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President's Message

By Steve Strauss

Well, it's finally the end of another year. I hope you and your families have the Best of Holiday Seasons, whatever your holiday might be, and the Happiest and Healthiest New Year.

2019 was a big year for Fiesta Gardens, as we overwhelmingly approved the building of a new, modern Cabana. We should be breaking ground very soon (depending on the weather) - be looking for information about the Groundbreaking Celebration after the first of the year.

If it's a New Year then there must be resolutions. Here are my resolutions for Fiesta Gardens:

1. To make the neighborhood more of a community than it already is. We hope to have more community events to get people together and to get to know each other better.
2. To see more people get involved. Whether it is to be on the Board, a committee, or just help out at events, this too brings us together and helps us get things done.
3. To have the most awesome Grand Opening Event for the new Cabana than Fiesta Gardens has ever seen!
4. To live in a place where we all look out for each other, report suspicious behavior that we see, and make our community safe for everyone.

I just want to say that I feel that it is a privilege and a pleasure to serve as President of the FGHA. Thank you to the Board, our staff, and everyone that has done anything to help us lead the Association. I thank every resident for their support and/or input. Without you all, we could not do what we do.

I hope to see you at our next Board Meeting, Wednesday, January 8th at the Cabana.

Again,
Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

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

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Civic Report

By Richard Neve

Bicycle Master Plan Update

After expressing our concerns to the City, we have confirmation that the proposed bicycle route from Bermuda to Saratoga going through the Saratoga sound wall has been taken off the map and will not be considered. Bike lanes are planned to be put along Bermuda for bike safety. Brad Underwood has clearly stated that they have heard our wishes and will not try to open the wall.

UFES (sewage tank)

Please sign up for newsletters and other alerts related to construction of the sewage tank. Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/2CpfW8w>

New Police Chief

Ed Barberini, the current San Bruno police chief, will take over as San Mateo's Police Chief on February 3, following Chief Susan Manheimer's retirement on December 31.

Traffic Action Plan (TAP)

Planning for changes to the Fashion Island Blvd/Norfolk corridor are underway. Data collection has begun for traffic counts (some in our neighborhood). Progress on a smart-light system along Fashion Island Blvd is underway - a test of wireless connections was successful; the next steps will be to purchase and install the equipment.



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MONTHLY CALENDAR

FIESTA GARDENS

January 8
FGHA Board Meeting
7 p.m., Pool Cabana

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

SAN MATEO

January 8
Park & Recreation Committee Meeting
Where: San Mateo City Hall, Conference Room C
When: 7:00 PM

January 8
Sustainability & Infrastructure Commission Meeting
Where: City Hall, 330 West 20th Avenue, Council Chambers
When: 7:00 PM

Peninsula Farmers Markets
Belmont
Where: 1201 El Camino Real, Belmont - CalTrain parking lot
When: Sundays, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
<https://www.facebook.com/BelmontMarket>

Peninsula Farmers Markets (continued)

Daly City
Where: 133 Serramonte Center, Daly City
When: Thursdays & Saturdays, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
<http://www.cafarmersmkts.com/daly-city-farmers-market/>

Foster City
Where: 1010 Metro Center Blvd., Foster City
When: Wednesdays, 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Saturdays 9:00 PM - 1:00 PM
<https://www.wcfma.org/foster-city/>

Menlo Park
Where: Chestnut Street
When: Sundays, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
<https://www.localharvest.org/menlo-park-farmers-market-M3662>

San Carlos
Where: Laurel Street, San Carlos
When: Sundays, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
<https://www.facebook.com/sancarlosfarmersmarket/>

College of San Mateo
Where: 1700 W Hillsdale Blvd.
When: Saturdays, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
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FGHA BOARD MEETING – November 6, 2019

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, and Roland Bardony - Parks.

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

Financial /Steve Gross – The pool is closed and expenses are down. As of October 31st, \$535,000 has been collected in assessments for the new cabana.

BOARD REPORTS

Civic/Rich Neve

- There is an opening for a City Council member. If you so feel inclined write to our current members and encourage them to choose someone that is “pro residents.”

Social Director /Christina Saenz -Not in attendance

- Halloween party was a great success. Over 100 people attended including many new residents.

Parks/Roland Bardony

- Kiddy park lock broke again. Parts were replaced and the lock is working fine at the moment.

Pool Maintenance/ Steve Muller

- Nothing to report, the pool is great.

Pool Operations/Steve Stanovcak –Not in attendance

Vice President/Mike Russell -Not in attendance

President/Steve Strauss – We will be in need of one or more board members in 2020. If you are interested please contact one of the current members.

OLD BUSINESS

Cabana Renovation Update

The cabana committee recommends Rodan Builders as construction managers for our cabana project.

ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING Will be December 4th, 2019 at 7pm in the pool cabana. Meeting was adjourned at 7:34.

FGHA BOARD MEETING – December 4, 2019

Unapproved Minutes, Respectfully Submitted, Pam Miller, Secretary

The FGHA Board Meeting was called to order by Steve Strauss, President, at 7:07PM. Board Members in attendance were: Steve Strauss - President, Rich Neve - Civics, Steve Muller - Pool Maintenance, Steve Stanovcak - Pool Operations, and Roland Bardony - Parks.

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

Financial /Steve Gross – Very quiet time of the year and we are right on plan. We collected another \$104,000 in assessments for a total of \$638,820 for our new cabana.

BOARD REPORTS

Civic/Rich Neve

- There will be no bike route through the Bermuda wall.
- Ed Barberini is San Mateo's new Police Chief.
- Amourence Lee is our new Council Member. She will serve through November 2020.

Social Director/Christina Saenz

- Christmas light decorating contest will be judged on December 21st.

Parks/Roland Bardony

- Sprinklers are turned off.
- There is some graffiti that will be taken care of.

Pool Maintenance/Steve Muller

- Nothing to report.

Pool Operations/Steve Stanovcak

- Nothing to report.

Vice President/Mike Russell -Not in attendance

President/Steve Strauss – Steve thanked Valerie for the baked goods. We will be in need of one or more board members in 2020. If you are interested please contact one of the current members.

NEW BUSINESS

- A suggestion was made to thank the City for the new track.
- Parks and Recreation is conducting a summer camp at Fiesta Gardens School this summer and has expressed interest in using our pool during that time.
- A suggestion made to change our meetings to Thursday night.

OLD BUSINESS

Cabana Renovation Update

Preliminary work is being done at this point and we are hoping to break ground in January.

ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be January 8th 2020 at 7pm in the pool cabana. Meeting was adjourned at 7:53.

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

Current Period			Description	Year To Date			2019 Budget
Actual	Budget	Variance		Actual	Budget	Variance	
INCOME							
		0.00	Regular Assessments	206,640.00	206,640.00	0.00	206,640.00
4.15	8.25	(2.10)	Interest Inc - Operating Fund	29.87	68.75	(38.88)	75.00
292.89	75.00	217.89	Interest Inc - Repl. Res. Fund	1,270.89	825.00	445.89	900.00
		0.00	Swim School	13,070.00	11,000.00	2,070.00	11,000.00
600.00	833.33	(233.33)	Clubhouse Rental Inc	5,100.00	10,000.00	(4,900.00)	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
164.00	240.00	(76.00)	Guest Passes	1,149.67	1,200.00	(50.13)	1,200.00
	100.00	(100.00)	Bee Ads	990.00	1,100.00	(110.00)	1,200.00
\$ 1,061.04	\$ 1,462.92	-\$ 401.88	Total Income	\$ 228,299.63	\$ 233,333.76	-\$ 5,034.12	\$ 233,515.00
\$ 1,061.04	\$ 1,462.92	-\$ 401.88	Gross Profit	\$ 228,299.63	\$ 233,333.76	-\$ 5,034.12	\$ 233,515.00
EXPENSES							
540.00	540.00	0.00	Landscape-Contract	5,940.00	5,940.00	0.00	6,480.00
	11,125.00	11,125.00	Lifeguards	50,881.60	44,500.00	(6,381.60)	44,500.00
425.00	425.00	0.00	Newsletter Editor	4,675.00	4,675.00	0.00	5,100.00
	1,087.50	1,087.50	Payroll Taxes	4,932.60	4,350.00	(582.60)	4,350.00
300.00	300.00	0.00	Secretary	3,300.00	3,300.00	0.00	3,600.00
1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	Treasurer	11,000.00	11,000.00	0.00	12,000.00
		0.00	Payment Processing Fees	1,035.43	0.00	(1,035.43)	0.00
	250.00	250.00	Payroll Service	2,434.95	3,000.00	565.05	3,000.00
		0.00	Pest Control	268.68	458.33	189.65	600.00
857.60	1,408.33	550.73	Pool & Spa	16,151.35	15,491.67	(659.68)	16,900.00
	308.33	308.33	Common Area - Maintenance	5,722.89	3,391.67	(2,331.22)	3,700.00
		0.00	Wristbands	281.46	458.33	176.87	500.00
	83.33	83.33	Tennis Court- Service & Repair	0.00	916.67	916.67	1,000.00
436.21	300.00	(136.21)	Gas	3,506.46	3,300.00	(206.46)	3,600.00
1,252.95	1,166.67	(86.28)	Electricity	11,970.60	12,833.33	862.73	14,000.00
178.00	100.00	(78.00)	Refuse	1,108.58	1,100.00	(8.58)	1,200.00
88.99	166.67	77.68	Telephone & Pager	480.96	1,833.33	1,372.35	2,000.00
398.03	1,000.00	603.97	Water	11,648.14	11,000.00	(648.14)	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	916.67	916.67	1,000.00
	416.67	416.67	Clubhouse Facilities	96.78	4,583.33	4,486.55	5,000.00
	100.00	100.00	Audit & Tax Preparation	0.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,200.00
111.00	208.33	97.33	Mailings, Postage & Copies	5,719.40	2,291.67	(3,427.73)	2,500.00
318.46	375.00	56.54	Newsletter Postage/ Printing	4,372.33	4,125.00	(247.33)	4,500.00
	41.67	41.67	Meeting Expenses/Social Functi	1,746.92	458.33	(1,288.59)	500.00
	416.67	416.67	Collection Expenses	-336.00	4,583.33	4,919.33	6,000.00
1,184.25	1,125.00	(59.25)	Insurance Expenses	12,316.96	12,375.00	58.04	13,500.00
250.17	291.67	41.50	D & O Ins. Expenses	2,649.37	3,208.33	558.96	3,500.00
	250.00	250.00	Insurance Exp - W/C	3,288.16	2,750.00	(538.16)	3,000.00
145.50	126.67	(18.83)	Office Supplies	1,900.19	1,393.33	(506.86)	1,520.00
	12.50	12.50	Postage	220.00	137.50	(82.50)	150.00

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

Current Period			Description	Year To Date			2019 Budget
Actual	Budget	Variance		Actual	Budget	Variance	
	8.33	8.33	Civic Expenses	189.29	91.67	(77.62)	100.00
	208.33	208.33	Web Site	381.20	2,291.67	1,910.47	2,500.00
	416.67	416.67	Professional Services	2,082.50	4,583.33	2,500.83	5,000.00
	83.33	83.33	Permits & License	825.00	916.67	91.67	1,000.00
4,271.95	3,750.00	(521.95)	Taxes - Property	7,921.43	6,875.00	(1,046.43)	7,500.00
		0.00	Inc Taxes- Operating Fund	0.00	229.17	229.17	250.00
\$ 11,736.11	\$ 27,175.00	\$ 15,438.89	Total Expenses	\$ 178,650.25	\$ 180,458.33	\$ 1,808.08	\$ 192,150.00
-\$ 10,675.07	-\$ 25,712.08	\$ 15,037.01	Net Income	\$ 49,649.38	\$ 52,875.42	-\$ 3,226.03	\$ 41,365.00

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

Current Period			Description	Year To Date			Budget
Actual	Budget	Variance		Actual	Budget	Variance	
INCOME							
103,580.00	108,333.33	(4,753.33)	Special Assessments	638,820.00	433,333.33	205,486.67	1,300,000.00
\$ 103,580.00	\$ 108,333.33	-\$ 4,753.33	Total Income	\$ 638,820.00	\$ 433,333.33	\$ 205,486.67	\$ 1,300,000.00
\$ 103,580.00	\$ 108,333.33	-\$ 4,753.33	Gross Profit	\$ 638,820.00	\$ 433,333.33	\$ 205,486.67	\$ 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
948.50	6,000.00	5,051.50	Payment Processing Fees	7,191.79	24,000.00	16,808.21	60,000.00
\$ 948.50	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,051.50	Total Expenses	\$ 44,191.79	\$ 148,000.00	\$ 103,806.21	\$ 1,300,000.00
\$ 102,631.50	\$ 102,333.33	\$ 298.17	Net Income	\$ 594,628.21	\$ 285,333.33	\$ 308,294.88	\$ 0.00

Fiesta Gardens Homes Association Inc.
Balance Sheet
 As of November 30, 2019

ASSETS	
Cash - Operating Fund	\$ 51,012.59
Cash - Reserve Fund	\$ 293,953.83
Cash - Cabana Rebuild	\$ 601,820.00
Accounts Receivable	\$ 131,855.00
Special Assessment Receivable	\$ 426,813.00
Other Current Assets	\$ 12,457.68
Cabana Rebuild	\$ 37,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,554,912.10

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	2,536.08
Accrued Expenses	2,600.00
Prepaid Assessments	963.10
Total Liabilities	\$ 6,099.18
Fund Balance	441,485.33
Current Year Net Income/Loss	1,107,327.59
Total Fund Balance	\$ 1,548,812.92
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 1,554,912.10

BIZARRE AND UNIQUE JANUARY HOLIDAYS

January 1 - National Hangover Day	January 17 - Ditch New Year Resolutions Day
January 2 - Run up the Flagpole and See if Anyone Salutes Day	January 18 - Winnie the Pooh Day
January 3 - Fruitcake Toss Day	January 19 - National Pop Corn Day
January 4 - National Spaghetti Day	January 20 - National Cheese Lover Day
January 5 - National Bird Day	January 21 - National Hugging Day
January 6 - Bean Day	January 21 - Squirrel Appreciation Day
January 7 - Old Rock Day	January 22 - National Blonde Brownie Day
January 8 - National Take the Stairs Day	January 23 - Measure Your Feet Day
January 10 - Houseplant Appreciation Day	January 24 - Compliment Day
January 10 - Peculiar People Day	January 24 - Global Belly Laugh Day
January 11 - Step in a Puddle and Splash Your Friends Day	January 25 - Opposite Day
January 12 - Feast of Fabulous Wild Men Day	January 26 - Spouse's Day
January 13 - National Rubber Duckie Day	January 27 - Chocolate Cake Day
January 14 - Dress Up Your Pet Day	January 28 - National Kazoo Day
January 15 - National Bagel Day	January 29 - National Cornchip Day
January 15 - National Hat Day	January 30 - National Inane Answering Message Day
January 16 - National Nothing Day	January 31 - Backward Day

**Fiesta Gardens Homes Association
Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, January 8, 2020
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. Meeting Move to Thursday Proposal
6. Old Business
 - i. Cabana Renovation Update
7. Questions and Comments
8. Adjournment/Break into Executive Session if needed



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

And just like that, we turn the page on a year and a decade! As I look back at sales in the neighborhood over the decade, it is amazing to see the appreciation. In 2009, the average sales price in the neighborhood was \$676,000 which was the beginning of the decline from the 2008 financial fall out. The prices bottomed out in early 2011 before they began to rebound. In 2019, the average sales price in our neighborhood will be \$1,408,000! This is a whopping 108% appreciation over the decade!

If you or someone you know is looking to buy or sell in 2020, please let me know. Although I live in Fiesta Gardens, I work throughout the Peninsula! *I would love to put a plan in place to make your real estate dreams a reality.*

Happy New Year!

David

New Year's Drawing Contest!

1. KEROSFWRI
2. COTWNDNOU
3. YPRTA
4. AJARYUN
5. EEV
6. REALNADC
7. TIGDNMHI
8. NEIOUTLRSO
9. REYA
10. LEITANECBOR

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Entries due by January 14th!

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