



A Monthly Newsletter for the Fiesta Gardens Homes Association, San Mateo, CA
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President's Message

By Steve Strauss

Autumn is in the air. The leaves are falling, the days are shortening, the 49ers are winning. It's a beautiful time of year. Ghouls and Goblins and Ghosts and Witches and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles are afoot!

The pool is now closed for the season. Hopefully, very, very, soon we will break ground and start construction on our new beautiful new Cabana. I hope the new Cabana will help bring the neighborhood even closer and will be the site of many great events for many, many, years. On that subject, we need everyone to pay the Special Assessment. I want everyone to have "ownership" of the new Cabana and for everyone to feel a part of this special project.

On another subject, please read Rich's Civics Report on page 2 regarding the Bike Plan and how it relates to someone wanting to open the wall at the end of Bermuda. Of course, we are completely against it and have presented a very eloquent letter to the city (Thanks, Rich) clearly stating our position. The City Manager's office has already responded favorably and will be recommending the part of the plan that includes opening up our wall be removed from the plan. We still need your support. See the calendar for the schedule of meetings (City Council / Planning Commission) and be heard.

Hope to see you at the next Board Meeting on Wednesday, November 6th at the Cabana.

Pool Operations

By Steve Stanovcak

The pool is now closed for the year. The last day was on Sunday, October 13th.

I want to say thank you to everyone who came out and enjoyed the pool this year. I also want to thank our Lifeguard Staff who were always watching us and our children.

I have to say this year was pretty uneventful. That is just the way we like it. Enjoy your winter. See you back at the pool in May.



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The next Board meeting will be
Wednesday, November 6
7PM in the cabana.

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Civic Report

By Richard Neve

Do you want the Saratoga sound wall opened for pedestrians/cyclists?

The Bicycle Master Plan proposal has been rolled out by the City. It included a map that proposed to open up our sound wall at Bermuda for pedestrians/cyclists. We have discussed this issue at many previous Board meetings, and the vast majority of residents oppose this, as it will compromise the safety and very nature of our community. The Board is in discussions with the City to reverse this proposal, and we have written a letter to the City Council and other senior city servants expressing the overwhelming desire that this should not happen.

Please write to the City Council
(<https://www.cityofsanmateo.org/166/Meet-Your-Council>)
and the manager of this project, Sue-Ellen Atkinson

(seatkinson@cityofsanmateo.org) to voice your opinions. The more that write, the stronger our voice!

UFES (sewage tank)

Working with Bay Meadows and SMUHA representatives, we are continuing to negotiate with the Public Works Department (PWD) to ensure that strict measures are put in place to mitigate sound, vibration, and impacts due to dewatering. The Planning Commission recommendations will be presented to the City Council October 21st.

A Victory for Measure P

It was over one year ago that over 7,000 City of San Mateo residents signed a petition to extend Measure P - a citizen measure that limits the height of new buildings in the city and mandates they should contain affordable housing units. The Council voted against putting the measure on the 2018 ballot as a special election and were not inclined to put it on the 2020 ballot because of a legal challenge raised by the lawyers of local developers. Behind the scenes some key members of the citizens group San Mateans for Responsive Government (SMRG) continued extensive negotiations with the City until the only resort would have been to go to court. At the eleventh hour the Council voted unanimously to place the Measure on the 2020 ballot and let voters decide, which is why 7,000 people signed the petition in the first place. This is a victory for democracy and now it is up to San Mateans to vote for how they want to see their city grow over the next decade.

Traffic Action Plan (TAP)

At the next Council meeting the PWD will request the Council award the contract for the 19th Ave/Norfolk interchange study. They have identified a local consultant company to produce a plan to improve this corridor. The project should start in October and take about 7 months. In the meantime there are plans to put in signal timing along 19th Ave/Norfolk. If you have concerns about the traffic system or ideas how to solve the issues, please contact me and I will relay complaints/ideas to the public works department.

Event Center Re-Development

We have begun conversations with the Event Center on their plans for redevelopment. Moving forward, Dana Stoehr, CEO of the Events Center, will ensure there is ongoing communication with the FGHA Board about events, and the plans for re-development. Plans are in a very early stage and not set in stone. There are some concerns around the Hotel and possible office structures on land intended for public use. It is also very important that the amount of parking (currently at 2,500 spaces) remains the same after any changes. We plan to invite Carol Groom who is a San Mateo County Supervisor and liaison to the Events Center to the January FGHA Board meeting to outline the vision for the Events center.

We will be getting a regular update of events so we can warn residents of potential high traffic days.

MONTHLY CALENDAR

FIESTA GARDENS

November 6
FGHA Board Meeting
7 p.m., Pool Cabana

November 15
Deadline to get articles and ads to Bee Editor.

SAN MATEO

November 4, 18
City Council meeting
Where: City Hall, 330 West 20th Avenue, Council Chambers
When: 7:00 PM

November 12, 26
Planning Commission Meeting
Where: San Mateo City Hall, 330 West 20th Avenue
When: 7:00 PM - 10:30 PM

November 13
Sustainability & Infrastructure Commission Meeting
Where: City Hall, 330 West 20th Avenue, Council Chambers
When: 7:00 PM

November 15-17
Harvest Festival Original Art & Craft Show
See over 300 of the nation's most talented artisans & shop thousands of American handmade arts & crafts. The show also features demonstrating artists, live on-stage performance acts, great musical bands, strolling entertainers, as well as a KidZone area with arts, crafts, and activities for the little ones throughout the event!!
Where: San Mateo Event Center
When: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Cost: \$0 - \$9
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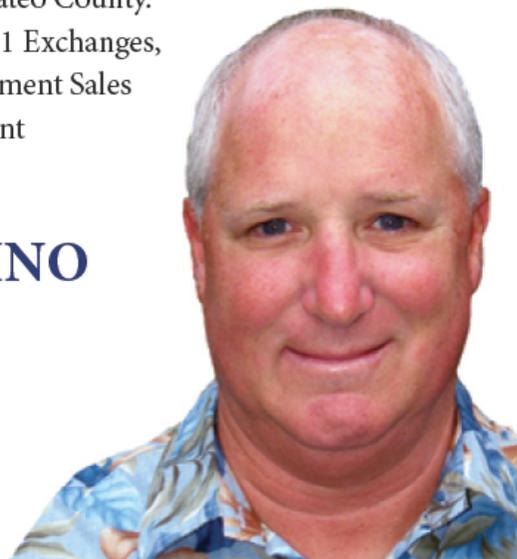
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FGHA BOARD MEETING – September 4, 2019

Not yet APPROVED Minutes, Respectfully Submitted, Pam Miller, Secretary

The FGHA Board Meeting was called to order by Steve Strauss, President, at 7:03PM. Board Members in attendance were: Steve Strauss -- President, Rich Neve – Civics, Steve Muller – Pool Maintenance, Steve Stanovcak – Pool Operations, and Christina Saenz – Social Director.

August 7th Minutes: On a motion duly made and seconded and approved by all Board Members, the minutes of the August 7th meeting were approved as corrected.

Financial / Steve Gross

We are on plan for the year. We have a new feature in the Financials, the Cabana Rebuild.

BOARD REPORTS

Civic/Rich Neve

- Start date for the new sewage tank will be spring 2020. The City is showing some good faith with some of our concerns. We are still trying to get a few more things addressed. Dewatering is a major concern and we feel more homes need to be monitored.
- Donna Stewart, the CEO of the Event Center will be meeting with Rich. The two will set a date to have her come attend one of our meetings in the near future and answer any questions residents may have about the project and how events will affect our neighborhood.

Social Director / Christina Saenz

- Working on having a neighborhood BBQ the end of September or beginning of October.
- A movie night is being planned. Look in The Bee for date and time.

Parks / Roland Bardony - Not in attendance

Pool Maintenance / Steve Muller

- Nothing to report the pool is great.

Pool Operations / Steve Stanovcak

- The pool will close for the year on October 13th.

Vice President / Mike Russell -- Not in attendance

President / Steve Strauss – Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS

Cabana Renovation and Assessment Update

Some residents still have questions regarding the \$2,400 assessment. Steve Gross offered to hold a meeting at the cabana to answer questions and explain how we determined the cost. The meeting date to be determined.

Questions and Comments

One of our residents asked if a member who chooses not to pay the cabana assessment would still be able to use the pool and facilities. The Board will look into this matter.

ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 2nd, 2019 at 7pm in the pool cabana. Meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.

FGHA BOARD MEETING – October 2, 2019

Unapproved Minutes, Respectfully Submitted, Pam Miller, Secretary

The FGHA Board Meeting was called to order by Vice President, Mike Russell at 7:01PM. Board Members in attendance were: Rich Neve – Civics, and Roland Bardony – Parks.

September 4th Minutes There was no quorum so minutes could not be approved.

Financial /Steve Gross – We are right on budget for the year. So far, we have collected 385,000 in cabana assessments.

BOARD REPORTS

Civic/Rich Neve

- Event Center plans are ongoing. Donna Stewart, the CEO of the Event Center will be keeping us updated about future events. One coming up is Oct. 10-11 the Real Estate Show. Parking will be paid on the way out, this will help to mitigate traffic in the area.
- Measure B will be put on the ballot for a vote.

Social Director /Christina Saenz – Was not in attendance but left word that the Movie Night was a success.

Parks/Roland Bardony

- Scapes removed the rest of the large branch that fell from our tree.
- Locksmith came out again to fix the lock at the Kiddy Park. There was no charge.

Pool Maintenance/ Steve Muller - Not in attendance.

- Nothing to report the pool is great.

Pool Operations/Steve Stanovcak – Not in attendance

- The pool closes October 13th.

Vice President/Mike Russell

- Nothing to report.

President/Steve Strauss – Not in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

Cabana Renovation and Assessment Update

There will be a Cabana Committee meeting on October 14th at 7:00pm in the cabana. All are welcome. The Committee will be assessing our 3 candidates for Project Manager. Demolition of the old cabana should start in mid-November.

Questions and Comments - None

ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 6th, 2019 at 7pm in the pool cabana. Meeting was adjourned at 7:19pm.

**Fiesta Gardens Homes Association Inc.
Income & Expense Statement
Operating Fund
September 2019**

Current Period			Description	Year To Date			2019 Budget
Actual	Budget	Variance		Actual	Budget	Variance	
INCOME							
		0.00	Regular Assessments	208,840.00	206,840.00	0.00	206,840.00
4.80	6.25	(1.45)	Interest Inc - Operating Fund	20.54	66.25	(35.71)	75.00
185.07	75.00	90.07	Interest Inc - Repl. Res. Fund	740.24	675.00	65.24	600.00
		0.00	Swim School	13,070.00	11,000.00	2,070.00	11,000.00
375.00	833.33	(458.33)	Clubhouse Rental Inc	4,500.00	7,500.00	(3,000.00)	10,000.00
		0.00	Social Events	57.00	0.00	57.00	
	208.33	(208.33)	Late Charges	-8.00	2,500.00	(2,508.00)	2,500.00
261.87	240.00	21.87	Guest Passes	985.87	1,200.00	(214.13)	1,200.00
80.00	100.00	(40.00)	Bee Ads	870.00	900.00	(30.00)	1,200.00
\$ 886.74	\$ 1,462.92	-\$ 596.18	Total Income	\$ 226,875.65	\$ 230,471.25	-\$ 3,595.60	\$ 233,515.00
\$ 886.74	\$ 1,462.92	-\$ 596.18	Gross Profit	\$ 226,875.65	\$ 230,471.25	-\$ 3,595.60	\$ 233,515.00
EXPENSES							
540.00	540.00	0.00	Landscape-Contract	4,860.00	4,860.00	0.00	6,480.00
6,976.71	11,125.00	4,148.29	Lifeguards	48,214.43	44,500.00	(3,714.43)	44,500.00
425.00	425.00	0.00	Newsletter Editor	3,825.00	3,825.00	0.00	5,100.00
842.81	1,087.50	444.89	Payroll Taxes	4,686.35	4,350.00	(336.35)	4,350.00
300.00	300.00	0.00	Secretary	2,700.00	2,700.00	0.00	3,600.00
1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	Treasurer	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00	12,000.00
		0.00	Payment Processing Fees	1,035.43	0.00	(1,035.43)	0.00
365.59	250.00	(115.59)	Payroll Service	2,241.19	2,250.00	8.81	3,000.00
		0.00	Pest Control	0.00	375.00	375.00	500.00
1,753.67	1,408.33	(345.34)	Pool & Spa	13,909.46	12,675.00	(1,234.46)	16,900.00
245.48	308.33	62.85	Common Area - Maintenance	5,557.89	2,775.00	(2,782.89)	3,700.00
		0.00	Wristbands	281.46	375.00	93.54	500.00
	83.33	83.33	Tennis Court- Service & Repair	0.00	750.00	750.00	1,000.00
466.37	300.00	(166.37)	Gas	2,389.14	2,700.00	310.86	3,600.00
1,246.53	1,166.67	(79.86)	Electricity	9,482.36	10,500.00	1,017.64	14,000.00
178.00	100.00	(78.00)	Refuse	752.58	900.00	147.42	1,200.00
87.17	166.67	79.50	Telephone & Pager	282.31	1,500.00	1,217.69	2,000.00
2,009.28	1,000.00	(1,009.28)	Water	9,715.37	9,000.00	(715.37)	12,000.00
	0.00	0.00	Streets, Drives & Concrete	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	83.33	83.33	Pools, Spas, & Lake Facilities	0.00	750.00	750.00	1,000.00
	416.67	416.67	Clubhouse Facilities	96.78	3,750.00	3,653.22	5,000.00
	100.00	100.00	Audit & Tax Preparation	0.00	900.00	900.00	1,200.00
47.09	208.33	161.24	Mailings, Postage & Copies	5,427.59	1,675.00	(3,852.59)	2,500.00
318.48	375.00	56.54	Newsletter Postage/ Printing	3,735.41	3,375.00	(360.41)	4,500.00
	41.67	41.67	Meeting Expenses/Social Functi	1,746.92	375.00	(1,371.92)	500.00
	416.67	416.67	Collection Expenses	-336.00	3,750.00	4,086.00	5,000.00
1,164.25	1,125.00	(39.25)	Insurance Expenses	9,966.46	10,125.00	138.54	13,500.00
250.17	291.67	41.50	D & O Ins. Expenses	2,149.03	2,625.00	475.97	3,500.00
	250.00	250.00	Insurance Exp - W/C	2,114.16	2,250.00	135.84	3,000.00
49.07	126.67	77.60	Office Supplies	1,209.98	1,140.00	(69.98)	1,520.00
	12.50	12.50	Postage	220.00	112.50	(107.50)	150.00

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Operating Fund
September 2019**

Current Period			Description	Year To Date			2019 Budget
Actual	Budget	Variance		Actual	Budget	Variance	
	8.33	8.33	Civic Expenses	169.29	75.00	(94.29)	100.00
	206.33	206.33	Web Site	381.20	1,875.00	1,493.80	2,500.00
	416.67	416.67	Professional Services	2,082.50	3,750.00	1,667.50	5,000.00
825.00	83.33	(741.67)	Permits & License	825.00	750.00	(75.00)	1,000.00
	3,750.00	3,750.00	Taxes - Property	3,649.48	5,625.00	1,975.52	7,500.00
		0.00	Inc Taxes- Operating Fund	0.00	187.50	187.50	250.00
\$ 18,890.45	\$ 27,175.00	\$ 8,284.55	Total Expenses	\$ 152,392.77	\$ 156,325.00	\$ 3,932.23	\$ 192,150.00
-\$ 18,023.71	-\$ 25,712.08	\$ 7,688.37	Net Income	\$ 74,482.88	\$ 74,146.25	\$ 336.63	\$ 41,365.00

**Fiesta Gardens Homes Association Inc.
Income & Expense Statement
Cabana Rebuild
September 2019**

Current Period			Description	Year To Date			Budget
Actual	Budget	Variance		Actual	Budget	Variance	
INCOME							
175,480.00	108,333.33	67,146.67	Special Assessments	384,660.00	216,666.67	167,993.33	1,300,000.00
\$ 175,480.00	\$ 108,333.33	\$ 67,146.67	Total Income	\$ 384,660.00	\$ 216,666.67	\$ 167,993.33	\$ 1,300,000.00
\$ 175,480.00	\$ 108,333.33	\$ 67,146.67	Gross Profit	\$ 384,660.00	\$ 216,666.67	\$ 167,993.33	\$ 1,300,000.00
EXPENSES							
		0.00	Cabana Rebuild - Contract	37,000.00	95,000.00	58,000.00	950,000.00
		0.00	Construction Reserve		20,000.00	20,000.00	200,000.00
		0.00	Consulting		5,000.00	5,000.00	50,000.00
		0.00	Permits and Fees		4,000.00	4,000.00	40,000.00
2,300.15	6,000.00	3,699.85	Payment Processing Fees	5,214.99	10,000.00	4,785.01	60,000.00
\$ 2,300.15	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,699.85	Total Expenses	\$ 42,214.99	\$ 134,000.00	\$ 91,785.01	\$ 1,300,000.00
\$ 173,179.85	\$ 102,333.33	\$ 70,846.52	Net Income	\$ 342,445.01	\$ 82,666.67	\$ 259,778.34	\$ 0.00

**Fiesta Gardens Homes Association
Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, November 6, 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.
6. Old Business
 - i. Cabana Renovation Update
7. Questions and Comments
8. Adjournment/Break into Executive Session if needed



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Happy Thanksgiving

November is always the month I like to look back and reflect on all that I am thankful for. If you are a social media user, I challenge you to post 30 days of daily things you are thankful for from Thanksgiving to Christmas. It always puts me in a positive mood as I go into the holidays. I'm thankful for all the neighbors who continue to list their homes with me and refer me to their friends, family and co-workers. While real estate sales is what allows me to put food on my own table, it is helping people that gives me the biggest reward. I have helped neighbors deal with the death of a loved one, a separation of a union, a relocation after a divorce, etc. These types of sales are very emotional and it is nice to be the person that they can rely on to help them through the challenging time. I've made some wonderful friendships from this neighborhood and this business and I wouldn't change any of it! Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Contest Details!

One way I like to give back is with my drawings! Unscramble the words associated with Thanksgiving to win a Turkey!!! Just email, call or enter at fiestabuzz.com and click on the contest tab. Provide the list of descrambled words and your contact info!

ENTER EVEN IF YOU DON'T KNOW THE ANSWERS! All entries eligible!

Entries due by November 14th!

Thanksgiving Word Scramble

Unscramble these Thanksgiving words.



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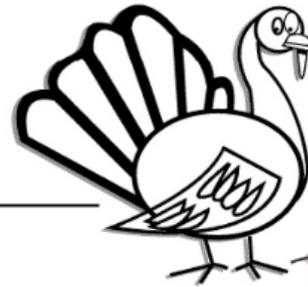
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