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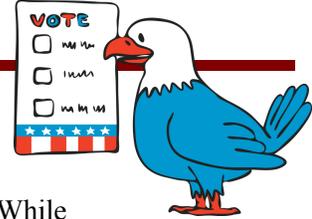
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A Quick Guide To Voting by Judi Fine



It seems as if the campaign season has been going on since the last election, and the election felt like it was a long way off. Now, suddenly voting is right around the corner and like a train building momentum as it races downhill, we are fast approaching the station. While I won't tell you how to vote, I do encourage you to vote. Your vote is important. A healthy democracy depends on its citizens to participate and vote. This article covers a summary of information about voting and a few other relevant details. Much of this information is in your Sample Ballot & Voter Information Guide and can be found at ocvote.com.

By now, if you are a registered voter in California you should have received your mail-in ballot, Orange County Sample Ballot & Voter Information Guide, and your Official Voter Information Guide in the mail. If you did not receive or would like an additional copy of the Orange County Sample Ballot & Voter Information Guide go to ocvote.com/voterguide. To request a copy of the Voter Information Guide go to voterguide.sos.ca.gov. California offers voter registration online, by mail, and in person. If you haven't yet registered to vote, online voter registration is available at RegisterToVote.ca.gov. You can also request and complete a paper voter registration form and mail or hand deliver it to your county elections official.

Registration Deadlines

- Online: October 19
- By mail: Postmarked by October 19
- Conditional Registration: October 20 - November 3
- In person: November 3



Conditional voter registration is a safety net for Californians who miss the deadline to register to vote or update their voter registration information. Voters can use the conditional voter registration process from the day after the deadline all the way through Election Day. Eligible citizens can go to their county election office, polling place, or Vote Center to register and vote conditionally. These ballots will be processed once the county elections office has completed the voter registration verification process.



Upcoming West Floral Park Events

Due to COVID-19, we are not planning neighborhood events at this time. We will alert you about any upcoming events when it is once again safe to gather together.

Absentee Ballot Deadlines

Request: October 27

Return by mail: Postmarked by November 3

Return in person: November 3 by 8:00 p.m.

Early Voting

October 5 - November 2, but dates and hours may vary based on where you live

Additional Information

You can also register and vote on Election Day.



Three Ways to Vote

As a voter, you have several options for where to cast your ballot. Here are your options:

**DROP OFF
YOUR BALLOT
IN-PERSON**

1. Vote Anywhere at Vote Centers

A Vote Center provides voters with more options than the now defunct polling place. You can vote in person at any Orange County Vote Center, drop your mail-in ballot off, register to vote, get a replacement ballot, and resolve issues. Some locations have language assistance, and some have drive-thru ballot drop off options. There is a list of Vote Center locations in your Sample Ballot & Voter Information Guide. For more locations and their services go to ocvote.com/votecenter. All Vote Centers are open from October 30 - November 2, from 8am-8pm and on November 3, from 7am-8pm. The closest ones to WFP are the Discovery Cube at 2500 N Main and the Santa Ana College Gymnasium at 1530 W 17th Street. Neither have drive-thru drop boxes.

In addition to the regular Vote Centers, there are also Pop-Up one-day voting locations. The closest pop-up voting center near WFP will be at Main Place Mall on October 25, from 8am to 5pm. It will not be open on November 3. Check your Sample Ballot & Voter Information Guide for more locations or go to ocvote.com/votecenter.



**VOTE
AT ANY
VOTE CENTER**

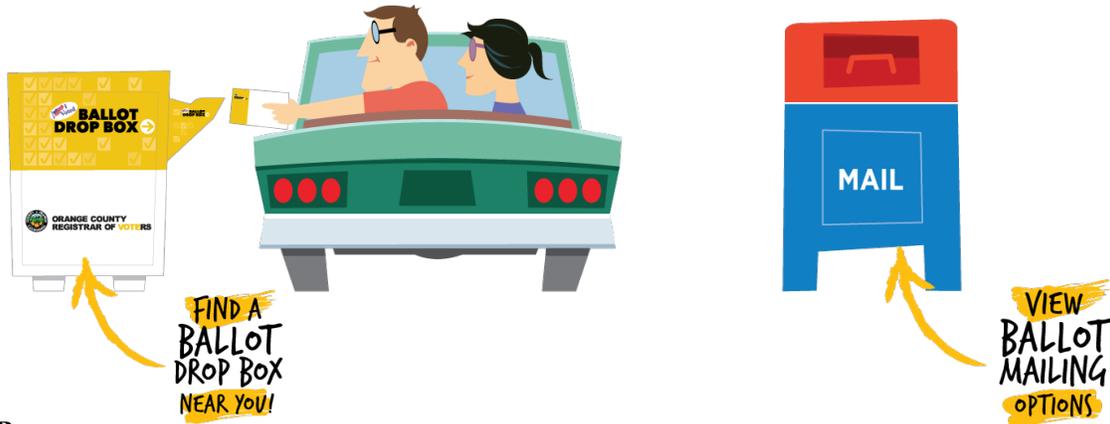


**VOTE
AT A
POP-UP SITE**

2. Mail-in Ballots

Every registered voter should receive a mail-in ballot. Mailing starts on October 5, and the Post Office says ballots should be received within seven days. If you did not receive a ballot, and you are a registered voter, go to ocvote.com to request a replacement ballot. If you want to know if your ballot has been received, you can track your ballot there as well. There are several options for returning your ballot. 1) Mail your ballot in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. 2) Drop off your ballot at any Orange County Vote Center or Pop-Up Mobile Voting Unit. Vote Center locations and hours are listed in your Sample Ballot & Voter Information Guide or visit ocvote.com/votecenter. 3) Deposit your ballot into any Ballot Drop Box. For Ballot Drop Box locations see your Sample Ballot & Voter Information Guide or visit ocvote.com/dropbox. Make sure to vote using the ballot with your name on it. It's easy to pick up the wrong ballot if there is more than voter in your household. If you make a mistake, call 714-567-7600 before election day.

Just a reminder, you must sign, date, and postmark your ballot on or before Election Day. The Post Office is recommending mailing your ballot seven days before Election Day to ensure timely receipt. Your signature must match what is on your voter registration. Can't remember if you used your middle name or middle initial? It's what's printed on your CA Driver's License or CA ID. Translated election materials and accessible election materials are available by calling 714-567-7600.



3. Ballot Drop Boxes

If you don't want to mail your ballot you can drop it off at any of the numerous secure Ballot Drop Boxes in Orange County. Ballot Drop Box locations are open 24/7 starting October 5 until November 3 at 3 pm. Some of these locations offer drive-thru service, so check your Sample Ballot & Voter Information Guide or visit ocvote.com/dropbox.

Questions?

I highly recommend the ocvote.com website. It is full of great information and is very user-friendly. In addition to text, there are informational videos that are short, informative, and well made.

Vote!

Remember to vote by mail or at all Ballot Drop Box locations starting October 5 and at Vote Centers starting October 30. This is your chance to make a difference and have a say in our democracy.

All photos courtesy of ocvote.com

Tips for a COVID Safe Halloween

Here are a few alternatives to trick or treating around the neighborhood:

1. Hunt for Candy Indoors

Hide candy in the house and then turn off the lights so the kids have to search for goodies in the dark. Variations on that theme could include a scavenger hunt in the house or yard. You could also try a set of clues for older children to decipher.

2. Movie "Scare"-a-Thon

Screen Halloween-themed movies indoors or out if you have a projector and a screen or some other blank surface. The nice thing about home-based scary movies is you can adjust the scare-o-meter to fit your family's tastes.

3. Escape Your Living Room

While in-person escape rooms are not open, you can find a large variety of online options and games to set up in the comfort of your own home. This is a great option for older kids and even a group of adults.

4. "Boo" Someone

Think of booing someone as a kind of random act of kindness for Halloween. Wrap up a Halloween treat and drop it at a neighbor or friend's door



If you plan on passing out candy this year, please do it safely. Here are three fun ideas on how to stay socially distant:

1. No Grab Bowls

Kids crowding around the door is not recommended this year, but that doesn't mean we can't find other ways to pass out candy. Try leaving treats on a table on your driveway for children to take as they walk by. You can wave from the porch, replenish between visits and keep an eye on little ghouls who want to take more than their share.

2. Hang Treats

Have a fence around your yard? Hang candy from the fence for children to grab as they pass. Don't have a fence? Try hanging candy from the tree so children can "pick" their treats.

3. Candy Slide

If you're feeling really ambitious, try making a candy slide that will allow you to stay 6 feet away from your trick-or-treaters!

Congratulations to our West Floral Park Garden of the Season Winner!



Home of Roy Cordova & Steven Mendoza at 2122 Westwood Avenue

The WFPNA Beautification Committee is proud to announce our "Garden of the Season" award for the fall 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.

Garden 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, including 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.



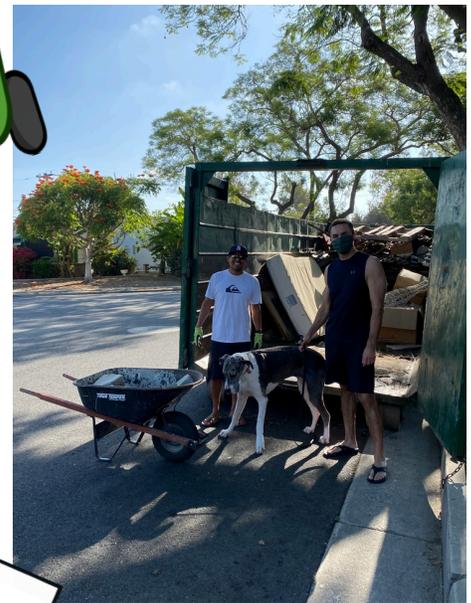
Welcome New Neighbors!

We would like to welcome the following people to West Floral Park. These new neighbors will be invited to our New Neighbor Social next spring, once it is safe to gather together again. If you happen to see them, be sure to say hello and welcome them to our neighborhood!

Christopher & Mindy Beasley of Baker Street
Ryan Rozar & Kelly Chandler of Baker Street
Jason and Michelle Church of 21st Street
Jacob & Vanessa Collins of Freeman Street
Raul Carrera Cortiz & Idalia Carrera of Westwood Avenue
Linda Duffy of Olive Lane
Dan & Kim Galan of Lowell Lane
Andy and Alice Hoang of Freeman Street
The-An Hoang-Nguyen of Olive Street
Tina Krongold of Santa Clara Avenue
Timothy and Alysa Mares of 19th Street
Shane & Alejandro Srodawa of Olive Street
Marc & Allyson Thompson of Riviera Drive
Jonathan Watson & Michele Liu of Baker Street
Augustin & Maria Zamudio of Westwood Avenue

DUMPSTER DAY

Our annual dumpster day came a little later this year. Usually scheduled for the spring, our yearly clean-up day had to be postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Luckily, we were still able to get three dumpsters and a shredder in the neighborhood on Saturday, August 8th. Better late than never! Neighbors from all over West Floral Park were able to get rid of large items and other household waste that had accumulated throughout the year. As always, quite a few furniture pieces were pulled from the dumpsters and are being repurposed for their second (or third) home. There were no donuts and coffee this year but it was still such a joy to meet and greet neighbors as they stopped by our three locations throughout the morning.



Way to go
West Floral Park!



WFP General Meeting and Board Elections

Sunday, November 15
3:00pm

Join us **IN PERSON**
on the front lawn of
Allen and Donna Layne
2315 N Westwood Street

Or **VIRTUALLY** on Zoom
Meeting ID: 886 5436 6322
Passcode: 572352



Join us as we elect our 2021 Board, discuss our plans for the neighborhood, and talk about what awaits us as we enter the new year.

Stay Connected!

Even though we are socially distancing, stay connected to your WFP neighbors!

Email: Send us a message at westfloralpark@gmail.com to be added to our distribution list.

Instagram: Follow us @WestFloralPark for pictures of our neighborhood or follow us on **Facebook** for even more content.

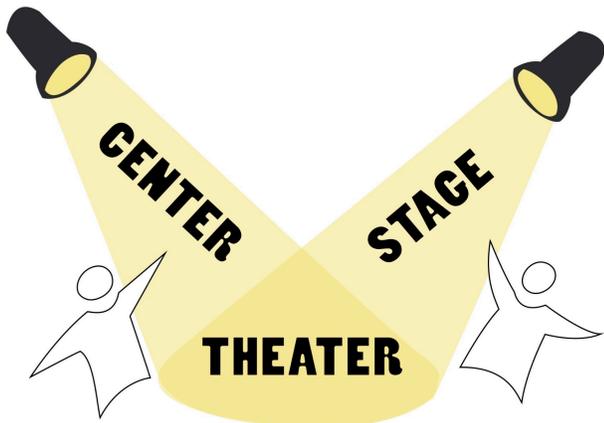
Nextdoor.com: WFP residents can sign up on [Nextdoor.com/join/JXNKHE](https://www.nextdoor.com/join/JXNKHE) at any time by going directly to the website.



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