



The Fiesta Bee

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

By Steve Strauss

It's only October and I don't mean to get to the holidays any sooner than needed, but we're going to call this "Thank You"-giving. One thing we can't get enough of is 'Thank You's', especially for some of these people:

Thank you to my beautiful wife Allyson for just being you. I couldn't do this job without your support, advice and encouragement. Happy Birthday!

Thank you to my Board and team for everything you do for all of us (in no particular order):

- To Steve Stanovcak for doing a great job managing the pool and the lifeguards – certainly not an easy job, all the while protecting us as a fireman. Another great pool season!
- To Roland Bardony for keeping our park and playground maintained, clean and green.
- To Carmen Quaremsa for keeping us entertained. Your events have been great! We all can't wait to see what's next!
- To Mike Russell for your support and for taking on numerous projects and for all the 'extra' stuff you do.
- To Rich Neve for keeping us all up to date on everything going on in and around San Mateo from political, traffic, and city projects to the fun things like Music in the Park.
- To Steve Muller for keeping the pool running smoothly and for your support.
- To Steve Gross for his encouragement and support and for doing a great job handling and managing our money.
- To Eleni Hulman for doing a spectacular job creating The Bee for us every month. Always on time, always great!
- To all of the Block Captains and Volunteers that help get the Bees out, make our events great, help our elections happen, clean up the pool before the season, and just generally help make our jobs easier.
- A special shout out to the following for their help with the facilities and the team working on the Cabana Project – Denise Iskander, Stefan Klindworth, Ernie Roeder, Joseph Almirantarena, Chris Brandi, Mike Bratt, and anyone I might have neglected to thank.

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To all of youTHANK YOU, THANK YOU, and THANK YOU! Without you, what we do doesn't happen.

We'll see you at the next meeting (10/3).

And to our Jewish Neighbors.....L'Shana Tova. May you have a healthy and happy New Year.



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The next Board meeting will be
Wednesday, October 3
 7PM in the cabana.

Civic Report

By Richard Neve

Traffic Action Plan.

Public Works plans to hold a neighborhood meeting, end of October/beginning of November to get feedback and ideas ("public scoping") on 19th Avenue/Norfolk improvements. We will try to have that at the Cabana. Keep an eye out for the date.

Pavement/Sidewalk repairs.

A number of residents have requested information about how to get the city to repair pavements and sidewalks.

The city uses the YourGov app which allows residents to submit requests directly to the City Works Department. For information go here:

<https://www.cityofsanmateo.org/3645/YourGov-Submit-Service-Requests-from-you>

Download the app and send a description and a photo!

Sewage Tank.

Follow this link to get detailed information of the current status of the UFES (Underground Flow Equalization System (formerly called In-System Storage).

<http://cleanwaterprogramsanmateo.org/ufes/>

You should receive notices regarding the project in the post.

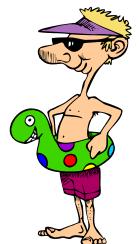
The project is currently in the CEQA Public Scoping Period: September 7, 2018 through October 22, 2018. To provide formal comments on the CEQA scoping process during this time please send them to:

City of San Mateo
 Clean Water Program
 330 W. 20th Avenue
 San Mateo, CA 94403
 Attention: Heather Waldrop

Pool Operations

By Steve Stanovcak

Yes! If you were wondering, the pool is still open! The pool will remain open from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, Saturday and Sunday 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m..



These times will remain until Sunday, October 14th which will be the last day the pool will be open for the season. So, come out and enjoy.

MONTHLY CALENDAR

FIESTA GARDENS

October 3
FGHA Board Meeting
7 p.m., Pool Cabana

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

October 27
Halloween Party
7:00 p.m. Pool Cabana

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October 1, 15
City Council meeting
Where: City Hall, Council Chambers
When: 7:00 p.m.

October 10
Sustainability & Infrastructure Commission Meeting
Where: City Hall, Council Chambers
When: 7:00 p.m.

October 2
Clean Water Program - Public Scoping Meeting for the
Underground Flow Equalization System
Where: City Hall Council Chambers
When: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m..

October 20
Free Recycling Event

- E-Waste Drop Off - items such as camcorders, cell & desk phones, keyboards, lab equipment, laptops, etc.
- Community Paper Shred - a maximum of 3 standard size banker boxes (10"x12"x15") for secure on-site destruction. Staples and paper clips are okay. Proof of residency required

- Give-N-Go to Goodwill - items such as clothes, shoes, accessories; books, tapes, and other media; toys; children's clothes; vacuum cleaners, microwaves, lamps, and small kitchen appliances (working or not); bath linens and throw pillows; pictures, paintings, and sculptures, etc.

Where: Beresford Park parking lot, 2720 Alameda de las Pulgas
When: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
INFO: For more information, call 650-522-7329



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FGHA BOARD MEETING – September 5, 2018

Unapproved Minutes, Respectfully Submitted, Allyson Strauss, Acting Secretary

The Board Meeting, which was held at Fiesta Gardens Pool Cabana, was called to order by Steve Strauss, President, at 7:02 P.M. Board Members in attendance were: Steve Strauss – President, Mike Russell -- Vice President, Steve Muller – Pool Maintenance, Rich Neve – Civic Affairs, Roland Bardony – Parks Director, Steve Stanovcak -- Pool Operations, and Carmen Quaresma -- Social Director.

Unfortunately, due to secretary change, there were no minutes for the July Meeting. Also, since there was no quorum, there are no minutes for the August Meeting.

Financial / Steve Gross – Cash on hand will get us through the end of the year. Revenue to wind down due to pool closing and end of parties. Conversely, expenses will also wind down with pool closing, eliminating lifeguard payroll.

BOARD REPORTS

Civic / Rich Neve –

- Traffic action plan (TAP) updates will be printed in the Bee.
- Sewage tank project to be built on Event Center property. No piping will come through FG. Community Meeting 10/2 @ City Council Chambers. Possible traffic congestion in area of Event Center upon construction.
- Measure P issue still ongoing. With concerns, contact City Council members.

Social / Carmen Quaresma –

- Thank you to Mike Russell for help with Movie Night
- Next Movie Night 9/15 – “Back to the Future.” Free snacks and drinks!
- Halloween Party – tentative date 10/27. More info to follow.

Parks / Roland Bardony –

- Volleyball area being overwatered. Timer adjusted. Suggest new sprinkler heads to allow for decreased water pressure and coverage. Estimate to repair, \$770.
- Park pathway – will follow up on repaving project for Fiesta Meadows Park.

Pool Maintenance / Steve Muller –

- Pool operating as expected. Nothing further to report.

Pool Operations / Steve Stanovcak –

- Passed county health inspection – new signage to be installed.
- Thank you to Stefan Klindworth for help and being “on call” for pool related issues.

Vice President / Mike Russell –

- Nothing to report

President / Steve Strauss –

- FGHA need a new Secretary. Ad will be placed in Bee and NextDoor. Position paid at \$300/mo.

OLD BUSINESS

Cabana Project –

- Cabana Committee Meeting 9/9 @ 10:30 A.M. at Cabana. Architect will be there to answer questions and assist in reviewing bids.
- Financing plans are being reviewed. Survey to be sent via NextDoor once contractor is selected and true costs established.
- Expected to be 8-10 month project.
- Will follow up with Passages developer to see if any funds are available for our project (Rich N.).
- Bids to be made available to Cabana Committee members to review in advance of meeting.

Website Improvements (Carmen Q.) -

- Suggestions for website –

1. Ability to reserve / request party dates online
2. Calendar with real-time updates
3. Advertising sales on website – revenue source
4. Sign up space for email list
5. Space for important Association information / notices
6. Financials, Meeting Minutes, Bees, Governing documents (already available)

NEW BUSINESS

Past Due Assessments –

- Overdue assessments outstanding - ~\$115K. 15 properties are unpaid more than one year.
- Resolution needed for lien placement on past due accounts, created by attorney. **MOTION by Mike Russell, SECOND by Steve Muller. Motion passes 7-0.**

Pool Fees Increase –

- Currently \$75/day party, \$150/night party. Issue tabled until next season.
- Swim Lessons – FGHA costs ~\$8800 (payroll), revenues \$10,725. Increase to be discussed for next year's budget.

Bee Ad increase

- Currently \$50/full page, \$25/half page. Printing cost per page \$35.
- Need to increase fees based on cost increases.
- MOTION to increase Bee advertising fees by 20%, effective with October Bee made by Rich Neve, SECOND by Roland Bardony. Motion passes 6-1.**

Christmas Light contest changes –

- Suggested to bring in unbiased, 'celebrity' judges (City Council members, etc.). Rich and Carmen to contact.
- Suggested changes to prizes from 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. to use categories instead. Suggestions – Most Tasteful, Best theme, Best Street, Griswold (Must over-the-top) Award. Any other suggestions, contact Social Director.
- Same prize to all winners (\$100 Amazon Gift Card).
- Can't win same category two years in a row.

Questions and Comments

Meeting adjourned @ 7:56 P.M. MOTION for adjournment by Mike Russell, SECOND by Rich Neve. Motion passes 7-0.



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Social Director's Report

By Carmen Quaresma

We showed *Back to the Future* for our second movie night this year. It was a little bit blustery in weather but all were cozied up in their blankets and sweaters. Some new neighbors saw the events on their walk and stopped by to watch.

Thank you for all those who participated. Special thanks again for Mike Russell for lending us some of his equipment to make sure our event ran smoothly and for John Quaresma for helping me set up and take down the event.

I'm making plans for the Halloween Party on October 27th. Please look for updates with sign up sheet on Nextdoor and Facebook pages for Fiesta Gardens.

Lastly, rounding up the year, I'd like to update our Christmas Light contest with more clarity and inclusion. This year, with Rich Neve's help, I'd like to invite some community members (ie SMUHA members, City Council members) to be our judges for the contest. Instead of a tier prize of 1st to 4th place, I'd like to give 4 prizes of equal value for 4 different categories. Don't worry, you'll still get a picture with the snowman in the Bee. The four categories are:

1. Grizwold Award-- for the house that is so bright and beautiful we're blinded but can't look away.
2. Classic Award-- Tastefully done without too much extra.
3. Best Themed Award-- Continuous theme throughout display.
4. Best Street -- The street with the best participation.

If you have any feedback please let me know at social@fiestagardenshoa.com.



**Fiesta Gardens Homes Association
Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, October 3, 2018
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 – Carmen Quaresma
 - 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
7. Questions and Comments
8. Adjournment/Break into Executive Session if needed



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Could Change Be In The Air?

Do numbers lie? If you look at sales stats for August 2018 versus August 2017, they show an average sales price jump from \$1,320,504 to \$1,500,000. However, the real story may be in how many more new listings came on the market and how many more price reductions there were. Time will tell, but we are quickly approaching equilibrium, and it could soon be a buyer's market again! Stay tuned!

San Mateo County Stats (Single Family & Condo)

Date Range	Average Sale Price	Average DOM	# of New Listings	# of Price Reductions
Aug-17	\$ 1,320,504	19	558	55
Aug-18	\$ 1,500,000	22	866	133

Congratulations to Cynthia Lemus who was closest in guessing the sale price for my listing at 1022 Bermuda Drive! It sold for \$1,425,000 and Cynthia guessed \$1.4. Cynthia received a \$50 Home Depot gift card. Thank you to all who showed up. If you or someone you know is thinking of selling or buying, give me a call so we can talk about how to make real estate dreams a reality!

Year To Date Fiesta Gardens Sales

ACTIVE

Address	City	Bd	Ba	DOM	SqFt	\$/SqFt	Lot (SF)	List Price	Age
2025 Texas Way	San Mateo	4	3 0	92	1,990	\$844.20	5,000 (sf)	\$1,679,950	64

ACTIVE

# LISTINGS:	1	AVG VALUES:	92	1,990	\$844.20	5,000 (sf)	\$1,679,950	64
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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
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
2212 Kent Street	San Mateo	3	2 0	14	1,320	\$1,003.79	5,400 (sf)	\$999,000	61	\$1,325,000	12/29/17
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:	11	1,387	\$1,096.24	5,089 (sf)	\$1,364,727	63	\$1,514,000
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