

# The Fiesta Bee



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

*By Joe D'Agostino*

With another summer almost over and fall around the corner the Board of Directors is working on the budget for the 2018 fiscal year. We anticipate this budget will be completed and mailed to the members by the end of November.

We are still waiting for the final soils report to be submitted to the City Building Department for the new clubhouse. Once this is completed, we will be able to go out to bid on the project and have a better idea of what the cost to build the new clubhouse will be.

We would like to get more members to attend the Board Meetings. For those of you who do not know, the Board Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month in the cabana at 7pm.

We would very much welcome input from our membership on items like traffic, parking, and the new clubhouse as well as any other issues involving our community. At the end of each meeting we have an "open forum" where members present can bring up any topic for discussion. This is the best way to start a discussion on issues you see in our neighborhood that need to be addressed by the Board or membership.

Look forward to seeing more of you at the next Board Meeting!

## Pool Operations

*By Steve Stanovcak*

The pool is open 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

These hours will remain until Sunday, October 15th which will be our last day. In the evenings when it is cool or cold we will evaluate at 6:00 p.m. and if no one is swimming we will close early.

Enjoy the last few days the pool is open! It's been a great summer!



Find past issues of the Bee, FGHA documents, announcements and more at the FGHA webpage  
[www.FiestaGardensHoa.com](http://www.FiestaGardensHoa.com)



The next Board meeting will be  
**Wednesday, October 4**  
7PM in the cabana.

# Civic Report

By *Richard Neve*

## Traffic Action Plan (TAP)

Update from the City: The city has completed site-lines for red curbing on Bermuda/Ginnever and the left hand turn into Fiesta Gardens International School. No timeline on when work will start as yet.

No further updates on other TAP improvements either.

## Bulb-outs on Bermuda/Ginnever.

Markings for a "bulb-out" mysteriously appeared on the Bermuda/Ginnever intersection recently, which caused some confusion in the neighborhood. These are NOT part of the Traffic Action Plan (TAP), rather another program - the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program. This has been in planning since 2012. There was no mention of these proposed street changes during the TAP process, which Brad Underwood (Director of Public Works Department) admitted was an oversight and for which he apologized.

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The Board is working with Brad to ensure better communication moving forward. It is also not clear if there was any community outreach during the process, as it was primarily coordinated between the city and the school district. After an outburst of complaints from Fiesta Gardens residents, he immediately has put the work on hold pending review and feedback from residents. This work is funded by a Federal Grant and covers road safety projects across San Mateo. Thus, it is not clear whether stopping the work will affect the funding for the entire project. Underwood met with Board members and residents last Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, at the intersection and has promised to (1) gather more information regarding the funding situation, (2) paint out the intersection so it is clearer where the new pavements and island boundaries will be (the current markings are not the edge of the new pavements), (3) come up with possible alternate plans to reduce negative impacts on traffic. Once again, this is a great example of FG residents making their voices heard. We encourage everyone to write to Underwood, the public works commissioners, and the city councilors to voice concerns about this and other problems in the area. Elections are coming up, they have to listen. Also, come to the Board meeting so we can work together to present a unified voice to the city.

## Other news

Download the "YourGov" app. This is an easy way to reach the City of San Mateo. Download the app to submit and report service requests for common maintenance issues to San Mateo's Public Works Department. As long as you are located within San Mateo city boundaries, you can submit a request, take a photo, and send it on for completion. During this initial phase of the launch, a user can submit a request to notify Public Works of a sidewalk trip or fall hazard, a pothole, a damaged sign, or alert the city to a streetlight that is out. The requests will go directly to the maintenance staff responsible for scheduling and completing the work.

**Private Sewer Lateral Cost Sharing Program.** The City of San Mateo is accepting applications for the Private Sewer Lateral Cost Sharing Program. Applications and bids must be approved prior to the replacement of your full sewer lateral. This program does not have a retroactive component. For questions, please contact Alonso Barahona at (650) 522-7334 or [abarahona@cityofsanmateo.org](mailto:abarahona@cityofsanmateo.org). <http://www.cityofsanmateo.org/1910/Citywide-Private-Lateral-Cost-Sharing-Pr>

## Events:

### HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

Downtown San Mateo welcomes the winter holidays with festive window displays, lighted trees in Central Park, and a visit by the Holiday Train. Back by popular demand, San Mateo On Ice will open in mid-November for outdoor skating fun!

**Fiesta Gardens Homes Association  
Board Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, October 4, 2017  
7:00pm**

1. Call to Order
2. Reading and Approval of Minutes
3. Financial Report – Chrissy Forrest
4. Board Reports -
  - i. Civic – Rich Neve
  - ii. Social – Carmen Quaresma
  - iii. Parks – Roland Bardony
  - iv. Pool Maintenance – Mike Russell
  - v. Pool Operations – Steve Stanovcak
  - vi. Vice President – Steve Muller
  - vii. President – Joe D’Agostino
5. Old Business
  - i. Cabana Clubhouse/Bathrooms/Guard House Renovation Update
6. New Business
  - i. Funding new clubhouse
7. Questions and Comments
8. Adjournment/ Break into Executive Session if needed

# FGHA BOARD MEETING – August 2, 2017

*Approved Minutes, Respectfully Submitted, Karen Debono, Secretary*

The Board Meeting, which was held at Fiesta Gardens Pool Cabana, was called to order at 7:10pm. Board Members in attendance were: Joe D'Agostino - President, Carmen Quaresma -Social Director, Steve Muller - Vice President, Rich Neve - Civic, Mike Russell- Pool-Maintenance and Roland Bardony-Parks. Steve Stanovcak-Pool Operations – absent.

**July Minutes:** On a motion duly made and seconded and approved by all board members present, the minutes of the July 5, 2017 meeting were approved.

**Financial - Christina Forrest**

- Delinquent letters have been mailed out
- In 30 days, a 2<sup>nd</sup> Delinquent letter will be mailed out
- As of June 30, 2017, delinquencies totaled \$109,000

**President - Joe D'Agostino**

- A couple of years ago, it was brought to the board's attention that FGHA's documents had some discrepancies. The new revised documents have cleared this matter up. The ambiguity of whether Fiesta Gardens II was included in the HOA has been removed.

**Open Forum:**

- A resident has a private issue that he would like to discuss. Resident was invited to stay after open meeting for an Executive Session.

**Vice President - Steve Muller:** – no report submitted

**Civic - Rich Neve:**

- The first 3 blocks down from Saratoga Avenue on Bermuda are scheduled to be painted red soon.
- Event Center wants to develop a hotel on their property – possibly renovate entire area
- Traffic improvement ideas were discussed

**Social - Carmen Quaresma:**

- Movie Night to be held on September 22, 2017. Movie will be Lego Batman. Movie will begin as soon as it turns dark.

**Parks - Roland Bardony:**

- The Parks and Recreational Department has been contacted to see if they will resurface the track located at Fiesta Meadows Park

**Pool Maintenance - Mike Russell:**

- Reported that the pool is running smoothly with no maintenance issues

**Pool Operations - Steve Stanovcak:** absent – report given by Mike Russell

- The soda machine in the cabana is now operating. I'm going to have the guards make sure the cabana is open every day so there is access to the machine.
- Starting Monday, August 16th, the pool hours will be changing. Monday through Friday the pool will be open 4:00pm until 8:00pm, weekends will remain the same 12:00 noon until 8:00pm. These hours will remain until we close in mid-October.
- Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day, the pool will be open 12:00 noon until 8:00pm.
- Swim lessons have been completed. That means on evenings that are cool or cold we will evaluate at 6:00pm and may close early.
- Some of the lounges have been repaired, I'm waiting on fabric to be delivered hopefully by next week to repair the rest.

**Old Business:**

- A soil test has been completed for the new Clubhouse – this was the last step requested from the city before going out to bid

**New Business:**

- Revised Governing Documents have passed. They are now available online and will be mailed out to homeowners soon. Old documents can be disposed of.
- New Clubhouse next step – finding out how much it will cost to build.

- Funding of New Clubhouse ideas were discussed. Some homeowners were also present requesting clarification on the process of getting the clubhouse built.

Calendar Review:

ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING DATE

It was noted that the next Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 7:00pm. There being no further business before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

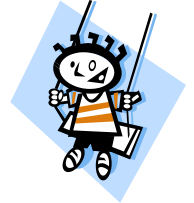
## Park Director's Report

*By Roland Bardony*



I am working with the city to repave the track around the soccer field because it is a safety hazard. It has not been done in over 15 years. If you have any concerns or input please contact me via email. With the emails you send me, I can go to the city, show them your concerns and they will be able to see how many residents are troubled by the condition of the track.

So, please send me an email at [parks@fiestagardenshoa.com](mailto:parks@fiestagardenshoa.com)! Thanks!



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# ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, October 28th at 3:30 p.m. outside the pool.

There will be a **COSTUME PARADE** so be sure to wear your costume!

A **TACO TRUCK** and **BOUNCE HOUSE** are tentatively scheduled!

There will be opportunities for teens to get service hours signed off!

**HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!**



## MONTHLY CALENDAR

### FIESTA GARDENS

October 4  
FGHA Board Meeting  
7pm, Pool Cabana

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

October 28  
Annual Halloween Party  
Costume parade, food and fun!  
When: 3:30 p.m.  
Cost: FREE

### SAN MATEO

October 2, 16  
City Council meeting  
Where: City Hall, Council Chambers  
When: 7:00 p.m. - ?

October 6-8  
International Gem & Jewelry Show  
Where: San Mateo Event Center, Fiesta Hall  
When: Fri: 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Sat: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Sun: 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$6/person, \$12 parking

October 10, 24  
Planning Commission Meeting  
Where: City Hall, City Council Chambers  
When: 7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

October 11  
Public Works Commission Meeting  
Where: City Hall Council Chambers  
When: 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

October 28  
Downtown Halloween Hunt  
This FREE, fun family event invites you to discover unique shops and restaurants while trick-or-treating through the downtown. Children will receive a Halloween hunt game card and a goodie bag for treats. Just find the Halloween image in the windows of participating shops, then go in and say hello to the merchant to get your treat! Game cards will be available outside of Scandinavian Designs at 317 South B Street beginning at 1:00 PM. Participating kids and families can enjoy the hunt at their own pace. Costumes are encouraged!

Kid-friendly tunes from Purple Fox and the Heebie Jeebies, face-painting and more!  
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When: 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Cost: FREE! Call (650) 342-5520 for more information



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## *Trick or Treat!*



As the haunting season is almost upon us, I thought I would share a nice "treat" I received recently. My client wrote a Yelp Review and what I liked about it most was that she encapsulated who I am, how I work and my personality to a "T". Next time you hear someone say they are thinking of buying or selling a home, please pass along my name. I like working with your referrals! Happy Halloween! Be safe!

### *TESTIMONIAL*

There are different types of real estate agents out there. There are the ones who come knocking on your door (at their convenience, not yours). The ones who leave things on your doorstep: salt (really?!), sports calendars, bags of popcorn. There are the ones who mail their brochures to every home in an area, and won't take you off their mail/call lists even after you ask. The Ones Who Think Every Word Must Be Capitalized. In their dealings with me, these people make me feel less like a person, and more like a means to an end, that end being a sale for them. I know it's a competitive business out there, but surely there must be another way...

I got a different feeling from David, right from the start, because of how he presented himself. He is professional without being arrogant or pushy. Twice over the last 6 or 7 years, I've asked him what my house was worth, and each time he came back with a well-thought-out number, and an explanation for it. With other agents I've spoken to in the past, a single contact like this has resulted in a barrage of calls, emails and mailings, hounding me to sell my home, by listing with them, of course. Kind of makes me want to run and hide from them. Not so with David; he would occasionally send me an update, but no pushiness. Just keeping me informed. There's a line there somewhere, and he knows where that line is.

Fast forward to 2017, when I decided to sell my home. It seemed to me an insurmountable task to prepare it for the market. Once again, I called David. (As I always knew I would, based on his treatment of me in the past.) He is very in tune with the real estate market on a day-to-day basis, and has a wealth of experience to draw from. With calm and knowledgeable guidance, he helped me put together a timeline for what needed to happen, and when and why. He was a great team player, meeting with tradesmen when I could not, to keep things moving along according to schedule. He was always on time, and very patient with all my questions, some of which I'm sure I asked more than once! He also has a nice sense of humor, and we often laughed at the absurdities in life.

As far as results go, my house sold in less than a week, and for a very satisfying price. If you'll pardon my pun, in all his opinions about what needed to be happen, David was "right on the money".

I would work with David again in a heartbeat!

Susan F.

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