A Monthly Newsletter for the Fiesta Gardens Homes Association, San Mateo, CA PO Box 5288, San Mateo CA 94402

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President's Message

By Steve Strauss

If at first you don't succeed.....

The vote is in and the people have spoken. The proposal to finance the new Cabana with a one-time \$2400 assessment unfortunately went down to defeat. This, by no means, indicates that the project is dead. Quite the contrary.

The good, actually great, news is that OVER 75% of the neighborhood voted! It's exciting to know that a large majority of our neighbors are engaged in the project and the conversation that goes with it. I think (hope) we can all agree that we NEED a new facility and that it would greatly upgrade Fiesta Gardens and in turn the neighborhood's desirability (and hopefully conversely, our property values). We just need to come up with a way to pay for it that everyone can get on board with. And that's exactly what we are going to do. Stay tuned as we try to find a proposal, with YOUR input, that we can make work. We need to move quickly, so please let us know your ideas, either through email or in person at the next Board Meeting on WEDNESDAY, MAY 8th. In the meantime, I would like to thank Steve and Pam and their team for taking care of collecting and counting the ballots.

I'll keep it short this month. Enjoy the Spring. To paraphrase a popular TV show......Summer is Coming!

See you at the meeting on May 8th.

FGHA			
Special Assessmen			
April 19,			
	Total Properties	Countable Ballots Received	
Non Resident Owners	94	49	52.1%
Resident Owners	395	295	74.7%
Totals	489	344	70.3%
Ballots with No Return Address		13	
Unidentifiable Ballots		1	
Ballots w/o Signature		10	
Total Ballots Received		368	

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The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, May 8
7PM in the cabana.

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Thank You, Heidi and Steven!

After 32 years in Fiesta Gardens, and 25 years as the block captains for the 2100 - 2200 blocks of Bermuda Drive, we bid farewell to Heidi and Steven Silvestrini. Thank you for your years of service and we wish you well on your new adventure! Fiesta Gardens will miss you!

We are now in need, however, of a new block captain to take over this route.

If you are interested, please contact any Board member for more information or to volunteer!

Pool Operations

By Steve Stanovcak

The pool will be opening on Saturday, May 25th, weekends only, from 12:00 noon until 8:00 PM. Starting Monday, June 10th, the pool will be open 7 days a week with the same hours, 12:00 noon until 8:00 PM.



To gain access to the pool you will need your 2019 FGHA wristbands. You have to pay your 2019 association dues to receive your wristbands. Make sure your dues are paid up. Wristbands will be delivered to your doorstep in a white envelope with your address on the envelope. Expect wristband deliveries the first week of May, before May 18th for sure.

Remember, wristbands are for residents only! You may bring up to 5 guests but you must pay the \$2.00/guest fee for each guest.

We have many pool parties already booked. If you are interested in booking a party send me an email with the date you are interested in and I will let you know if it's available. Pool party information can be found on our website http://www.fiestagardenshoa.com.

I moved in to Fiesta Gardens almost 13 years ago knowing I was moving into a neighborhood that was part of an HOA. I did some research and talked to my real estate agent. I looked into what the HOA had to offer, what amenities there were, and the condition they were in: the playground, tennis courts, grass area, the pool, and cabana. I knew I was taking part ownership of these facilities when I purchased my home and that I was going to have an obligation to them. In the almost 13 years I have lived here I have seen the tennis courts resurfaced, painted, and new nets installed: new basketball backboards and hoops installed; cement paths in the grass area replaced; the entire playground completely replaced with all new equipment and fencing; equipment that is now safe and meets safety standards; new pool coping that now meets safety requirements, and the resurfacing of the pool which was cracking and had a rough surface that was causing injuries to a fiberglass surface that is much smoother, safer, and more energy efficient; a new pool heater and pump have also been replaced.

All the repairs and replacements were needed to be done because they all reached the end of their life or became a liability because of their condition. We are now faced with one more item that needs to be replaced. Yes, the cabana built in 1963 has reached the end of its life and needs to be replaced. There is no band-aid big enough to fix it. It has to come down and can not be built in the same location. The cabana served it's purpose and served the community well. The ballots are out and we need your vote one way or another.

I have been on the Board 8 years as Pool Operations and have had to turn so many of you down in off-pool season for renting the cabana. With a new cabana it would be available all year round. That would sure be nice!

MONTHLY CALENDAR

FIESTA GARDENS

May 8

FGHA Board Meeting 7 p.m., Pool Cabana

May 15

Deadline to get articles and ads to Bee Editor.

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May 5

Free E-Waste/Shred Drop Off Event

This free recycling event, open to all San Mateo residents, will feature: E-Waste Drop Off, Community Paper Shred, Give-N-Go to Goodwill.

For more <u>information</u>, please call 650-522-7329 or email Ron Konner

Kasper.

Where: Beresford Park parking lot, 2720 Alameda de las Pulgas

When: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Cost: FREE

May 6, 20

City Council meeting

Where: City Hall, Council Chambers

When: 7:00 PM

May 8

Sustainability & Infrastructure Commission Meeting

Where: City Hall, Council Chambers

When: 7:00 PM

May 11

2019 Family Fun Ride and Bike Rodeo

Join us for the fifth annual Family Fun Day and Bike Rodeo. Bring your bike and helmet, and let's ride! Learn how to ride safely with YBikes and practice your skills on the bicycle safety course. Join the San Mateo Police Department for a ride around the neighborhood. Win a raffle prize or try your luck on the Prize Wheel. There will also be a live DJ, face painting, and a balloon artist. Register for free at smbikerodeo.eventbrite.com.

Where: College Park Elementary School, 715 Indian Avenue

When: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Cost: FREE FLYER

May 14, 28

Planning Commission Meeting

Where: San Mateo City Hall, 330 West 20th Avenue

When: 7:00 PM - 10:30 PM



FGHA BOARD MEETING – March 6, 2019

APPROVED Minutes, Respectfully Submitted, Pam Miller, Secretary

The FGHA Board Meeting was called to order by Steve Strauss, President, at 7:06PM. Board Members in attendance were: Steve Strauss - President, Mike Russell - Vice President, Roland Bardony - Parks Director, Steve Muller - Pool Maintenance, Rich Neve - Civics, and Steve Stanovcak - Pool Operations.

Opening Statement Steve Strauss, President, introduced the Board Members as well as Steve Gross our Treasurer, and Secretary, Pam Miller. Also in attendance, our attorney, Tom Fier, Pool Cabana Committee members Denise Iskander, Mike Bratt, and Joe Almirantearena. Steve made it clear he expected everyone attending the meeting tonight to be respectful of one another. Members in good standing would be able to speak for no longer than three minutes. Questions should be directed to the President. Steve also stated that the Board had no hidden agendas and wanted what was best for our neighborhood.

February 2019 Minutes: On a motion duly made and seconded and approved by all Board Members, the minutes of the February 6th meeting were approved.

ial /Steve Gross The first couple of months of the year are generally slow. We are financially sound.
D REPORTS Rich Neve The Traffic Action Plan will be doing small changes over time in an effort to try and make traffic flow better. Sewage tank environment draft is nearly done. Presentation will be on April 19th. All residents will receive a flyer in the mail. This will be affecting the backside of Fiesta Gardens where RV parking is. Become familiar with Casa Compact. It's trying to take away from local government. Groups are trying to push through many agendas. Not necessarily in our favor. We wouldn't have a say on what happens in our area and throughout California. Become educated.
Director
We need a social director. If you are interested, please contact one of our board members.
Roland Bardony The tennis net is broken. We ordered a new one and it will be installed after the rains.
laintenance/ Steve Muller Nothing to report.
perations/Steve Stanovcak Nothing to report
resident/Mike Russell Nothing to report.
ent/Steve Strauss Nothing to report
BUSINESS Open board position, we need a Social Director. Contact any Board Member if you are interested. The budget will be finalized at our April meeting.
USINESS Denise Iskander gave the history of the cabana project, how and when it started and ended up where we are today.
ons and Comments Steve Strauss read from the CC&R's about the responsibility the Board has in maintaining our common areas. He then opened it up to questions. Dianna T., Bermuda Drive, wanted to know why there was no vote on the cabana being redone. Our Attorney ex-

Jaunita S., Ginnever St., suggested we hire a firm to count ballots. Bobbi S., Dublin, also liked the idea of hiring an outside firm. Steve Strauss let everyone know that it is open to everyone to be there when the ballots are counted. Ballots will be available for any member to go through and look at for a year. Steve Strauss also said the Board would take it under consideration about the outside firm. Bobbi S. also felt it would be a conflict of interest having J.D. Construction as our contractor because Joe was a past Board Member. Steve Strauss responded that we sent out over 3 dozen requests to contractors and we got back two and Joe was one of them. The Board also felt since Joe had lived in Fiesta Gardens at one time he would have a vested interest in doing a good job for our neighbor-Joe B., Bermuda Drive, stated our pool area needs to be rebuilt and that it's the right thing to do for our neighborhood. Some residents on hand wanted to know our next step if the \$2,400 assessment didn't pass. They were told if we don't pass the one-time assessment then we will move on to other options. It was noted by our attorney, Tom Fier, that our annual dues will not go up because of construction if we do the one-time assessment. John L., Bermuda Drive, wondered if we had reserves that we could use for the cabana project. It was noted that our reserves are to be used for unexpected things that may happen to one of the common areas. Residents also expressed that we all have a responsibility to this community to keep up the pool and that it's important to our neighborhood. Some residents also felt it was a good thing for our home prices and to think of it as an investment not an assessment. There was concern about having a payment plan if a household is unable to pay the \$2,400 assessment all at once. It was noted there will be payment options and the Board will work with people that may not be able to make the payment all at one time. It was suggested that the Board give monthly updates on the construction of the cabana. Updates will be in the Bee and on our website. It was noted that the pool would stay open during construction and would be fenced off. There may be some days that it would need to be closed depending on construction. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING Steve Strauss thanked everyone for coming and that it was a great meeting. The next Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 10th, 2019 at 7pm in the pool cabana. Meeting was adjourned at 8:46pm. FGHA BOARD MEETING - April 10, 2019 Unapproved Minutes, Respectfully Submitted, Pam Miller, Secretary The FGHA Board Meeting was called to order by Steve Strauss, President, at 7:05PM. Board Members in attendance were: Steve Strauss - President, Mike Russell - Vice President, Roland Bardony – Parks Director, Steve Muller – Pool Maintenance, Rich Neve – Civics, Christina Saenz - Social Director, and Steve Stanovcak - Pool Operations. March 6th Minutes: On a motion duly made and seconded and approved by all Board Members, the minutes of the March 6th meeting were approved. Financial /Steve Gross Annual dues will be going out the week of April 14th. We are financially sound. **BOARD REPORTS** Civic/Rich Neve The Planning Commission meeting on April 9th was about the sewage tank overflow system. Engineers gave a brief overview on how construction of the tank will happen. There are many concerns and Rich and the Board will be writing a letter outlining our concerns and what we would like to see happen. If you would like to write a letter to the city voicing your concerns on this project, you have till May 7th which is the last day for comments. You can watch the sewage tank meeting on line under Planning Commission. Social Director /Christina Saenz Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday April 20th at 3:30 at the park. We need volunteers, you can contact Christina at social@fiestagardenshoa.com Some residents would like to see some fun things planned for adults. If you have ideas, please contact Christina.

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April Minutes

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Parks/Ro	pland Bardony
	Construction should start on the asphalt at the track in the next 2-3 months.
Pool Ma □	intenance/Steve Muller Maintenance of the pool is going fine.
Pool Op	erations/Steve Stanovcak
	May 18th the pool will be open on weekends only.
	June 3rd or the 10th the pool will be open full time.
	Ashlen will return as our head lifeguard.
Vice Pre	sident/Mike Russell
	Nothing to report.
Presider	nt/Steve Strauss
Ш	Mariano Saenz has volunteered to update our website.

OLD BUSINESS

2019 Budget was reviewed and a motion was made by Steve Muller and seconded by Mike Russell to approve the 2019 Budget. П You can see the 2019 budget in The Bee and on our website.

So far 286 residents have turned their ballots in regarding the one-time assessment. Some ballots had no signature. Members of the Board will go to the residents with no signature and have them sign.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Russell recognized Valerie's birthday.

ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 1st, 2019 at 7pm in the pool cabana. Meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm.

Civic Report

By Richard Neve

!IMPORTANT! Sewage Tank (Underground Flow Equalization System, UFES)

The draft EIR (Environmental Impact Report) was completed and discussed at the Planning Commission meeting on 4/9/19. Public Works gave a brief overview of the project, but not a detailed presentation of the EIR findings. The UFES will be a 5.3-million-gallon tank measuring 150 x 200 ft and 50 ft deep. Excavation will go down to 75 ft deep to support the structure. The water table is 6-15ft below surface. Construction time is 25 months, including the pipes along Saratoga to connect to the existing infrastructure. The construction includes odor controls, a carbon scrubber, airtight vaults, flushing curbs and self-cleaning tipping buckets. Construction will occur between 7am and 7pm Monday-Friday, with approval needed for work at weekends. Peak traffic is expected to be \sim 200 truck trips per day.

A lot of Bay Meadows residents made comments related to their concerns over the construction noise and potential damage to homes related to dewatering (think Hines building and Rite Aid: https://www.smdailyjournal.com/news/local/office-constructionblamed-for-sinking-building-san-mateo-rite-aid/article 073277b2-33d1-53a7-90cd-f132bfe2b490.html).

The plans opt for pile-driving to create the foundations for the UFES rather than the quieter (but more expensive) drilling methods. Pile-drivers are very loud and would require a temporary waiver of San Mateo noise ordinances. Dewatering of the site could cause significant damage to homes and structures near the site. There may be alternative methods to mitigate potential impact.

I highly encourage everyone to review the EIR- especially if you live along Kent St, or near Kent St. It can be found here: http://cleanwaterprogramsanmateo.org/enviropermitting/

Next Steps: The public had until May 7th to send in comments on the draft EIR. They can be sent to info@cleanwaterprogramsanmateo.org or City of San Mateo Public Works Engineering, 330 W. 20th Avenue, San Mateo, CA 94403, Attention: Clean Water Program.

The Board will be drafting a letter voicing our residents' concerns, but the more that write, the louder the voice.

Upcoming meetings: The EIR will go back to the Planning Commission in September and to the Council in October.

FIESTA GARDENS SWIM LESSONS 2019

1075 Bermuda Drive San Mateo

Swim Lessons are under the direction of Ashlen Kelley, our Head Lifeguard, ashlenorikelley@gmail.com

This form and payment must be completed BY the Friday before the first day the session begins. Forms turned in Saturday or Sunday will not be added to the session

THE FEES FOR SWIM LESSONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

GROUP LESSONS: \$70 for full session (2 weeks, Mon-Thurs) or \$50 each ½ session (1 week, Mon-Thurs)

PRIVATE LESSONS: \$130 for full session (2 weeks, Mon-Thurs) or \$80 each ½ session (1 week, Mon-Thurs)

Session prices listed above are for full or half session. No mixing dates between sessions or pro-rating.

Child/Children's Name(s)		Age(s)
Parent's Name		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Address		
Best Phone	Fmail·	

PLEASE CIRCLE LEVEL OF CHILD:

- Level 1 -Fear of water: new to lessons, has not taken lessons before with an instructor
- Level 2 -Beginner: Does know big arms, or back floats
- Level 3 -Beginner: Working on big arms and back floats
- Level 4 -Beginner/Intermediate: Can do big arms at least ½ width of pool
- Level 5 -Intermediate: Can do big arms across width, working on backstroke or other strokes
- Level 6- Advanced

PLEASE CIRCLE ALL SESSIONS YOU WOULD LIKE: All sessions offered morning and evening

Session 1: June 3rd-June 13th

Session 2: June 19th, 20th, 21st, 24th-28th

Session 3: July 8th-July 19th

Session 4: July 22nd-August 1st

ALL CLASSES ARE MONDAY THRU THURSDAY EXCEPT IN SESSION 2

SWIM LESSON	TIMES:			
9:30-10AM	10-10:30AM	10:30-11:00AM	11:00-11:30AM	7-7:30PM
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If you have any	questions, pleas	se contact Ashlen at ash	enorikelley@gmail.co	m
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medical, surgica named child. I a	al or dental atten gree to absolve	ree to accept full respon tion required to maintain FGHA, its employees, s t of participation in the a	health and wellbeing taff and Board of direc	of the above-
Signed:			Date	e

Fiesta Gardens Homes Association Annual Board Meeting Agenda Wednesday, May 8, 2019 7:00 PM

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Reading and Approval of Minutes
- 3. Financial Report Steve Gross
- 4. Board Reports:
 - i. Civic Rich Neve
 - ii. Social Christina Saenz
 - iii. Parks Roland Bardony
 - iv. Pool Maintenance Steve Muller
 - v. Pool Operations Steve Stanovcak
 - vi. Vice President Mike Russell
 - vii. President Steve Strauss
- 5. New Business
 - i. Ballot Results
- 6. Old Business
 - ii. Cabana Renovation Update
- 7. Questions and Comments
- 8. Adjournment/Break into Executive Session if needed

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Social Director's Report

By Christina Saenz

The Easter Egg Hunt this year was a huge success! Despite the changing of the weather and wind and cold, we had an amazing turnout with over 75 kids plus adults. It was a wonderful experience watching all of the little kids run around eagerly searching for a small treasure.

We had delicious nachos, pizza, and desserts courtesy of the hard working women in this neighborhood, even those that no longer have kids egg-hunting age or kids at all. In the words of Jim Stovall - "You need to be aware of what others are doing, applaud their efforts, acknowledge their successes, and encourage them in their pursuits. When we all help one another, everybody wins." So a special THANK YOU to all of the women that came out on Friday evening to help stuff over 1600 eggs, all of the ladies and young adults that came out early on Saturday to hide the eggs and help with the set up, stayed to help and distribute the food, and stayed behind to help clean up. A special shout out to our Easter Bunny, Ellie Muller, and Ernie for bringing her in his antique car. This would not have been possible without all of the hard-working hands - and all of the many many kids that came out for the hunt. So, again, thank you.

I am excited for the next event knowing that I have a absolutely amazing team ready to help out and make the next





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The market continues to be strong for home sellers. While buyer activity is less than last year, the outcome is similar with strong offers, however, prices are slightly lower than last year. We are seeing an increased number of price reductions across the state. All of my listings have sold for over asking and were priced based upon the most recent comps. Check out next month's Bee article to see how well my property on Bermuda sold for.

Buyers are still motivated to purchase as the interest rate has dipped below 4% again. And with tax season over, potential buyers will see they don't have enough deductions to offset their generous salaries. Some will realize the benefits of paying their own mortgage instead of their landlords.

Economists are all over the boards with what the future will bring, but for this year, most agree that it will be steady and consistent. In other words, no big swing in either direction. Will they be right? The great news as a seller is if you are relocating somewhere else, you will be able to take advantage of the marketplace strengths both the buyers and sellers are enjoying right now! Please don't hesitate to call me if you would like to discuss your real estate plans and the market conditions in more detail.

Fiesta Gardens Year To Date Real Estate Activit	Fiesta	Gardens	Year T	To Date	Real Estate	Activity
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PENDING									•	
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2236 Southampton Way	1	San Mateo	4	2 0	14	1,530	\$1,037.91	5,000 (sf)	\$1,588,000 63	
2205 Portsmouth Way		San Mateo	3	2 0	63	1,540	\$908.44	5,280 (sf)	\$1,399,000 62	
2226 Bermuda Drive		San Mateo	3	2 0	5	1,530	\$913.73	5,050 (sf)	\$1,398,000 63	
2018 Dublin Way		San Mateo	3	1 0	7	1,030	\$1,164.08	5,000 (sf)	\$1,199,000 66	
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SOLD										
Address		City	Bd	Ba	DOM	SqPt	\$/SqPt	Lat (SF)	List Price Age	Sale Price COE
2232 Portsmouth Way		San Mateo	4	20	79	1,530	\$1,013.07	5,000 (sf)	\$1,450,000 62	\$1,550,000 03/11/19
1141 Annapolis Drive		San Mateo	4	3 0	66	1,820	\$741.76	5,200 (sf)	\$1,399,950 62	\$1,350,000 01/16/19
79D Fiesta Drive		San Mateo	3	2 0	82	1,300	\$871.15	5,000 (sf)	\$1,199,000 64	\$1,132,500 02/18/19
SOLD										
#Listings:	3	AYG VALUES:			76	1,550	\$875.33	5,067(#)	\$1,349,660 63	\$1,344,167
#Listings Total:	7	AYG VALUES FOR ALL:			45	1,469	\$950.02	5,076(al)	\$1,376,136 63	\$1,344,167

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