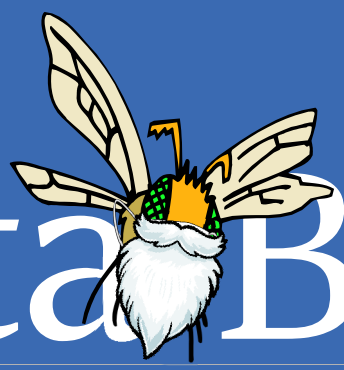




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President's Message

By Steve Strauss

First let's get this out of the way...

It looks like, mostly due to requirements from the city regarding our construction permit, work on the new Cabana probably won't start until after the first of the year. Our contractor is ready to go and once all the requirements are met, they'll hit the ground running and a few months later we'll be celebrating the opening of our new facilities.

We're still looking for a Board Member to fill the open seat. The open position is Vice President, but if you are interested in something else on the Board, let me know and we'll figure a way to work it out. It's important that the Board is full. Time to step up, serve your community, and help your neighbors. Contact me if you're interested (or even somewhat interested, or a little interested...).

The holidays are upon us and though they will be vastly different than normal, whatever *that* might be, we still need to hold onto what the holidays are all about, regardless of which of them you celebrate. Try to be kind, friendly, and giving. We need to try to put the divisiveness behind us and work to disagree without being disagreeable. It's about peace and celebration, even remotely. Be safe, be well, be healthy and be prosperous.

Don't forget about the Fiesta Gardens Holiday Lights Contest coming in December!

See you at the next Zoom Board Meeting on Wednesday, December 2nd.

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

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Civic Report

By Richard Neve

Election Results

This year's election was a record turnout nationally, which is a great success for democracy.

In San Mateo we saw a turnout of 85%. Currently there are ~2,300 ballots left to count. This has been slower this year because of the high number of mailed ballots.

Ballots Cast 376,027
 Vote Center Ballots 31,782
 Vote by Mail Ballots 344,245
 Registered Voters 442,637

Nationally 66.4% - 72.1% of 239,247,182 eligible voters voted.

You can find local results here:

https://www.livevoteturnout.com/SanMateoCA/LiveResults/en/In dex_4.html

As of November 3rd here are the results of local elections/Measures:

San Mateo City Council

DIANE PAPANDIANE PAPAN	26,521	(39.13%)
AMOURENCE LEEAMOURENCE LEE	23,505	(34.68%)
LISA DIAZ NASHLISA DIAZ NASH	17,751	(26.19%)

Measure Y (Majority approval required)

NO	22,805	(50.02%)
YES	22,785	(49.98%)

(20 vote difference with 2,300 yet to count)

Measure R (Majority approval required)

NO	24,441	(53.98%)
YES	20,833	(46.02%)

Measure Y (Majority approval required)

YES	34,864	(74.87%)
NO	11,699	(25.13%)

Measure RR (Majority approval required)

YES	246,368	(70.75%)
NO	101,849	(29.25%)

Measure T (55% approval required)

BONDS YES	39,607	(63.96%)
BONDS NO	22,321	(36.04%)

While Measure R has failed, Measure Y is still too close to call at this time. Passage of Measure RR means an increase in sales tax to support Caltrain, and passage of Measure T will mean a ~\$400 tax burden on your property tax.

****Important**** Senior Homeowners (65+) can contact the School District directly to request an application and sign up for an exemption from this tax (this is the number to call: 650-312-7269). Measure W imposes an increased transient occupancy tax.



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MONTHLY CALENDAR

FIESTA GARDENS

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

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

December 19
Holiday Lights Contest

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>

December 7
City Counsel Meeting
Where: Remote via Zoom call
When: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

December 8
Planning Commission Meeting
Where: Remote via Zoom call
When: 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

December 9
Sustainability & Infrastructure 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
October 2020**

Current Period			Description	Year To Date			Proposed 2020 Budget
Actual	Budget	Variance		Actual	Budget	Variance	
INCOME							
1,080.00		1,080.00	Regular Assessments	184,470.00	208,840.00	(22,170.00)	208,840.00
3.35	2.92	0.43	Interest Inc - Operating Fund	56.77	29.17	27.60	35.00
261.57	125.00	136.57	Interest Inc - Repl. Res. Fund	2,662.46	1,250.00	1,342.46	1,500.00
		0.00	Swim School			0.00	13,000.00
		0.00	Guest Passes			0.00	1,100.00
60.00	90.00	(30.00)	Bee Ads	1,080.00	900.00	180.00	1,080.00
\$ 1,404.92	\$ 217.92	\$ 1,187.00	Total Income	\$ 188,199.23	\$ 208,819.17	-\$ 20,619.94	\$ 223,355.00
\$ 1,404.92	\$ 217.92	\$ 1,187.00	Gross Profit	\$ 188,199.23	\$ 208,819.17	-\$ 20,619.94	\$ 223,355.00
EXPENSES							
540.00	540.00	0.00	Landscape-Contract	4,873.60	5,400.00	426.40	6,480.00
3,460.00	8,006.67	5,206.67	Lifeguards	37,546.27	43,333.33	5,787.06	52,000.00
425.00	425.00	0.00	Newsletter Editor	4,250.00	4,250.00	0.00	5,100.00
340.95	866.67	525.72	Payroll Taxes	3,677.10	4,333.33	656.23	5,200.00
300.00	300.00	0.00	Secretary	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,600.00
1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	Treasurer	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	12,000.00
21.33	300.00	278.67	Payment Processing Fees	2,373.22	1,000.00	(1,373.22)	1,200.00
488.09	216.67	(271.42)	Payroll Service	2,770.56	2,166.67	(603.89)	2,600.00
134.34	45.00	(89.34)	Pest Control	537.36	450.00	(87.36)	540.00
1,817.19	1,408.33	(408.86)	Pool & Spa	15,306.87	14,083.33	(1,223.54)	16,900.00
507.29	541.67	34.38	Common Area - Maintenance	1,647.98	5,416.67	3,768.69	6,500.00
	25.00	25.00	Wristbands	0.00	250.00	250.00	300.00
	83.33	83.33	Tennis Court- Service & Repair	0.00	833.33	833.33	1,000.00
520.32	300.00	(220.32)	Gas	2,497.20	3,000.00	502.80	3,600.00
1,284.85	1,083.33	(201.62)	Electricity	10,315.73	10,833.33	517.60	13,000.00
188.93	108.33	(80.60)	Refuse	1,072.26	1,083.33	11.07	1,300.00
162.52	90.00	(72.52)	Telephone & Pager	1,250.72	900.00	(350.72)	1,080.00
1,627.16	1,000.00	(627.16)	Water	10,324.49	10,000.00	(324.49)	12,000.00
	0.00	0.00	Stoops, Drives & Concrete	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	83.33	83.33	Pools, Spas, & Lake Facilities	0.00	833.33	833.33	1,000.00
	0.00	0.00	Clubhouse Facilities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	100.00	100.00	Audit & Tax Preparation	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,200.00
112.60	208.33	95.73	Mailings, Postage & Copies	1,462.38	2,083.33	580.95	2,500.00
	400.00	400.00	Newsletter Postage/ Printing	636.92	4,000.00	3,363.08	4,800.00
	125.00	125.00	Meeting Expenses/Social Functl	920.84	1,250.00	329.16	1,500.00
	83.33	83.33	Collection Expenses	100.00	833.33	733.33	1,000.00
1,084.88	1,166.67	81.79	Insurance Expenses	11,245.65	11,666.67	421.02	14,000.00
298.00	333.33	35.33	D & O Ins. Expenses	2,740.85	3,333.33	592.48	4,000.00
832.50	291.67	(540.83)	Insurance Exp - W/C	2,769.97	2,916.67	146.70	3,500.00
381.33	191.67	(189.66)	Office Supplies	2,994.25	1,916.67	(1,077.58)	2,300.00
	20.83	20.83	Postage	0.00	208.33	208.33	250.00
	20.83	20.83	Civic Expenses	100.00	208.33	108.33	250.00
	41.67	41.67	Web Site	319.87	416.67	96.80	500.00
3,130.00	166.67	(2,963.33)	Professional Services	17,722.24	1,666.67	(16,055.57)	2,000.00
825.00	83.33	(741.67)	Permits & License	625.00	833.33	8.33	1,000.00

**Fiesta Gardens Homes Association Inc.
Income & Expense Statement
Operating Fund
October 2020**

Current Period			Description	Year To Date			Proposed 2020 Budget
Actual	Budget	Variance		Actual	Budget	Variance	
0.00	666.67	666.67	Taxes - Property	4,251.95	6,666.67	2,404.72	8,000.00
	20.83	20.83	Inc Taxes- Operating Fund		208.33	208.33	250.00
\$ 19,382.38	\$ 21,004.17	\$ 1,621.79	Total Expenses	\$ 157,673.28	\$ 160,375.00	\$ 2,701.72	\$ 192,450.00
-\$ 17,977.46	-\$ 20,786.25	\$ 2,808.79	Net Income	\$ 30,525.95	\$ 48,444.17	-\$ 17,918.22	\$ 30,905.00

**Fiesta Gardens Homes Association Inc.
Income & Expense Statement
Cabana Rebuild
September 2020**

Current Period			Description	Year To Date			Budget
Actual	Budget	Variance		Actual	Budget	Variance	
INCOME							
27,250.00	25,000.00	2,250.00	Special Assessments	1,062,200.00	1,300,000.00	(237,800.00)	1,300,000.00
\$ 27,250.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 2,250.00	Total Income	\$ 1,062,200.00	\$ 1,300,000.00	-\$ 237,800.00	\$ 1,300,000.00
\$ 27,250.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 2,250.00	Gross Profit	\$ 1,062,200.00	\$ 1,300,000.00	-\$ 237,800.00	\$ 1,300,000.00
EXPENSES							
		0.00	Cabana Rebuild - Contract			0.00	1,128,716.00
6,180.50	20,000.00	13,819.50	Update Plans	20,230.50	20,000.00	(230.50)	20,000.00
		0.00	Construction Reserve			0.00	58,898.00
		0.00	Consulting			0.00	30,000.00
		0.00	Permits and Fees			0.00	50,000.00
261.85	2,000.00	1,738.15	Payment Processing Fees	12,522.40	20,000.00	7,477.60	20,000.00
\$ 6,442.35	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 15,557.65	Total Expenses	\$ 32,752.90	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 7,247.10	\$ 1,305,552.00
\$ 20,807.65	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 17,807.65	Net Income	\$ 1,029,447.10	\$ 1,260,000.00	-\$ 230,552.90	-\$ 5,552.00

Fiesta Gardens Homes Association Inc.
Balance Sheet
 As of October 31, 2020

ASSETS	
Cash - Operating Fund	\$ 68,955.23
Cash - Reserve Fund	\$ 296,838.19
Cash - Cabana Rebuild	\$ 1,004,969.50
Old Accounts Receivable	\$ 128,122.00
2020 Dues Receivable	\$ 22,170.00
Special Assessment Receivable	\$ 289,000.00
Other Current Assets	\$ 10,640.10
Due From JD Builders	\$ 37,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,857,695.02

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	3,078.75
Accrued Expenses	2,724.43
Prepaid Assessments	1,323.10
Total Liabilities	\$ 7,126.28
Fund Balance	
Fund Balance	1,498,672.31
Current Year Net Income/Loss	351,896.43
Total Fund Balance	\$ 1,850,568.74
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 1,857,695.02

Merry Christmas



**Fiesta Gardens Homes Association
Annual Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, December 2, 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 – Open
 - vii. President – Steve Strauss
5. New Business
6. Old Business
 - i. Cabana Renovation Update
 - ii. assessment Collections Update
 - iii. J.D. Builders Collection Matter Update
7. Questions and Comments
8. Adjournment/Break into Executive Session if needed

FGHA BOARD MEETING – October 7, 2020

APPROVED Minutes, Respectfully Submitted, Pam Miller, Secretary

The FGHA Board Meeting via Zoom was called to order by Steve Strauss, President, at 7:02PM. Board Members in attendance were: Steve Strauss - President, Roland Bardony – Parks Director, Christina Saenz - Social Director, Steve Stanovcak - Pool Operation, Steve Muller – Pool Maintenance, and Rich Neve - Civics

September 2nd Minutes - On a motion duly made and seconded and approved by all Board Members, the minutes of the September 2nd meeting were approved.

Financial /Steve Gross

- Finances are in good shape.
- 30 more residents reached paid-in-full for the cabana assessment, which is 346 total.
- We have received \$183,000 in HOA dues.

BOARD REPORTS

Civic/Rich Neve

- Look up Measures Y and R on San Mateo Website. These measures deal with height limits in our city.
- Measure W supports hotel tax that would be an additional \$1,000,000 a year to our city.
- Two spots are open on the City Council, there are three candidates. Please make sure to look them up and vote.

Social Director/Christina Saenz

- We will be having a costume contest for the kids. Check out our website for how to enter.
- We will be having a Halloween Decorating Contest this year. We need volunteers to go through the neighborhood to judge. Contact Christina if you are interested.

Parks/Roland Bardony

- The Kiddy Park is open. Great to see both parents and kids enjoying time outside.
- Scapes will be trimming the trees around the Kiddy Park.

Pool Operations/Steve Stanovcak

- Rather than closing on the 18th of October, the pool will now be open through Sunday, November 1st, pending lifeguard availability.

Pool Maintenance/Steve Muller – Nothing to report

Vice President - Looking for a new Vice President

President/Steve Strauss

- We are looking for a new Board Member. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact Steve or any one of our Board Members.

NEW BUSINESS – No New Business

OLD BUSINESS

Cabana Renovation

The contract was approved by the Board and given to Pro Modeling in El Cerrito. We are currently waiting for them to sign. Updated plans were submitted to the City on September 24th. We are seeing progress and getting closer every day.

Collection Policy

We need to adopt our own collection policy. We asked for feedback on the policy. Many comments were about the cabana and our Fiesta Bee. Many people would still like to receive a hard copy of The Bee. A letter will be sent out to address this.

On a motion duly made and seconded and approved by all Board Members, it was approved to adopt our new collection policy.

We have 34 property owners that have not paid the special assessment, 20 of which have not paid dues previously. Steve Gross recommended that we use ASAP Collection Service to help us collect our money.

On a motion duly made and seconded and approved by all Board Members, it was approved to turn over our long-term debt to ASAP Collection Service.

Our previous Contractor has been served all documentations and one of his insurance companies has reached out to our HOA.

Questions and Comments None

ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on Zoom, Wednesday November 4th, 2020 at 7pm. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

FGHA BOARD MEETING – November 4, 2020

Unapproved Minutes, Respectfully Submitted, Pam Miller, Secretary

The FGHA Board Meeting via Zoom was called to order by Steve Strauss, President, at 7:01PM. Board Members in attendance were: Steve Strauss - President, Roland Bardony – Parks Director, Christina Saenz - Social Director, Steve Muller – Pool Maintenance, and Rich Neve – Civics Director

October 7th Minutes - On a motion duly made and seconded and approved by all Board Members, the minutes of the October 7th meeting were approved.

Financial /Steve Gross

- Finances are in good shape.
- Expenses will be low going forward now that the pool is closed.
- 1.3 million in our cabana/reserve fund.

BOARD REPORTS

Civic/Rich Neve

- The traffic action plan is still under review. There will be a community meeting after the first of the year.
- There has been a request for a stop sign at Kent and Bermuda.
- Rich attended the groundbreaking for the new sewage tank.
- Measure Y failed by 375 votes. Citizens in our area will need to be very vocal with the City Council when we do not want high buildings being erected in our area.

Social Director/Christina Saenz

- See Christina's report in the Bee to see who won the Halloween costume contest and best decorated houses. The top 5 costume winners will be receiving their prizes soon.
- Hopefully, everyone goes all out for the holidays. Judging will take place on December 19th. If you would like to volunteer to be a judge, please contact Christina.

Parks/Roland Bardony

- Locks in the park needed to be fixed. General maintenance was also done on all locks at the same time.
- Not seeing too many people at the park lately.

Pool Operations/Steve Stanovcak

- Not in attendance.

Pool Maintenance/Steve Muller

- The pool is closed.

Vice President - Looking for a new Vice President

President/Steve Strauss

- We are looking for a new Board Member. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact Steve or any one of our Board Members.

NEW BUSINESS – No New Business

OLD BUSINESS

Cabana Renovation Update

The second round of reviews of the contract are under way with Pro Modeling. We are currently waiting for them to get back to us and hopefully the contract will be taken care of soon. Once the contract is finalized the committee will meet with the Board to look it over for a final review.

We should hear back from the City on Friday November 6th concerning our permit. We should know then if anything extra is required then it could be another 10 to 15 days to receive the permit.

Assessment Collection Update

We haven't heard anything from 33 residents who owe money either for the special assessment, yearly dues, or both.

On a motion duly made and seconded and approved by all Board Members, it was approved to have ASAP Collection Service file a lien on 33 residents.

J.D. Builders Collection Update

There will be a mediation meeting to try and resolve this issue. Steve Gross will set up the meeting.

November Minutes

Letter to Homeowners Without Email Update

We sent a letter to 106 homeowners of which we do not have their email address. We asked them to either let us know their email address or if they would like us to deliver them a hard copy of The Bee due to other reasons. We heard back from 24 homeowners. We will be delivering 17 copies of The Bee to various homeowners starting this month.

Questions and Comments

None

ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on Zoom, Wednesday December 2nd, 2020 at 7pm. Meeting was adjourned at 7:39pm.

**A meeting of the Board of Directors was duly noticed and held on
November 4, 2020 conducted on Zoom at 7:00 p.m.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that:

Currently, the Association is collecting delinquent assessments from the below mentioned properties. In accordance with the collection policy for the time period between one meeting and the next, those owners who are delinquent will be sent to A.S.A.P. Collection Services to initiate collection activities, including but not limited to recording a lien and/or amending the assessment lien:

MGTACCT#	PROPERTY Address	MGTACCT#	PROPERTY Address
11011		11036	
11012		11037	
11013		11038	
11014		11039	
11015		11040	
11016		11041	
11017		11042	
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It was moved and seconded. The vote represented a majority of the Board of Directors who voted in favor of this resolution. The votes were: five (5) yes and zero (0) no.

DATED: November 4, 2020

Pamela Miller Secretary



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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Congratulations to Valerie Acker of Annapolis and Helen Pitcock of Kent for being selected in my Thanksgiving Turkey Drawing! Feeling so thankful for life, I decided to pick two winners! In addition, I will be donating to Second Harvest Food Bank in their name.

I hope that everyone continues to stay healthy and well. It was a blast to see all the Halloween decorations this year, I can only imagine what everyone is going to do for December! Whatever holiday you celebrate, I hope it is happy and blessed. 2020 has definitely been a tough year for most, but we will persevere and continue to do what we do best which is make our neighborhood an awesome place to live!

Happy Holidays,
David Martin

NEW CITY ORDINANCE– Sewer Lateral Inspection Requirement

The city passed a new ordinance this year that goes into effect on December 1st. It requires homeowners to have their sewer lines inspected when A) they are selling their home or B) they are completing \$90k+ in home improvements. There are more details to this program at www.cityofsanmateo.org/PSLO. The city did send out a brochure recently and I encourage you to review it if you might fall into either of those categories.

In addition, the city has a cost sharing program for full sewer line replacements. If you are going to be remodeling or selling your home, you may want to consider doing this earlier so that you can get help with the costs. The city is paying up to 50% or \$5000 whichever is lower toward the replacement. For more information, visit www.cityofsanmateo.org/1910.

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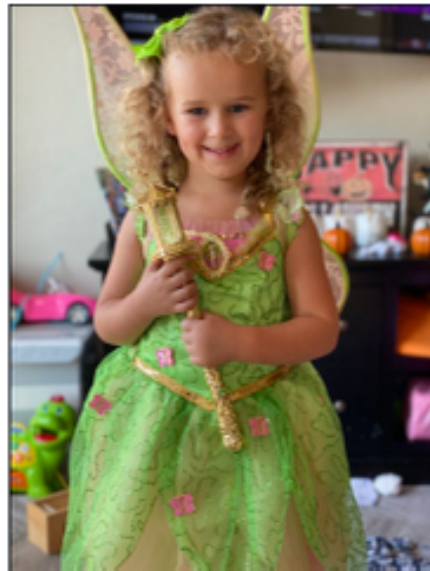


HALLOWEEN CONTEST WINNERS

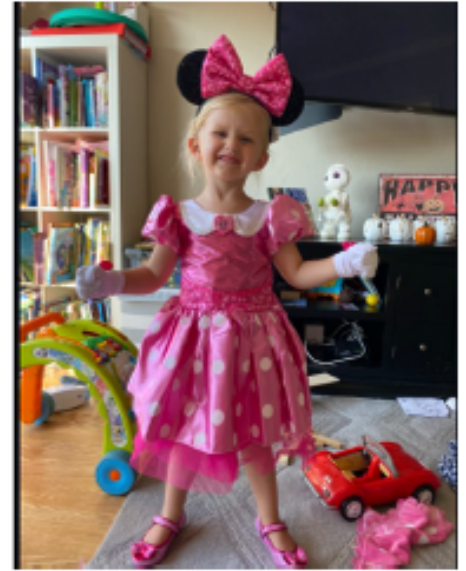
#1: Stella, A little Pineapple



#2: Gianna, Tinkerbell



#3 Daniella, Minnie Mouse



#4: Emma & Jacob, The Tiger King



#5: Matias, a firetruck



HALLOWEEN CONTEST WINNERS

1st: 790 Fiesta Drive



2nd: 1047 Rossi



Email: social@fiestagardensHOA.com if you have not received your prize.