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## President's Message

By Steve Strauss

Just a few quick things and I'll let you get back to your holiday celebrations!

#1 – The cabana financing survey is still out there. WE NEED THIS FEEDBACK! The survey can be found on NextDoor (search Steve Gross) and by email – just email either [treasurer@fiestagardenshoa.com](mailto:treasurer@fiestagardenshoa.com) or [president@fiestagardenshoa.com](mailto:president@fiestagardenshoa.com) and we'll send you a link to the survey. The survey results will determine the financing option that we will vote on. Please, please, please fill out the survey if you haven't already.

#2 – Thanks to everyone who once again made our Christmas Light Contest a big success. From our Social Director, Carmen, to our 'Celebrity' judges, to our helper elves, and to everyone who decorated, thanks for helping make FG the great neighborhood it is!

#3 – Thank You to Carmen Quaresma, our outgoing Social Director, for all of your hard work putting on great events and for your support on the Board. Great Job! Thanks again! (BTW we need a replacement....anyone???)

#4 – On behalf of myself, my wife Allyson and the entire Board of Directors.....

**Happy Holidays**  
**And**  
**Happy New Year!**

Next Board Meeting has been moved to WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>. See you there!

2019.....THE YEAR OF THE CABANA!

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The next Board meeting will be  
**Wednesday, January 9**  
7PM in the cabana.

# FGHA Board of Directors

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# Civic Report

*By Richard Neve*

## Traffic Action Plan.

Thank you all for turning out and voicing your comments and ideas at the open house for the 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Fashion Island Blvd. corridor held at the cabana. A lot of ideas were collected. We will keep you informed as to the next steps.

## San Mateo General Plan

Get involved in the future of San Mateo! The city is holding a series of public meetings to get citizen input on the update to the General Plan. This plan extends to 2030, so if you want your ideas and opinions heard you need to attend.

General plan website:

<https://www.cityofsanmateo.org/1537/General-Plan>

## Plant a Tree!

San Mateo offers a free tree planting program:

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

Trees are a great idea all round- they make our neighborhoods more attractive, increase property values and much more!



# MONTHLY CALENDAR

## FIESTA GARDENS

January 9  
FGHA Board Meeting  
7 p.m., Pool Cabana

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

## SAN MATEO.

January 2  
Park and Recreation Commission Meeting  
The Park and Recreation Commission was established in 1912 makes recommendations to the City Council on acquisition, development, beautification and maintenance of public parks, landscape resources, public recreation facilities, budget, and programs of Park & Recreation activities.  
Where: City Hall, Council Chambers  
When: 7:00 p.m

January 2, 2019  
Teen Movie Featuring: Avengers: Infinity War  
Doors open at 5:15pm; Rated PG-13; 2 hours, 40 minutes.  
Seating first come, first served. Light snacks served. For students in the 7th - 12th grades. \*\* Laurel Room, 1st Floor \*\*  
Where: San Mateo Main Library  
When: 5:30 p.m. - 8:10 p.m.  
Cost: FREE

January 7, 22  
City Council meeting  
Where: City Hall, Council Chambers  
When: 7:00 p.m.

January 9  
Sustainability & Infrastructure Commission Meeting  
Where: City Hall, Council Chambers  
When: 7:00 p.m.

**Fiesta Gardens Homes Association  
Board Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, January 9, 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 – (VACANT)
  - iii. Parks – Roland Bardony
  - iv. Pool Maintenance – Steve Muller
  - v. Pool Operations – Steve Stanovcak
  - vi. Vice President – Mike Russell
  - vii. President – Steve Strauss
5. Old Business
  - i. Cabana Clubhouse/Bathrooms/Guard House Renovation Update
6. New Business
  - i. Board Member Opening
7. Questions and Comments
8. Adjournment/Break into Executive Session if needed

# FGHA BOARD MEETING – November 7, 2018

*APPROVED Minutes, Respectfully Submitted, Pam Miller, Secretary*

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

October 2018 Minutes: On a motion duly made and seconded and approved by all board members, the minutes of the October 3, 2018 meeting were approved.

Financial /Steve Gross – Due to pool closure payroll will go down. \$68,000 worth of liens were established, mostly apartments.

## BOARD REPORTS

### Civic/Rich Neve

- Red curbs will be refreshed next month.
- Measure P gives control over how San Mateo will look in the future - look for flyer.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Ave/Fashion Island Blvd survey, tentative meeting at cabana on 12/11.

### Social/ Carmen Quaresma was not in attendance, Mike Russell gave report.

- Halloween Party was a great success. Pictures will be in next Bee.
- Holiday Light Contest will be 12/14.
- Judges will be from outside the neighborhood.

### Parks/Roland Bardony

- Winter plants were put in by Scapes.
- Sprinklers will be adjusted accordingly for the winter.
- Scapes trimmed the damaged tree in the park. It's still alive and should be fine.

### Pool Maintenance/ Steve Muller

- Absent – No report

### Pool Operations/Steve Stanovcak

- Pool is closed for the season.

### Vice President/Mike Russell

- Nothing to report.

### President/Steve Strauss

- Great turn out for Halloween, fun was had by all.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Cabana Project

- On behalf of the Cabana Committee, Denise Iskander recommended to the Board to hire JD Builders to construct our new cabana.
- Mike Russell motioned to approve JD Builders to construct our new cabana, the motion was seconded by Steve Stanovcak. The motion passed 5 to 0.
- Survey will go out on Neighborhood Site to see how people would like to finance.

## NEW BUSINESS

- There was no new business.

## ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 7pm. Meeting was adjourned at 7:34PM.

# FGHA BOARD MEETING – December 5, 2018

*Unapproved Minutes, Respectfully Submitted, Pam Miller, Secretary*

The FGHA Board Meeting was called to order by Steve Strauss, President, at 7:08PM. Board Members in attendance were: Steve Strauss - President, Mike Russell - Vice President, Roland Bardony - Parks Director, Steve Muller - Pool Maintenance, and Carmen Quaresma - Social Director.

November 2018 Minutes: On a motion duly made and seconded and approved by all board members, the minutes of the November 7th, 2018 meeting were approved.

Financial /Steve Gross – All is well with the Association Finances.

## BOARD REPORTS

Civic/Rich Neve Not in attendance

Social/Carmen Quaresma

- Many holiday lights are starting to go up.
- Holiday Light Contest will be 12/14.
- Judges will be from outside the neighborhood.

Parks/Roland Bardony

- All is well with the parks.

Pool Maintenance/ Steve Muller

- Leaves were blown and removed around the pool area.

Pool Operations/Steve Stanovcak Not in attendance

Vice President/Mike Russell

- Nothing to report.

President/Steve Strauss

- The cabana survey is out.
- Annual meeting for membership will be on March 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Mike Russell will head nomination committee for new Board Members.

## OLD BUSINESS

Waiting on cabana survey results.

## NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

## ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 7pm in the pool cabana. Meeting was adjourned at 7:21pm.

# Social Director's Report

By *Carmen Quaresma*

Our Christmas Light Contest was a huge success. Thank you for the large overall participation this year. Thank you to our judges: Diane Whitaker, Eric Rodriguez, and Brad Underwood for taking the time during the busy holiday season to help judge our contest. Thank you Rich for your help with this event.



I want to highlight how wonderful our neighborhood is. As I drove the judges around the neighborhood, they were very impressed so many of us took part in the contest. When I was just turning the corner to Southampton, I was explaining to our judges how children in our neighborhood can roam around to other neighbors like the old days. This was when a group of kids blocked the street because they were playing and their folks were having a block party. We saw people taking their evening strolls and waving to the judges and saying hello. We told stories about how the younger families in this neighborhood look out for the older folks living near them. We talked about the parties where moms would spend an evening stuffing over 2000 eggs so that the little ones will have a lot of eggs to find at the Easter Egg Hunt. Fiesta Gardens is a gem.

With all of that, I want to share the results of our winners:

The Griswold Award - 18 Kent Ct.  
 The Classic Award - 2065 Texas Way  
 Best Themed - 1022 Lafayette  
 Best Street Participation - Texas Way

The first three winners got \$100 Amazon gift certificates and Texas Way will be getting a pizza party in the near future. Look out for the invite in your mailbox.

Some other houses that were nominated were:

The Griswold Award - 1047 Rossi, 2284 Kent St.  
 The Classic Award - 1066 Annapolis, 2254 Southampton  
 Best Themed - 2064 Ginevere, 2215 Salisbury  
 Best Street Participation - Potomac, Southampton

At this time, I want to thank all of you, for letting me host these parties. Without your help and participation our unique neighborhood will assimilate into just another suburbia. I have learned so much during these last two years, from AV equipment to San Mateo politics. I am grateful for the opportunity.

## **SEEKING NEW BOARD MEMBERS!**

As of January 1, 2019 we need  
**At least one new volunteer Board member** for our Association.

Please contact any Board member for more information or to volunteer!

Volunteer Board members serve a two year term. Must be members in good standing.

**Volunteers needed!**

## **SEEKING BLOCK CAPTAIN!**

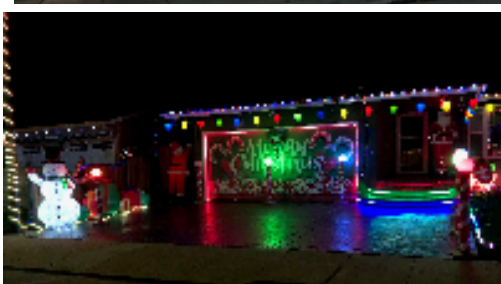
We are in need of block captain for ANNAPOLIS DRIVE

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

*Thank You!*



Above: Best Themed Award, 1022 Lafayette St.  
Above R: Griswold Award, 18 Kent Ct.  
Right: Classic Award, 2065 Texas Way





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## What a Year!



So much happened in the real estate market this year. The market started off with a bang in January of 2018 and continued through May where the earliest signs of a flattening market emerged. Some cities and neighborhoods continued to flourish into summer, but the general signs were that a slow down was eminent. Interest rates continued to tick up into the 4.5% range. Although today's buyers see it as a big increase, historically, those are still extremely low. Our stock market was volatile over the year seeing both record gains and losses which contributes to the emotional confidence/concerns of buyers. And lastly, the severe fires throughout the state have forced people to make decisions and changes they weren't ready or anticipating making. Overall, the real estate market ended up higher in price point than the previous year, but the increase in inventory is going to be very interesting in 2019! It will not just be good enough to put a sign in front and hope your home will sell. Local knowledge, market focused property preparation and creative marketing will be the way to maximize exposure! Have a wonderful 2019! I'll see you around the neighborhood.

### ACTIVE

| Address              | City      | Bd | Ba  | DOM | SqFt  | \$/SqFt    | Lot (SF)   | List Price  | Age |
|----------------------|-----------|----|-----|-----|-------|------------|------------|-------------|-----|
| 2205 Portsmouth Way  | San Mateo | 3  | 2 0 | 32  | 1,540 | \$1,005.84 | 5,280 (sf) | \$1,549,000 | 61  |
| 2232 Portsmouth Way  | San Mateo | 4  | 2 0 | 15  | 1,530 | \$947.71   | 5,000 (sf) | \$1,450,000 | 62  |
| 1141 Annapolis Drive | San Mateo | 4  | 3 0 | 58  | 1,820 | \$769.20   | 5,200 (sf) | \$1,399,950 | 62  |
| 790 Fiesta Drive     | San Mateo | 3  | 2 0 | 58  | 1,300 | \$922.31   | 5,000 (sf) | \$1,199,000 | 64  |

### ACTIVE

|             |   |             |    |       |          |            |             |    |
|-------------|---|-------------|----|-------|----------|------------|-------------|----|
| # LISTINGS: | 4 | AVG VALUES: | 41 | 1,548 | \$911.27 | 5,120 (sf) | \$1,399,488 | 62 |
|-------------|---|-------------|----|-------|----------|------------|-------------|----|

### SOLD

| Address              | City      | Bd | Ba  | DOM | SqFt  | \$/SqFt    | Lot (SF)   | List Price  | Age | Sale Price  | COE      |
|----------------------|-----------|----|-----|-----|-------|------------|------------|-------------|-----|-------------|----------|
| 2034 Dublin Way      | San Mateo | 3  | 2 0 | 8   | 1,408 | \$1,193.18 | 5,000 (sf) | \$1,448,000 | 65  | \$1,680,000 | 05/22/18 |
| 561 Fiesta Drive     | San Mateo | 3  | 2 0 | 13  | 1,540 | \$1,083.12 | 5,200 (sf) | \$1,498,000 | 64  | \$1,668,000 | 05/09/18 |
| 2238 Portsmouth Way  | San Mateo | 3  | 2 0 | 0   | 1,530 | \$1,084.97 | 5,000 (sf) | \$1,388,000 | 62  | \$1,660,000 | 03/13/18 |
| 2009 Texas Way       | San Mateo | 3  | 2 0 | 5   | 1,350 | \$1,222.22 | 5,000 (sf) | \$1,475,000 | 64  | \$1,650,000 | 06/15/18 |
| 2025 Texas Way       | San Mateo | 4  | 3 0 | 122 | 1,990 | \$804.02   | 5,000 (sf) | \$1,598,000 | 64  | \$1,600,000 | 11/14/18 |
| 1014 Fiesta Drive    | San Mateo | 3  | 2 0 | 10  | 1,280 | \$1,226.56 | 5,000 (sf) | \$1,388,000 | 63  | \$1,570,000 | 02/22/18 |
| 1046 Bermuda Drive   | San Mateo | 3  | 2 0 | 12  | 1,280 | \$1,171.88 | 5,000 (sf) | \$1,350,000 | 64  | \$1,500,000 | 05/03/18 |
| 2101 Trinity Street  | San Mateo | 3  | 2 0 | 4   | 1,450 | \$1,020.69 | 5,100 (sf) | \$1,395,000 | 64  | \$1,480,000 | 05/29/18 |
| 2088 Ginnever Street | San Mateo | 3  | 2 0 | 31  | 1,280 | \$1,115.63 | 5,000 (sf) | \$1,488,000 | 64  | \$1,428,000 | 06/04/18 |
| 1022 Bermuda Drive   | San Mateo | 3  | 2 0 | 5   | 1,280 | \$1,113.28 | 5,000 (sf) | \$1,295,000 | 64  | \$1,425,000 | 09/05/18 |
| 2205 Portsmouth Way  | San Mateo | 3  | 2 0 | 18  | 1,540 | \$823.38   | 5,280 (sf) | \$1,288,000 | 61  | \$1,268,000 | 04/17/18 |

### SOLD

|             |    |             |    |       |            |            |             |    |             |
|-------------|----|-------------|----|-------|------------|------------|-------------|----|-------------|
| # LISTINGS: | 11 | AVG VALUES: | 21 | 1,448 | \$1,078.08 | 5,053 (sf) | \$1,419,182 | 64 | \$1,539,000 |
|-------------|----|-------------|----|-------|------------|------------|-------------|----|-------------|

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