



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

By Steve Strauss

Well, 2021 has been some kind of year. COVID, crazy politics, supply chain issues, price increases, etc., etc., etc. And delays on getting our cabana built.

At least one of these is coming to an end, hopefully all of them, but one for sure. Construction is set to begin in early January and should take about a year, assuming no societal setbacks. I'm going to give this another shot....2022 – The Year of the Cabana. I *know* it's true this time.

This is time of year I like to recognize those that have given something extra to Fiesta Gardens in the past year.

To the Board – Steve, Steve, Christina, Rich, Roland and Naresh. Thank you for your time and effort and your dedication to making Fiesta Gardens a great place to live. You all are great to work with and all of you do a fantastic job.

To the Cabana Committee – Joseph, Denise, Valerie, and Mike. Thank you for your hard work and drive to get us a new Cabana. Your efforts have been above and beyond and working this through with all of the obstacles in your way has been nothing short of amazing. Without you, there would be no new Cabana. To our Secretary, Pam – Thank you for making sure we have all of the information we need to conduct business. The way you do your job makes our jobs easier...and we like that!

To our Bee Editor, Eleni – Thank you for the effort and professionalism you put into creating the Bee for us every month. I know that sometimes we don't make your job any easier, but you seem to push that aside and give us exactly what we need in a newsletter month in and month out. You make sure we all know what we need to know.

To our Treasurer, Steve – What you do for us is way above the basic job description of a Treasurer. The amount of time and effort you put into the job far exceeds what we pay. Through it all, you have been able to keep our finances clean, our bills paid, our dues and assessments collected, the rules followed, our lifeguards paid and taxed, the Cabana finances managed, led up the collection

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The next Board meeting will be  
**Wednesday, December 8**  
7PM via Zoom call.

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### *President's Message From page 1*

effort and gave me all the advice and guidance I could ever ask for. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

To anyone who volunteered for our events – Thank you for stepping up when we needed you most. These events only happen with your help.

To Everyone – From Allyson and myself, and on behalf of the Board – Whatever holiday you may celebrate this season, may it be filled with family, fun, football, and food! Please be safe and well and may 2022 be a spectacular year as life, hopefully, returns to normal and we finally get to enjoy our new Cabana. Happy Holidays to Everyone!

See you at the next meeting, Wednesday, December 8.



## Civic Report

*By Richard Neve*

### San Mateo City Council Selects New District Maps

After hearing a robust community outreach campaign, the Council has selected a final map for how the city will be split into five districts for future elections. View the final map to explore the new districts.

<https://www.cityofsanmateo.org/DocumentCenter/View/86447/District-Elections-Map---Final>

The configuration decided on was determined to keep the most neighborhoods intact and best promote equitable representation by grouping together when possible, communities with similar ethnicity, income, education level, housing renter or owner status and other factors, thereby empowering potentially underrepresented demographics to elect a candidate to meet their needs.

Under the new voting system, residents falling within each district will get a single vote with which to elect a councilmember who will also be required to live within the district. The title of mayor will rotate yearly between councilmembers, as it does now.

It has yet to be decided who will represent each district, but candidates must live within the district they represent.

### UFES

The UFES is now in stage 4, micropile installation.

### Garbage Rate Increasing

Increased rates are going into effect in 2022. A 20-gallon cart for residents will go from \$15.59 to \$19.59, and a 32-gallon cart from \$24.93 to \$28.93. A 64-gallon bin goes from \$54.93 to \$56.93, and a 96-gallon bin from \$85.08 to \$87.08.



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## MONTHLY CALENDAR

### FIESTA GARDENS

December 8  
FGHA Board Meeting  
7 p.m., Zoom call

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

December 17  
Holiday Lights Contest, 6:30 p.m.  
See flyer on page 8

### 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 6  
City Counsel Meeting  
Where: Remote via Zoom call  
When: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

### December 4

#### Winter Wonderland 2021

This event will be held on Saturday, December 4, 2021 from 4:00-8:00pm in Central Park. In the past, this winter event that has arts & crafts, multiple photo opportunities, snow, and holiday music!

Where: Central Park  
When: 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

### December 8

#### Sustainability and Infrastructure Commission Meeting.

Where: Remote via Zoom call  
When: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

### December 11

#### Coyote Point Yacht Club 5th annual lighted boat parade – FREE!

Deck the Halls and come celebrate with Coyote Point Yacht Club as we present the 5th annual lighted boat parade. This fun, free, family friendly event starts at roughly 5:30 p.m, with boats parading through the marina and into the channel (exact route will be determined at a later date). Viewing area will be along the levee, and the berm in front of the clubhouse.

After the parade, come join us inside the club for festive holiday treats and music, plus some very special guests arriving by boat.

**Fiesta Gardens Homes Association Inc.**  
**Income & Expense Statement**  
**Operating Fund**  
**October 31, 2021**

Current Period			Description	Year To Date			2021 Budget
Actual	Budget	Variance		Actual	Budget	Variance	
<b>INCOME</b>							
720.00		720.00	Regular Assessments	197,280.00	188,280.00	9,000.00	188,280.00
0.58	2.08	(1.52)	Interest Inc - Operating Fund	8.40	20.83	(12.43)	25.00
192.78	83.33	109.45	Interest Inc - Repl. Res. Fund	1,850.48	833.33	1,017.15	1,000.00
2,370.97		2,370.97	Interest	2,625.85	0.00	2,625.85	0.00
		0.00	Late Charges	96.00	1,721.67	(1,625.67)	2,066.00
		0.00	Swim School	10,820.00		10,820.00	0.00
1,572.00		1,572.00	Collection Charges	12,635.00		12,635.00	0.00
90.00	90.00	(30.00)	Bee Ads	960.00	900.00	60.00	1,080.00
<b>\$ 4,916.31</b>	<b>\$ 175.42</b>	<b>\$ 4,740.89</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 226,275.73</b>	<b>\$ 191,755.83</b>	<b>\$ 34,519.90</b>	<b>\$ 192,451.00</b>
<b>\$ 4,916.31</b>	<b>\$ 175.42</b>	<b>\$ 4,740.89</b>	<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 226,275.73</b>	<b>\$ 191,755.83</b>	<b>\$ 34,519.90</b>	<b>\$ 192,451.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>							
540.00	540.00	0.00	Landscape-Contract	5,400.00	5,400.00	0.00	6,480.00
2,030.00	7,800.00	5,565.00	Lifeguards	45,766.52	38,000.00	(7,766.52)	38,000.00
200.41	746.00	545.59	Payroll Taxes	4,466.97	3,730.00	(736.97)	3,730.00
219.00	600.00	381.00	Payroll Service	1,519.54	3,000.00	1,480.46	3,000.00
425.00	425.00	0.00	Newsletter Editor	4,250.00	4,250.00	0.00	5,100.00
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
67.04		(67.04)	Payment Processing Fees	2,849.64	2,250.00	(599.64)	2,700.00
	45.00	45.00	Pest Control	599.34	450.00	(149.34)	540.00
4,656.66	1,458.33	(3,197.23)	Pool & Spa	24,296.91	14,583.33	(9,653.58)	17,500.00
780.35	308.33	(452.02)	Common Area - Maintenance	3,190.62	3,083.33	(77.29)	3,700.00
		0.00	Wristbands	730.83	250.00	(480.83)	300.00
	83.33	83.33	Tennis Court- Service & Repair	0.00	833.33	833.33	1,000.00
785.13	300.00	(485.13)	Gas	3,487.66	3,000.00	(487.66)	3,600.00
1,012.51	1,166.67	154.16	Electricity	9,805.22	11,666.67	1,861.45	14,000.00
188.93	125.00	(63.93)	Refuse	1,889.30	1,250.00	(639.30)	1,500.00
185.99	133.33	(52.66)	Telephone & Pager	1,775.15	1,333.33	(441.82)	1,600.00
2,213.59	1,000.00	(1,213.59)	Water	12,628.14	10,000.00	(2,628.14)	12,000.00
	83.33	83.33	Pools & Spa Facilities	0.00	833.33	833.33	1,000.00
	100.00	100.00	Audit & Tax Preparation	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,200.00
62.74	208.33	145.59	Mailings, Postage & Copies	347.42	2,083.33	1,735.91	2,500.00
	50.00	50.00	Newsletter Postage/ Printing	193.74	500.00	306.26	600.00
	125.00	125.00	Meeting Expenses/Social Functi	1,579.25	1,250.00	(329.25)	1,500.00
	416.67	416.67	Collection Expenses	8,253.01	4,166.67	(4,086.34)	5,000.00
1,317.48	1,125.00	(192.48)	Insurance Expenses	12,011.80	11,250.00	(761.80)	13,500.00
298.00	291.67	(6.33)	D & O Ins. Expenses	2,980.00	2,916.67	(63.33)	3,500.00
	366.67	366.67	Insurance Exp - W/C	617.35	3,666.67	3,049.32	4,400.00
123.95	271.67	147.72	Office Supplies	2,341.84	2,716.67	374.83	3,260.00
	8.33	8.33	Civic Expenses	199.00	83.33	(115.67)	100.00
	41.67	41.67	Web Site	354.04	416.67	62.63	500.00
250.00	833.33	583.33	Professional Services	34,902.21	8,333.33	(26,568.88)	10,000.00
	83.33	83.33	Permits & License	0.00	833.33	833.33	1,000.00
	683.33	683.33	Taxes - Property	3,893.43	6,833.33	2,939.90	8,200.00
	2.08	2.08	Inc Taxes- Operating Fund	0.00	20.83	20.83	25.00
<b>\$ 16,640.68</b>	<b>\$ 20,521.42</b>	<b>\$ 3,880.74</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 203,208.93</b>	<b>\$ 162,984.17</b>	<b>-\$ 40,224.76</b>	<b>\$ 186,635.00</b>
<b>-\$ 11,724.37</b>	<b>-\$ 20,346.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,621.63</b>	<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 23,066.80</b>	<b>\$ 28,771.67</b>	<b>-\$ 5,704.87</b>	<b>\$ 6,816.00</b>

**Fiesta Gardens Homes Association Inc.**  
**Income & Expense Statement**  
**Cabana Rebuild**  
**October 31, 2021**

Actual	Current Period		Description	Year To Date			Budget
	Budget	Variance		Actual	Budget	Variance	
<b>INCOME</b>							
8,650.00	10,000.00	(1,350.00)	Special Assessments	1,278,300.00	1,300,000.00	(21,700.00)	1,300,000.00
<u>\$ 8,650.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>	<u>-\$ 1,350.00</u>	Total Income	<u>\$ 1,278,300.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,300,000.00</u>	<u>-\$ 21,700.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,300,000.00</u>
<u>\$ 8,650.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>	<u>-\$ 1,350.00</u>	Gross Profit	<u>\$ 1,278,300.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,300,000.00</u>	<u>-\$ 21,700.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,300,000.00</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>							
10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	Cabana Rebuild - Contract	10,000.00		(10,000.00)	1,340,000.00
1,430.56		(1,430.56)	Update Plans	60,253.61	20,000.00	(40,253.61)	20,000.00
		0.00	Construction Reserve			0.00	58,836.00
		0.00	Consulting			0.00	30,000.00
906.00		(906.00)	Permits and Fees	30,038.07	50,000.00	19,961.93	50,000.00
		0.00	Payment Processing Fees	12,542.54	13,000.00	457.46	13,000.00
<u>\$ 12,336.56</u>	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>	<u>-\$ 2,336.56</u>	Total Expenses	<u>\$ 112,834.22</u>	<u>\$ 83,000.00</u>	<u>-\$ 29,834.22</u>	<u>\$ 1,611,836.00</u>
<u>-\$ 3,686.56</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>-\$ 3,686.56</u>	Net Income	<u>\$ 1,165,465.78</u>	<u>\$ 1,217,000.00</u>	<u>-\$ 51,534.22</u>	<u>-\$ 211,836.00</u>

**Fiesta Gardens Homes Association Inc.**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As of October 31, 2021**

<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash - Operating Fund	\$ 53,316.96
Cash - Reserve Fund	\$ 299,070.42
Cash - Cabana Rebuild	\$ 1,213,709.63
Accounts Receivable	\$ 28,590.00
Accounts In Collection	\$ 143,382.00
Construction Refundable Deposit	\$ 11,500.00
Other Current Assets	\$ 11,668.34
Due From JD Builders	\$ 9,500.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 1,770,737.35</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	2,399.86
Accrued Expenses	1,750.00
Prepaid Assessments	1,323.10
Payroll Liabilities	328.06
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 5,801.02</u>
Fund Balance	1,803,510.84
Current Year Net Income/Loss	-38,574.51
Total Fund Balance	<u>\$ 1,764,936.33</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<u>\$ 1,770,737.35</u>

# FGHA BOARD MEETING – October 6, 2021

*APPROVED 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, Steve Stanovcak – Pool Operations, Rich Neve -- Civics, Roland Bardony – Parks, Steve Muller – Pool Maintenance, and Christina Saenz -- Social Director

September 1<sup>st</sup> Minutes - On a motion duly made and seconded and approved by all Board Members the September 1<sup>st</sup> minutes were approved.

## Financial /Steve Gross

- \$70,000 in our operating account.
- We paid out \$26,700 in the month of September.
- We have a \$1.5 million in the Cabana Funds/Reserve Account.
- \$2,200 was collected in dues for the month September. \$196,600 have been collected in total.
- \$16,800 more was collected in special assessments for the month of September. So far 437 Members have paid the special assessment. There are 38 making monthly payments and 14 are in collections.
- Finances are in great shape.

## BOARD REPORTS

### Civic/Rich Neve

- The City of San Mateo will be updating how voting is done for our City Council Members. The City of San Mateo will be separated into geographic sections (districts). Voters within each district will vote only for candidates living within the same district; voters will not vote for candidates outside of their own district. You can find out more information at the City's website.

### Social Director/Christina Saenz

- On October 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm there will be a Halloween costume contest outside the pool. At 5:30 pm there will be a pumpkin carving contest. There will be prizes and prepackaged snacks. If you would like to help, contact Christina, at [social@fiestagardenshoa.com](mailto:social@fiestagardenshoa.com) More information to follow.

### Parks/Roland Bardony

- There was a discussion about changing the codes for the locks at the park and tennis courts. It will be sometime in 2022; residents will be notified when the time comes.
- All is well with the parks.

### Pool Operations/Steve Stanovcak

- Due to lifeguards going back to school and their after-school sports, staffing the pool has been challenging.
- The pool will close on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Pool Maintenance/Steve Muller

- Chlorine problem is under control, and all is good with the pool.

Naresh Nayak/Vice President - Not in attendance

### President/Steve Strauss

- Anyone interested in being on the Board or running for a position (usually not necessary) please contact any of our current Board Members.
- There was a discussion about how to contact Board Members. If you need to contact one of the Board Members, their emails are in the Bee and on our website. If you want to be reminded of and receive the links to our monthly Zoom meetings, please give your email address to Christina Saenz.

NEW BUSINESS None

## OLD BUSINESS

### Cabana Renovation Update

Everything has been submitted as needed. We should be getting our permit tomorrow.

### Assessment Collection Update

There are 14 accounts in collections. Four properties have not responded. Certified letters have gone out to 3 of the properties, if we don't hear from them, they will go to collections.

Questions and Comments None

## ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on Zoom, Wednesday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, at 7pm. Meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.

# FGHA BOARD MEETING – November 3, 2021

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

The FGHA Board Meeting via Zoom was called to order by Steve Strauss, President, at 7:03PM. Board Members in attendance were: Steve Strauss - President, Steve Stanovcak – Pool Operations, Rich Neve -- Civics, Roland Bardony -- Parks, and Christina Saenz -- Social Director.

October 6th Minutes - On a motion duly made and seconded and approved by all Board Members the October 6th minutes were approved.

## Financial /Steve Gross

- \$53,000 in our operating account.
- We paid out \$16,600 in the month of October.
- We have over \$1.5 million in the Cabana Funds/Reserve Account.
- \$760.00 was collected in dues for the month of October. \$197,200 have been collected in total.
- \$8,700 more was collected in special assessments for the month of October. So far 441 Members have paid the special assessment. There are 35 making monthly payments and 13 are in collections.

## BOARD REPORTS

### Pool Operations/Steve Stanovcak

- The pool is closed, and everything has been put away.
- Some of the fiber glass in the shallow end of the pool is pulling up. Will discuss with Steve Muller.

### Civic/Rich Neve

- The City Council has selected the 5 new districts in San Mateo. In the future there will need to be a council member from each district. The Council will need to decide how to go forward as all districts are not represented at this time.
- Our garbage rates will be going up in 2022. There will still be a shortfall.
- The UFES has entered stage 4 of the project.

### Social Director/Christina Saenz

- There was a nice crowd for the Halloween get together. Thanks to everyone who came out.
- December Holiday Lights contest is coming up, judging will take place December 17<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in being a judge, please contact Christina.
- We will be getting signs made to show who the previous winners were in 2020 as they will not be able to win this year.
- At times it would be nice to have a PA system at some of our gatherings. The Board will look into it.

### Parks/Roland Bardony

- A large branch fell on the west side of the park during the storm. Scapes has taken care of it. Another branch fell behind the tennis courts, Scapes is aware and will take care of it.
- There is some graffiti as well, Roland will take care of it.

Pool Maintenance/Steve Muller – Not in attendance

Naresh Nayak/Vice President - Not in attendance

### President/Steve Strauss

- To all Board Members please get your articles in on time for The Fiesta Bee so we can make sure the Bee is out on time and before our monthly meetings.

## NEW BUSINESS

None

## OLD BUSINESS

### Cabana Renovation Update

We have our permit! Thank you to the Cabana Committee for all your hard work and persistence to get this done. We will be breaking ground sometime in January 2022. The SMPD would like us to have an alarm and security cameras, we will discuss.

### Assessment Collection Update

This will be discussed in Executive Session.

### Questions and Comments

None

## ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on Zoom, Wednesday December 1st, 2021, at 7pm. Meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm.



## FIESTA GARDENS HOLIDAY LIGHTS COMPETITION

Join the seasonal fun and light up your house with Christmas lights!

We will judge, deliberate, and deliver the winning snowmen to proudly display in your front yard after the judging.

**FRIDAY, December 17 at 6:30 PM.**

Have your lights turned on by 6:30 PM to join in on the competition.

1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th place winners.  
Cash prizes for all places.

In the spirit of fun and competition, winners in 2019 and 2020 are not eligible to win, but please decorate and show your holiday spirit.

**Judges needed!**

Please email

Christina at [social@fiestagardensHOA.com](mailto:social@fiestagardensHOA.com) if you are interested.





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## CONGRATULATIONS!



Hope you are having a wonderful fall. I'm excited to say that I had a record number of entries for my Pumpkin Pie Contest! It's so much fun to read the comments from people about how much they love pie!

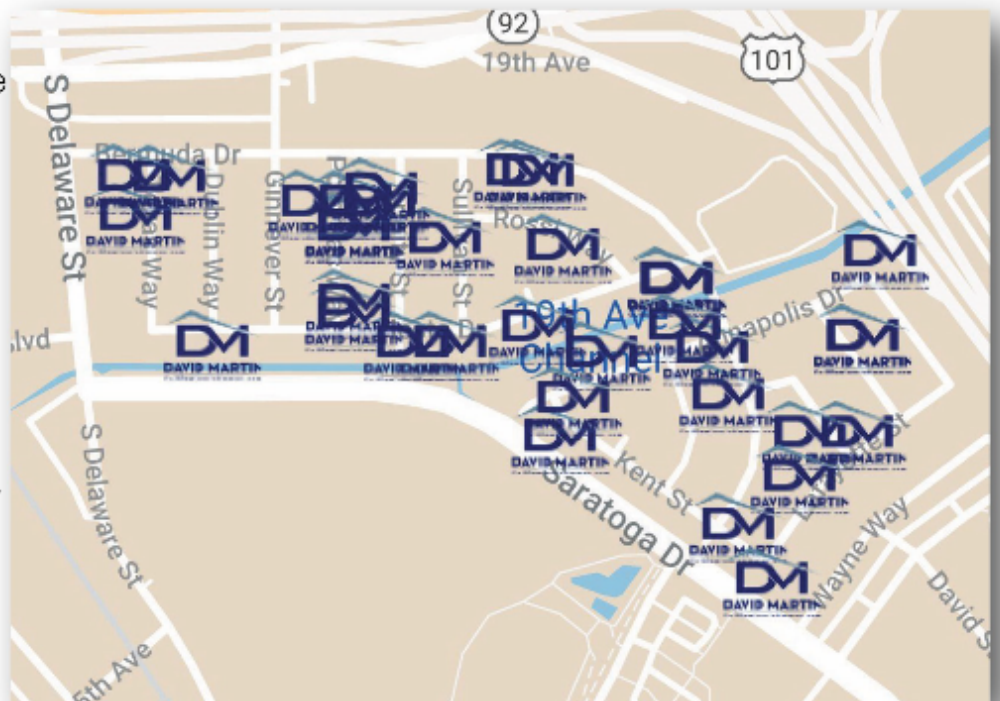
### The Winners' List!

Mark Trinidad (Southampton) ~ Judy Freiermuth (Lafayette)  
 ~ Anne Smith (Sullivan) ~ Bob & Georgia Vierra (Annapolis) ~ Gilbert Paulazzo (Dublin)

The market continues to be going strong. We are seeing buyers pay a premium for houses that are fixed up, but all houses will sell if priced right. If you are looking to make a move and would like a no pressure meeting, don't hesitate to reach out to me. I'm happy to swing by and have an informal conversation about the market, your home and your plans. *This map represents the 35 sellers I have represented in Fiesta Gardens. No other agent has sold more homes in the neighborhood!*

Part of my success within the neighborhood is because I am a neighbor first and foremost. Every sale is treated as if you are a family member and all information remains confidential. I never share your information or plans with anyone else.

I would love to help turn your real estate dreams into reality!



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