

The Fiesta Bee



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

By Joe D'Agostino

Happy Spring!!!

Well, happy spring if the rain ever stops. As we move into the summer the Board is working on some important items.

We have completed the permitting process with the City of San Mateo for our new clubhouse and we have a permit number. At this time, the City Building Department has the plans and is reviewing them. We have drawings and will be going out to bid very soon on that project. Once we receive some numbers the Board will review and decide if additional funding is needed to complete the project. Our goal is to have the new clubhouse built and operational by the opening of the 2018 pool season.

We have completed the budget for 2017, a little late but there will be no increase in the annual dues this year. The new budget will be sent out this week and members should receive a copy in the next few weeks.

Social Director's Report

By Carmen Quaresma
and Pascale Stemmler

We enjoyed a very successful Easter Egg hunt on Saturday morning 4/15. It was wonderful to see so many neighbors turn out for this event; while the kids hunted and enjoyed their candy, parents were able to catch up and enjoy the nice, sunny morning. Thank you to everyone who contributed their time and talents to the event-- we couldn't make it happen without help from you all! A special nod of thanks goes to Breen Mee for his turn as this year's Easter Bunny!

We look forward to another successful hunt in 2018!

See Photos from the Event on page 3

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www.FiestaGardensHoa.com



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

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Civic Report

By Richard Neve

Update on housing developments around Fiesta Gardens:

In addition to 599 units at Station Green, a pre-application for 64 units at the AAA building on Delaware, and the continued expansion of Bay Meadows, we now hear that CalTrain has plans to build housing units on half its car park at the Hayward Park station (behind the Station Park development). In addition, a developer is looking to develop the Rite Aid site with housing and retail. It also seems inevitable that the City will develop the corporation yard behind the ARCO station. Judging by the size of these sites, this could be many more hundreds of units. All this without any plans to improve traffic flow through our area. If you think traffic is bad now....

As a community, we need to be contacting our City councilors to voice our opposition. We need to ask for a moratorium on further development until the impact of current developments has been assessed. The problems we have now are due to lack of planning by the City to proactively upgrade our infrastructure to deal with the population growth. This is an election year - they will listen.

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Traffic Action Plan (TAP)

The TAP for Fiesta Gardens was discussed at the March 8th public works commission meeting. A number of measures were discussed with the goal to improve safety and reduce cut-through traffic through Fiesta Gardens. The funding for all of San Mateo, covering about 19 neighborhoods is \$400,000 per year for two years. This is woefully short of what is needed to address serious needs across the city.

FOUND

A pair of glasses was found in the street on Dublin Way without a case.

If you think these might be yours, call Mrs. Love on Dublin Way at 650-341-1542. They are in perfect condition.



EASTER EGG HUNT PHOTOS



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FGHA BOARD MEETING – March 7, 2017

Approved Minutes, Respectfully Submitted, Karen Debono, Secretary

The Board Meeting, which was held at Fiesta Gardens Pool Cabana, was called to order at 7:06pm. Board Members in attendance were: Roland Bardony-Parks, Rich Neve-Civic, Carmen Choy-Social Director, Mike Russell-Pool Maintenance and Steve Muller-Vice President. Steve Stanovcak-Pool Operations and Joe D'Agostino-Interim President, was not present.

February Minutes: On a motion duly made and seconded and approved by all board members present, the minutes of the February 14, 2017 meetings were approved.

Financial- Christina Forrest

- o Financial-Christina Forrest explained that the budget has not been approved yet, so she could not see if they were in-line with anticipated expenses.
- o The association has been paying the architect and engineers.
- o The 2016 taxes need to be reviewed. Approved for \$1500.00.
- o Invoices will go out by March 15, 2017 and will be due on April 15, 2017 with a 45-day grace period.

President- Joe D'Agostino: was not present.

Vice President-Steve Muller:

- o Vice President-Steve Muller reported that Spring Cleaning has been tentatively has been scheduled for May 13th or 14th 2017.

Civic- Rich Neve: Civic-Rich Neve gave a report regarding traffic issues affecting Fiesta Gardens and upcoming meeting dates on traffic at the City of San Mateo. Dates of meetings can be found on the City of San Mateo's website.

Social-Carmen Choy:

- o Easter Egg Hunt: Is scheduled for Saturday, April 15, 2017.
- o Volunteers will be needed to help fill the eggs on Thursday, April 13, 2017.

Parks-Roland Bardony:

- o Parks-Roland Bardony received an email inquiring if permits were needed to use park for soccer practice. Roland reported that the park use is "First Come-First Served" and at least one person must be a member in "good standing" of Fiesta Gardens Homes Association.

Pool Maintenance- Mike Russell: Reported that they have experienced some valve issues.

Pool Operations- Steve Stanovcak: was not present.

Old Business:

- o Steve Muller-Vice President reported that the New Clubhouse documents were sent to the City of San Mateo this week.

New Business:

Open Forum:

- o Residents in attendance discussed neighborhood traffic issues and possible solutions.

ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING DATE

It was noted that the next Meeting will be held on April 4, 2017 at 7:00pm. There being no further business before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:46pm.

**Fiesta Gardens Homes Association
Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, May 3, 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, Pascale Stemmler
 - 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. Budget
 - ii. Governing Documents Status
 - iii. Traffic Control Measures
7. Questions and Comments
8. Adjournment/ Break into Executive Session if needed

CIVICS*from page 2*

To put this in perspective the City expects to spend \$40 million to build a nice new corporate yard (<http://www.cityofsanmateo.org/DocumentCenter/View/39833>) at the waste water plant on Detroit Avenue to free the existing site for housing development. One of the commissioners, Laurie Watanuki, asked why some TAP ideas were to widen streets and improve traffic flow when the idea of the Transit Orientated Development (TOD) plan was to get people out of cars. We should be asking how they think they can reduce traffic and get people out of cars when they are building hundreds of new housing units with nearly 2 parking spots per unit. This seems antithetical when the idea of a TOD is for residents to use transit. The opening statement in the TOD plan (<http://www.cityofsanmateo.org/DocumentCenter/View/1782>) is to create these developments “while maintaining and improving the quality of life of for those who already live and work in the area.” One of the core council priorities is to “Support future growth and redevelopment in Downtown, other commercial areas, and along the transportation corridor to ensure a well-planned environment and promote a high quality of life”. One could argue they are not meeting expectations. Let’s hold them accountable.

Sewage Tank.

We were informed by the public works department that a contract to put the sewage tank in the events center has been sent to the Events Center Board. We will continue to monitor the progress until the shovels are in the ground and construction begins.

Upcoming Dates:

5/1/2017: 7.00 pm. City Council Meeting

Resources:

The newly released Plan Bay Area Development Plan can be found here: <http://www.2040.planbayarea.org/>

Ideas? Opinions? Interested in learning more? Come to the next FGHA meeting.

MONTHLY CALENDAR

FIESTA GARDENS**May 3**

FGHA Board Meeting
7pm, Pool Cabana

May 15

Deadline to get articles and ads to Bee Editor.

SAN MATEO**May 1, 15**

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

May 3

Park and Recreation Commission Meeting
Where: City Hall, Conference Room C
When: 7:00 p.m. - ?

May 9, 23

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

May 10

Public Work Commission Meeting
Where: City Hall Council Chambers
When: 7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 13**Right of Passage**

The documentary “Right of Passage” re-counts the journey of a small disenfranchised people who for thirty years buried their shame and indignation but then found the courage and strength to seek justice, which then snowballed into a lesson of the power of American democracy. It draws upon newly declassified documents, never-before-seen archival films and interviews with players speaking for the first time. After the screening, meet director, Janice D. Tanaka.

Where: San Mateo Main Library, Oak Room 1st Floor

When: 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Cost: FREE

Sunday, May 28**Young People's Concert**

Enjoy an afternoon of music performed by students of Instructor Sumi Nagasawa.

Where: San Mateo Main Library, Oak Room 1st Floor

When: 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Cost: FREE

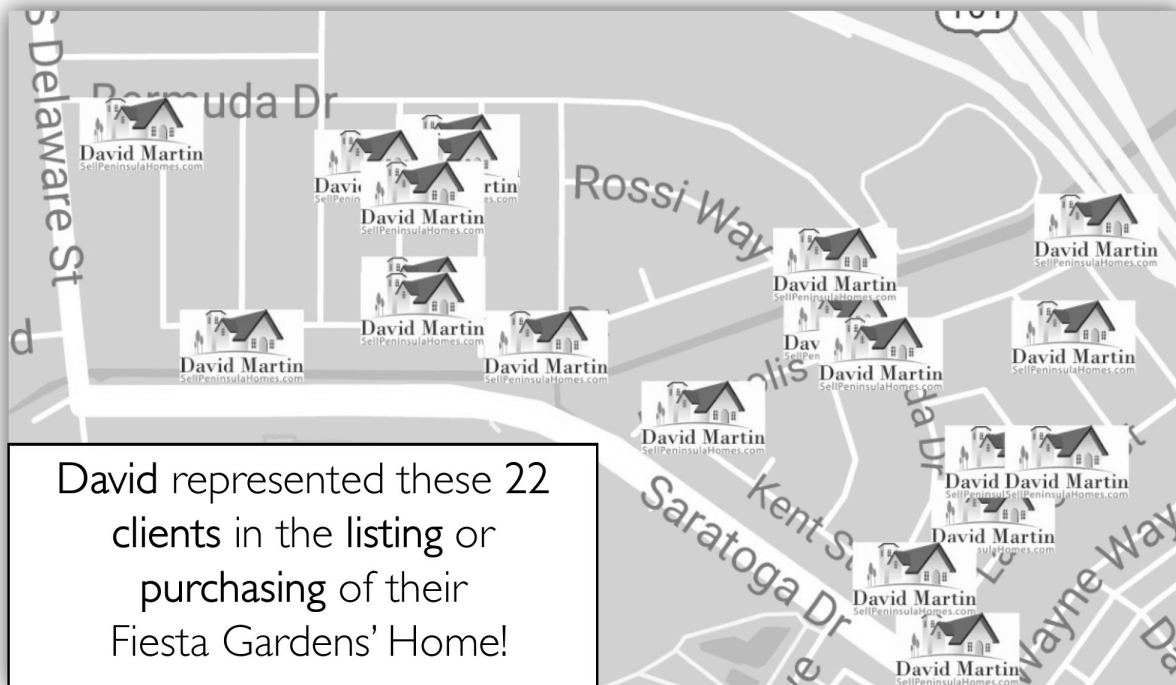


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⇒ Congratulations to Robbi Hollon of Dublin Way for winning my \$25 Home Depot Spring Scramble Drawing! *Thanks for all who entered!*

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