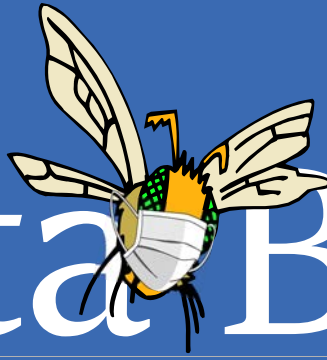


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President's Message

By Steve Strauss

This is a very exciting time for Fiesta Gardens.

Our new cabana, which has been in the works for many, many years, is beginning to take shape. The foundation work is getting done and soon construction of the building will begin. Before you know it, we'll be celebrating its Grand Opening. Once again, thank you to all of those that gave of their time and effort to make this happen.

I hope everyone had a nice Valentine's Day with your loved one (or ones) and that we were all able to share a little love. With how things have been the last couple of years, we could *all* use a little love.

It seems (fingers crossed) that Omicron is on its way out and more normalcies are right around the corner. The mask mandate has been lifted in most of the state and if we all do our part, we will be able to keep it that way and even get more restrictions lifted and get on with our lives.

Just a quick reminder to patronize our neighborhood merchants. You can get your hair cut or done, grab a bite to eat, learn a new hobby, learn how to defend yourself, get your clothes cleaned and be pampered.....all right here in Fiesta Gardens.

See you at our next Zoom Board meeting, Wednesday, March 2nd at 7PM.

Be safe and be well.

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The next Board meeting will be
Wednesday, March 2
7PM via Zoom call.

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MONTHLY CALENDAR

FIESTA GARDENS

March 2
FGHA Board Meeting
7 p.m., Zoom call

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

SAN MATEO

City Meetings will be held online via Zoom calls. For more information on these calls, please visit
<https://www.cityofsanmateo.org/3971/Agendas-Minutes-Public-Meeting-Portal>

March 7, 21
City Council Meeting
Where: Remote via Zoom call
When: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

March 9
Sustainability and Infrastructure Commission Meeting.
Where: Remote via Zoom call
When: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

March 18
International Gem and Jewelry Show
Starts on Friday, March 18, and ends on Sunday, March 20.
Where: San Mateo Event Center, 1346 Saratoga Drive
When: Friday: 12:00 PM-6:00 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM-6:00PM
Sunday: 11:00 AM-5:00 PM
Cost: [Online Tickets](#) \$6.00; Standard \$8.00

March 22
Planning Commission Meeting
Where: Remote via Zoom call
When: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Check out the local farmer's markets that are still open and offering fabulous produce and other delicacies.

San Mateo Farmers' Market
Saturdays: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM | Year Round
Location: College of San Mateo, 700 West Hillsdale Boulevard

Foster City Certified Farmers' Market
Saturdays: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Wednesdays 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM | Open Year Round
Location: 1010 Metro Center Boulevard

Belmont Certified Farmers' Market
Sundays: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM | Year Round
Location: El Camino Real and O'Neill Avenue

Fiesta Gardens Homes Association Inc.
Income & Expense Statement
Operating Fund
January 31, 2022

Current Period			Description	Year To Date			2022 Budget
Actual	Budget	Variance		Actual	Budget	Variance	
INCOME							
142,920.00	49,410.00	93,510.00	Regular Assessments	142,920.00	49,410.00	93,510.00	197,640.00
0.68	0.83	(0.15)	Interest Inc - Operating Fund	0.68	0.83	(0.15)	10.00
180.58	91.67	88.91	Interest Inc - Repl. Res. Fund	180.58	91.67	88.91	1,100.00
2,433.19	0.00	2,433.19	Interest	2,433.19	0.00	2,433.19	0.00
	66.67	(66.67)	Guest Passes	0.00	66.67	(66.67)	800.00
72.00	172.17	(100.17)	Late Charges	72.00	172.17	(100.17)	2,066.00
	875.00	(875.00)	Swim School	0.00	875.00	(875.00)	10,500.00
1,250.78	0.00	1,250.78	Collection Charges	1,250.78	0.00	1,250.78	0.00
60.00	90.00	(30.00)	Bee Ads	60.00	90.00	(30.00)	1,080.00
\$ 146,917.23	\$ 50,706.33	\$ 96,210.90	Total Income	\$ 146,917.23	\$ 50,706.33	\$ 96,210.90	\$ 213,196.00
\$ 146,917.23	\$ 50,706.33	\$ 96,210.90	Gross Profit	\$ 146,917.23	\$ 50,706.33	\$ 96,210.90	\$ 213,196.00
EXPENSES							
540.00	540.00	0.00	Landscape-Contract	540.00	540.00	0.00	6,480.00
	3,833.33	3,833.33	Lifeguards	0.00	3,833.33	3,833.33	46,000.00
-0.02	375.00	375.02	Payroll Taxes	-0.02	375.00	375.02	4,500.00
	166.67	166.67	Payroll Service	0.00	166.67	166.67	2,000.00
425.00	425.00	0.00	Newsletter Editor	425.00	425.00	0.00	5,100.00
300.00	300.00	0.00	Secretary	300.00	300.00	0.00	3,600.00
1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	Treasurer	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	12,000.00
856.93	750.00	(106.93)	Payment Processing Fees	856.93	750.00	(106.93)	3,000.00
	45.00	45.00	Pest Control	0.00	45.00	45.00	540.00
977.10	2,083.33	1,106.23	Pool & Spa	977.10	2,083.33	1,106.23	25,000.00
	375.00	375.00	Common Area - Maintenance	0.00	375.00	375.00	4,500.00
	66.67	66.67	Wristbands	0.00	66.67	66.67	800.00
	83.33	83.33	Tennis Court- Service & Repair	0.00	83.33	83.33	1,000.00
26.73	316.67	289.94	Gas	26.73	316.67	289.94	3,800.00
968.92	1,000.00	31.08	Electricity	968.92	1,000.00	31.08	12,000.00
188.93	191.67	2.74	Refuse	188.93	191.67	2.74	2,300.00
207.99	183.33	(24.66)	Telephone & Pager	207.99	183.33	(24.66)	2,200.00
284.55	1,166.67	882.12	Water	284.55	1,166.67	882.12	14,000.00
	83.33	83.33	Pools & Spa Facilities	0.00	83.33	83.33	1,000.00
	125.00	125.00	Audit & Tax Preparation	0.00	125.00	125.00	1,500.00
327.00	41.67	(285.33)	Mailings, Postage & Copies	327.00	41.67	(285.33)	500.00
	16.67	16.67	Newsletter Postage/ Printing	0.00	16.67	16.67	200.00
	208.33	208.33	Meeting Expenses/Social Functi	0.00	208.33	208.33	2,500.00
	0.00	0.00	Collection Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1,317.48	1,250.00	(67.48)	Insurance Expenses	1,317.48	1,250.00	(67.48)	15,000.00
298.00	300.00	2.00	D & O Ins. Expenses	298.00	300.00	2.00	3,600.00
81.25	366.67	285.42	Insurance Exp - W/C	81.25	366.67	285.42	4,400.00
406.38	250.00	(156.38)	Office Supplies	406.38	250.00	(156.38)	3,000.00
	16.67	16.67	Civic Expenses	0.00	16.67	16.67	200.00
	33.33	33.33	Web Site	0.00	33.33	33.33	400.00
1,250.00	833.33	(416.67)	Professional Services	1,250.00	833.33	(416.67)	10,000.00
	83.33	83.33	Permits & License	0.00	83.33	83.33	1,000.00
	683.33	683.33	Taxes - Property	0.00	683.33	683.33	8,200.00
	2.08	2.08	Inc Taxes- Operating Fund	0.00	2.08	2.08	25.00
\$ 9,456.24	\$ 17,195.42	\$ 7,739.18	Total Expenses	\$ 9,456.24	\$ 17,195.42	\$ 7,739.18	\$ 200,345.00
\$ 137,460.99	\$ 33,510.92	\$ 103,950.07	Net Income	\$ 137,460.99	\$ 33,510.92	\$ 103,950.07	\$ 12,851.00

Fiesta Gardens Homes Association Inc.
Income & Expense Statement
Cabana Rebuild
January 31, 2022

Current Period				Description	Year To Date			
Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual		Budget	Variance	Budget	
INCOME								
8,025.00	10,000.00	(1,975.00)	Special Assessments	1,300,825.00	1,300,000.00	825.00	1,300,000.00	
\$ 8,025.00	\$ 10,000.00	-\$ 1,975.00	Total Income	\$ 1,300,825.00	\$ 1,300,000.00	\$ 825.00	\$ 1,300,000.00	
\$ 8,025.00	\$ 10,000.00	-\$ 1,975.00	Gross Profit	\$ 1,300,825.00	\$ 1,300,000.00	\$ 825.00	\$ 1,300,000.00	
EXPENSES								
67,350.00	67,350.00	0.00	Cabana Rebuild - Contract	174,475.90	174,475.90	0.00	1,572,560.00	
4,200.00		(4,200.00)	Update Plans	64,453.61	60,250.00	(4,203.61)	60,250.00	
		0.00	Construction Reserve			0.00	25,000.00	
		0.00	Consulting			0.00		
		0.00	Permits and Fees	30,038.07	30,000.00	(38.07)	30,000.00	
		0.00	Payment Processing Fees	12,542.54	13,000.00	457.46	13,000.00	
\$ 71,550.00	\$ 67,350.00	-\$ 4,200.00	Total Expenses	\$ 281,510.12	\$ 277,725.90	-\$ 3,784.22	\$ 1,700,810.00	
-\$ 63,525.00	-\$ 57,350.00	-\$ 6,175.00	Net Income	\$ 1,019,314.88	\$ 1,022,274.10	-\$ 2,959.22	-\$ 400,810.00	

Fiesta Gardens Homes Association Inc.
Balance Sheet
As of January 31, 2022

ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash - Operating Fund	\$ 147,903.08
Cash - Reserve Fund	\$ 299,627.88
Cash - Cabana Rebuild	\$ 1,118,206.32
Accounts Receivable	\$ 68,157.00
Accounts In Collection	\$ 143,495.00
Construction Refundable Deposit	\$ 11,500.00
Other Current Assets	\$ 8,261.90
Due From JD Builders	\$ 2,500.00
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 1,799,651.18
FIXED ASSETS	
New Cabana Costs to Date	\$ 268,897.58
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	\$ 268,897.58
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,068,548.76
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	1,704.42
Accrued Expenses	1,750.00
Prepaid Assessments	1,323.10
Payroll Liabilities	0.00
Construction Contract Retention Payable	16,447.59
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 21,225.11
FUND BALANCE	
Current Year Net Income/Loss	1,845,362.66
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$ 2,047,393.65
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 2,068,618.76

FGHA BOARD MEETING – January 5, 2022

APPROVED Minutes, Respectfully Submitted, Pam Miller, Secretary

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

December 8th Minutes - On a motion duly made and seconded and approved by all Board Members the December 8th minutes were approved.

Special Guests - Chief of Police, Ed Barberini for the City of San Mateo; Lieutenant Anthony Riccardi, our contact for Fiesta Gardens; Captain Matt Lethin, Field Operations; and Jeanine Luna Community Relations Officer.

All 4 of our guests reiterated the three things we as residents can do to help our local Police Department and our neighborhood.

1. If you see something, do something. Depending on the circumstances call 911 or call the non-emergency line, 650.522.7700. You can also contact Lieutenant Anthony Riccardi at 650.522.7689, as well as reporting a crime on the SMPD website.
2. Video cameras are a great tool. If you have cameras, you can register them with the PD so they are aware of which residents have cameras which could be helpful with a crime. They would not have access to your camera. They would need to contact you to gain any access.
3. Stay connected with real-time info by following the Police Department on social media.

Lastly, if you are interested in having a neighborhood watch for your street you can email neighborhoodwatch@cityofsanmateo.com, call 650.522.7791 or email Jeanine Luna at jluna@cityofsanmateo.org. The success of the program is having a Block Captain (resident on your block) who will serve as a liaison between your group and the Police Department. The Neighborhood Watch Coordinator will meet with your group to get you started and provide follow-up as needed.

Financial /Steve Gross

- \$40,00 in our operating account.
- We paid out \$10,400 in the month of December.
- We have \$1.468 million in the Cabana Funds/Reserve Account.
- So far 448 out of 489 Members have paid the special assessment in full. There are 29 making monthly payments. 12 are in collections.
- Finances are in great shape.

BOARD REPORTS

Pool Operations/Steve Stanovcak

- Pool is good.

Civic/Rich Neve

- We will invite our new Mayor, Rick Bonilla, to one of our future meetings.

Social Director/Christina Saenz - Not in attendance

Parks/Roland Bardony

- Scapes has hauled away the branches and is reassessing our monthly fees while we are under construction.
- The water has been cut off and we are no longer watering the grass. We will see what Scapes suggests we do to combat losing our lawn or bringing it back to life when construction has finished.

Pool Maintenance/Steve Muller

- All is well with the pool.
- Get vaccinated if you are eligible.

Naresh Nayak/Vice President

- Nothing to report

President/Steve Strauss

- So happy that construction is underway. Thank you to everyone who made this possible. We received no responses to our request for new Board Members. Luckily this is a great group and as long as no one would like to change positions we will move forward with our current Board.

NEW BUSINESS

2022 Proposed Budget

The new proposed budget is based on actuals from 2021. Some items were raised, and others lowered. This budget, if it holds true,

would give us about \$12,000 surpluses. The proposed budget will be put out to the residence for review on our website.

Audit of the Books

We have received a quote of \$1,095.00 to do a review of our books. Our taxes would be done at a cost of \$395.00. The Board requested that we get a quote for a full audit of the books before we move forward. A suggestion was made to possibly do a review at this time and then when the cabana is finished, conduct a full audit. No decision was made pending the quote. Steve Gross will look into the cost of a full audit.

OLD BUSINESS

Cabana Renovation Update

Construction was started December 15th on the new cabana. Pro Modeling has one year to complete. As of now demo is almost done and trenching and piping will begin soon.

Assessment Collection Update

Eleven accounts are now in collections. ASAP has several options we can look into regarding how we would like to handle these 11 accounts. Eight properties that we have not heard from in 6 months or longer were sent Certified Letters. We will discuss in Executive Session.

We have initiated Judicial Foreclosures on 4 properties. One owner has paid in full.

Questions and Comments

ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on Zoom, Wednesday, February 2nd at 7pm. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

FGHA BOARD MEETING – February 2, 2022

Unapproved Minutes, Respectfully Submitted, Pam Miller, Secretary

The FGHA Board Meeting via Zoom was called to order by Rich Neve Civics at 7:08PM. Board Members in attendance were: Steve Stanovcak – Pool Operations, Roland Bardonay – Parks, Naresh Nayak – Vice President, and Christina Saenz – Social Director

January 5th Minutes - On a motion duly made and seconded and approved by all Board Members the January 5th minutes were approved.

Financial /Steve Gross

- \$148,000 in our operating account.
- We paid out \$9,400 in the month of January.
- \$8,025 was paid in January for the special assessment.
- We have \$1.4 million in the Cabana Funds/Reserve Account.
- So far 455 out of 489 Members have paid the special assessment in full. There are 22 making monthly payments. 12 are in collections.
- Finances are in great shape.

BOARD REPORTS

Pool Operations/Steve Stanovcak

- We are hoping we can use the pool during construction, but we probably won't know until April sometime. Everything is good with the pool.

Civic/Rich Neve

- We have invited our new Mayor to one of our future meetings and he will get back to us.
- San Mateo General Plan 2040 is deals with how our city will be organized in the next 20 years. It is predicted that we will have 30% increase in population as well as a 20% increase in Job growth, which means a huge amount of construction. Meetings are being held and most of the people going do not live in our city but have an interest in promoting high density housing. Because many residents of San Mateo are not attending the meetings it looks like we are all for high density housing. We all need to be heard about how we want to see our city grow in the future. If you can attend the meetings that's great you can also contact our City Council Members. You can also go to Strive San Mateo website and fill out an online survey. The site is very informative and lists important upcoming meetings and workshops.

Social Director/Christina Saenz

- Nothing is on the calendar for the near future due to Omicron.

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February Minutes *From page 9***Parks/Roland Bardony**

- The part of the lawn that is not being used by Pro Modeling will be irrigated during construction in an effort to save it.
- Pro Modeling has been very accommodating and is doing a great job.

Pool Maintenance/Steve Muller - Not in attendance**Naresh Nayak/Vice President**

- Nothing to report

President/Steve Strauss – Not in attendance**NEW BUSINESS****OLD BUSINESS****Audit of the Books**

We have received quotes of \$1,095.00 to do a review of our books and \$2,195.00 for an audit. It was proposed to have a review now for our 2021 finances and do an audit when the cabana is finished. On a motion duly made and seconded and approved by all Board Members we will have a review of finances for 2021 and do the audit when the cabana is finished.

Cabana Renovation Update

The new cabana is underway and so far, things are going smoothly. Rebar will be going in and the foundation should be done in February.

Assessment Collection Update

Eleven accounts are still in collections. ASAP has several options we can look into regarding how we would like to handle these 11 accounts. We will discuss in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on Zoom, Wednesday, March 2nd at 7pm. Meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

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ARBOR DAY 2022!



I know Arbor Day is not until April, but there is no time like the present to get prepared! Many people are probably asking what is Arbor Day?

Arbor Day is April 29th this year and was created as a national holiday to recognize the importance of trees. You may be asking, why do I, as a realtor, care?

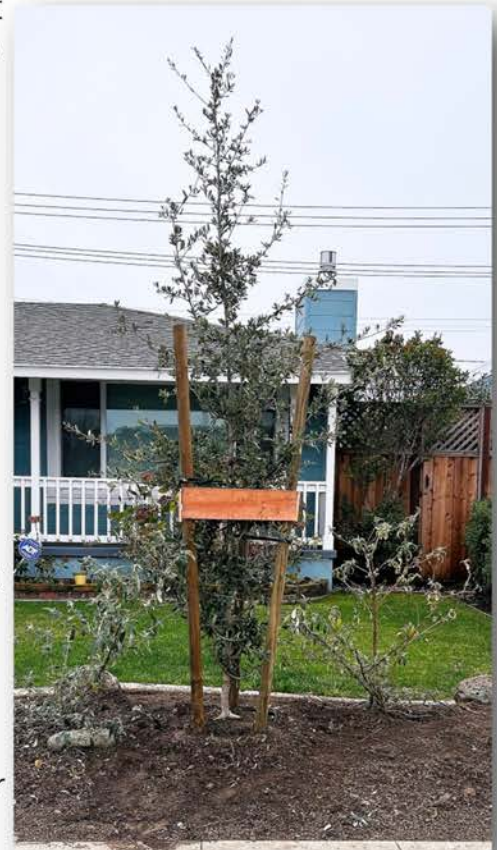
The reason I encourage planting of trees is because they are one of the easiest ways to add curb appeal and neighborhood desirability. When I bring prospective buyers through our neighborhood for the first time, they frequently comment on the lack of trees. When our development was built in the 50's, every home had a tree in the front yard. Of course, as they broke sewer lines, homeowner's didn't replace them. The good news is, we no longer use clay pipes for sewer lines and the new type of sewer lines are not as susceptible to tree root damage. In addition, because we have such a high water table, if you establish the tree through proper watering the first couple of years, it will soon be very drought tolerant and thrive on its own.

The best part of all of this is that there is a way to get the perfect tree for free! The city of San Mateo offers a program in which the city will pick a tree for your front yard and plant it. Here is a link for the details.

<https://www.cityofsanmateo.org/3374/Street-Tree-Planting-Program>

I did this myself last year and, was fortunate to make the cut off and had a tree planted right around Christmas. It is thriving and will be perfect in a couple of years as it grows. The best part is the city helps to maintain it for you!

If you would like to have a confidential discussion about your real estate goals, don't hesitate to contact me.



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