted our guests at the welcome tables. You never get enough credit for missing the first half of the events, but we appreciate it very much.
- \* Joe Chatelle, Tom Heimann, Mike McLean, Mike Griswold, and Patrick Corcoran – The committee husbands, because they are always backing us up whenever and wherever we need them.
- \* Steve Tancredi and all the men and women who chip in to put up the WFPNA street signs and event banners, picked up all the necessities from the storage unit, set up tables, lights, trash cans, and ran the last-minute errands.
- \* Those same and additional men and women who stay after the event to clean up trash, pack up dirty dishes and linens, take down all the signs, banners, lights, and decoration.
- \* And finally, to all those who have attended our functions, thank you for your support. WFP is a very special place to live. It's warm and inclusive and caring and we believe the social calendar makes it even more so!



Mark your calendar! Our lovely gardens will once again be open for our neighborhood and visitors. Everyone in attendance will receive a beautiful garden guide that outlines the events of the day and descriptions of the open gardens. We will have garden expert talks and demos, a sidewalk front yard tour, a garden bazaar, yummy food trucks, and vintage cars. Be sure to save the date and bring mom for a special early Mother's Day. In fact, why not bring the whole family!



# 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 Harrison Zierer at [ziere101@yahoo.com](mailto:ziere101@yahoo.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, 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.