

The

Fiesta Bee



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President's Message

By Steve Strauss

Well.....the pool is closed, summer is over, fall (for what it's worth so far) is upon us, football season is half over, Halloween is a memory, and winter is coming.

That only means one thing.....Holidays!!!

As of this writing, Thanksgiving is 10 days away. Black Friday is close behind and before you know it, Christmas and Hanukkah are here! Then next thing you know, its 2020 and you've ditched your resolutions!

Just a couple of quick things.

One, please join the fun of our Holiday Lights and Decoration Contest, whether as a participant, a judge or just enjoy our great neighborhood's finest moment. People come from miles around to see Fiesta Gardens at Holiday time. We should be proud of our little community. Saturday, December 21st. Join in the fun!

And two, on behalf of our great volunteer Board of Directors and our staff, we'd like to wish everyone a very happy, healthy, family filled Holiday Season. May Peace and Prosperity come to us all!

See you at the next Board Meeting, Wednesday, December 4th at the Cabana.



Find past issues of the Bee, Financials, FGHA documents, announcements and more at the FGHA webpage
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The next Board meeting will be **Wednesday, December 4** 7PM in the cabana.

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Civic Report

By Richard Neve

New council member appointed.

With the retirement of deputy mayor Maureen Freschet, the remaining council members voted last week on who would fill her place until next year's election. In their first vote, Mayor Papan and council member Rodriguez supported Planning Commission Vice Chair Ellen Mallory while council members Bonilla and Goethals voted for Amourence Lee. In the second vote Papan changed her vote for Lee. While Mallory had the greatest experience of the candidates, Lee's alignment with the pro-growth agenda of Bonilla and Goethals appeared to sway the day.

We will all get a chance to vote on candidates for this position in November 2020, so make yourself familiar with the candidates now to make an informed vote.

Want your views heard?

A new platform called Voca offers the chance for your opinion to be heard in San Mateo. You can sign up here: <https://www.voca.vote>

When you sign up you will receive a text (once per week) via text message and you can instantly see the results of the votes. VOCA shares these with the City - it is a way to get an unbiased survey of San Mateo's views to help form City policies. The more who sign up, the better the results are as they cover a larger proportion of the population.

UFES Mailing list.

The City has set up a mailing list for those who want updates on the progress of the UFES. We strongly advise residents to sign up here: <https://bit.ly/2CpfW8w>



In Memoriam



Margaret Benton

January 11, 1955 - October 27, 2019

Long time resident **Margaret Benton** passed away on October 27, 2019. Margaret is survived by her husband Joseph, son Ryan, stepdaughters Kristen Benton Sorabji and Shannon Benjamin, and sisters Nancy Kucharik and Gloria Hanson. Civic minded and socially conscious, Margaret served as President of the Fiesta Gardens Homeowners Association, Co-Chair of the Assistance League for the Peninsula Auxiliary for Children, and organized care packages for the men and women of the military serving in Iraq. She is loved by many and will be deeply missed.

Robert Dehoney

August 4, 1957- November 16, 2019

(62 years young)

It is with a heavy heart that Rob passed away suddenly on November 16, 2019. He is survived by his wife, April, with whom he moved to Fiesta Gardens in 1986, and raised two children, Chase & Kate. You may remember Rob always gardening or caring for his cars and motorcycle, as a Fire Captain (in Menlo Park), as a Fire Safety Supervisor at Sonoma Raceway, or simply as a friendly neighbor who always was willing to lend a hand.

His spirit will live in our memories.



MONTHLY CALENDAR

FIESTA GARDENS

December 4
FGHA Board Meeting
7 p.m., Pool Cabana

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

December 21
Fiesta Gardens Annual Holiday Lights Contest

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December 2
City Council meeting
Where: City Hall, 330 West 20th Avenue, Council Chambers
When: 7:00 PM

December 6, 7
Winter Wonderland
Join us for the 4th Annual Winter Wonderland event in Central Park! Ice Skating performances, music & Santa! The 2019 Tree Lighting is on Saturday, December 7th from 4-5pm on the Ice Skating Rink on Fitzgerald Field in Central Park. Attend the Tree Lighting Ceremony then enjoy Winter Wonderland right after!

Where: San Mateo Central Park
When: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (*Tree lighting on 12/7 4pm - 5pm*)
Cost: Mostly FREE!!

December 10
Planning Commission Meeting
Where: San Mateo City Hall, 330 West 20th Avenue
When: 7:00 PM - 10:30 PM

December 11
Sustainability & Infrastructure Commission Meeting
Where: City Hall, 330 West 20th Avenue, Council Chambers
When: 7:00 PM

December 14, 15
Holiday Festival of Dance - "The Greatest Gift of All"
This year's presentation is the 47th Anniversary of this magical production and will feature dancers currently within the City's Youth and Adult Dance Programs, as well as city employees who perform in our famous Reindeer and the City Dancer's dance.
Where: San Mateo High School Gym, 506 N. Delaware Street
When: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Cost: Adults = \$13 / \$15 at the door
Kids 2-12 = \$2 / \$3 at the door
For more information about options for volunteer work or tickets, please call at 522-7444 or 522-7448.

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FGHA BOARD MEETING – October 2, 2019

APPROVED Minutes, Respectfully Submitted, Pam Miller, Secretary

The FGHA Board Meeting was called to order by Vice President, Mike Russell at 7:01PM. Board Members in attendance were: Rich Neve – Civics, and Roland Bardony – Parks.

September 4th Minutes There was no quorum so minutes could not be approved.

Financial /Steve Gross – We are right on budget for the year. So far, we have collected 385,000 in cabana assessments.

BOARD REPORTS

Civic/Rich Neve

- Event Center plans are ongoing. Dana Stoehr, the CEO of the Event Center will be keeping us updated about future events. One coming up is Oct. 10-11 the Real Estate Show. Parking will be paid on the way out, this will help to mitigate traffic in the area.
- Measure B will be put on the ballot for a vote.

Social Director /Christina Saenz – Was not in attendance but left word that the Movie Night was a success.

Parks/Roland Bardony

- Scapes removed the rest of the large branch that fell from our tree.
- Locksmith came out again to fix the lock at the Kiddy Park. There was no charge.

Pool Maintenance/ Steve Muller - Not in attendance.

- Nothing to report the pool is great.

Pool Operations/Steve Stanovcak – Not in attendance

- The pool closes October 13th.

Vice President/Mike Russell

- Nothing to report.

President/Steve Strauss – Not in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

Cabana Renovation and Assessment Update

There will be a Cabana Committee meeting on October 14th. at 7:00pm in the cabana. All are welcome. The Committee will be assessing our 3 candidates for Project Manager. Demolition of the old cabana should start in mid-November.

Questions and Comments - None

ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 6th, 2019 at 7pm in the pool cabana. Meeting was adjourned at 7:19pm.

FGHA BOARD MEETING – November 6, 2019

Unapproved Minutes, Respectfully Submitted, Pam Miller, Secretary

The FGHA Board Meeting was called to order by Steve Strauss, President, at 7:03PM. Board Members in attendance were: Steve Strauss - President, Rich Neve - Civics, Steve Muller - Pool Maintenance, and Roland Bardony - Parks.

October Minutes: On a motion duly made and seconded and approved by all Board Members, the minutes of the October meeting were approved as corrected.

Financial /Steve Gross – The pool is closed and expenses are down. As of October 31st, \$535,000 has been collected in assessments for the new cabana.

BOARD REPORTS

Civic/Rich Neve

- There is an opening for a City Council member. If you so feel inclined write to our current members and encourage them to choose someone that is “pro residents.”

Social Director /Christina Saenz -Not in attendance

- Halloween party was a great success. Over 100 people attended including many new residents.

Parks/Roland Bardony

- Kiddy park lock broke again. Parts were replaced and the lock is working fine at the moment.

Pool Maintenance/ Steve Muller

- Nothing to report, the pool is great.

Pool Operations/Steve Stanovcak –Not in attendance

Vice President/Mike Russell -Not in attendance

President/Steve Strauss – We will be in need of one or more board members in 2020. If you are interested please contact one of the current members.

OLD BUSINESS

Cabana Renovation Update

The cabana committee recommends Rodan Builders as construction managers for our cabana project.

ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING Will be December 4th, 2019 at 7pm in the pool cabana. Meeting was adjourned at 7:34.

BLOCK CAPTAIN NEEDED!

We are still in need of a block captain. If you live on **Texas Way** we need your help!

Block captains pass out the monthly Fiesta Bee and the occasional extra flyer.

Please contact the Bee Editor or a current board member know if you will take on this simple task.



**Fiesta Gardens Homes Association Inc.
Income & Expense Statement
Operating Fund
October 2019**

Current Period			Description	Year To Date			2019 Budget
Actual	Budget	Variance		Actual	Budget	Variance	
INCOME							
		0.00	Regular Assessments	206,640.00	206,640.00	0.00	206,640.00
5.18	6.25	(1.07)	Interest Inc - Operating Fund	25.72	62.50	(36.78)	75.00
237.76	75.00	162.76	Interest Inc - Repl. Res. Fund	978.00	750.00	228.00	900.00
		0.00	Swim School	13,070.00	11,000.00	2,070.00	11,000.00
	833.33	(833.33)	Clubhouse Rental Inc	4,500.00	10,000.00	(5,500.00)	10,000.00
		0.00	Social Events	57.00	0.00	57.00	
	208.33	(208.33)	Late Charges	-8.00	2,500.00	(2,508.00)	2,500.00
	240.00	(240.00)	Guest Passes	965.87	1,200.00	(214.13)	1,200.00
120.00	100.00	20.00	Bee Ads	990.00	900.00	90.00	1,200.00
\$ 362.94	\$ 1,462.92	-\$ 1,099.98	Total Income	\$ 227,238.59	\$ 233,052.50	-\$ 5,813.91	\$ 233,515.00
\$ 362.94	\$ 1,462.92	-\$ 1,099.98	Gross Profit	\$ 227,238.59	\$ 233,052.50	-\$ 5,813.91	\$ 233,515.00
EXPENSES							
540.00	540.00	0.00	Landscape-Contract	5,400.00	5,400.00	0.00	6,480.00
2,647.17	11,125.00	8,477.83	Lifeguards	50,861.80	44,500.00	(6,361.80)	44,500.00
425.00	425.00	0.00	Newsletter Editor	4,250.00	4,250.00	0.00	5,100.00
246.25	1,087.50	841.25	Payroll Taxes	4,932.60	4,350.00	(582.60)	4,350.00
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
		0.00	Payment Processing Fees	1,035.43	0.00	(1,035.43)	0.00
193.78	250.00	56.24	Payroll Service	2,434.95	2,500.00	65.05	3,000.00
268.68		(268.68)	Pest Control	268.68	416.67	147.99	500.00
1,424.29	1,408.33	(15.95)	Pool & Spa	15,293.75	14,083.33	(1,210.42)	16,900.00
165.00	308.33	143.33	Common Area - Maintenance	5,722.89	3,083.33	(2,639.56)	3,700.00
		0.00	Wristbands	281.48	416.67	135.21	500.00
	83.33	83.33	Tennis Court- Service & Repair	0.00	833.33	833.33	1,000.00
681.11	300.00	(381.11)	Gas	3,070.25	3,000.00	(70.25)	3,600.00
1,235.29	1,168.67	(66.62)	Electricity	10,717.65	11,668.67	949.02	14,000.00
178.00	100.00	(78.00)	Refuse	930.58	1,000.00	69.42	1,200.00
69.68	166.67	76.99	Telephone & Pager	371.99	1,668.67	1,296.68	2,000.00
1,534.74	1,000.00	(534.74)	Water	11,250.11	10,000.00	(1,250.11)	12,000.00
	0.00	0.00	Streets, 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
	416.67	416.67	Clubhouse Facilities	96.78	4,166.67	4,069.89	5,000.00
	100.00	100.00	Audit & Tax Preparation	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,200.00
180.81	208.33	27.52	Mailings, Postage & Copies	5,808.40	2,083.33	(3,525.07)	2,500.00
318.46	375.00	56.54	Newsletter Postage/ Printing	4,053.87	3,750.00	(303.87)	4,500.00
	41.67	41.67	Meeting Expenses/Social Functi	1,746.92	416.67	(1,330.25)	500.00
	416.67	416.67	Collection Expenses	-338.00	4,166.67	4,502.67	5,000.00
1,164.25	1,125.00	(39.25)	Insurance Expenses	11,152.71	11,250.00	97.29	13,500.00
250.17	291.67	41.50	D & O Ins. Expenses	2,309.20	2,916.67	517.47	3,500.00
1,174.00	250.00	(924.00)	Insurance Exp - W/C	3,285.16	2,500.00	(785.16)	3,000.00
544.71	126.67	(418.04)	Office Supplies	1,754.69	1,266.67	(488.02)	1,520.00
	12.50	12.50	Postage	220.00	125.00	(95.00)	150.00

**Fiesta Gardens Homes Association Inc.
Income & Expense Statement
Operating Fund
October 2019**

Current Period			Description	Year To Date			2019 Budget
Actual	Budget	Variance		Actual	Budget	Variance	
	8.33	8.33	Civic Expenses	169.29	83.33	(85.96)	100.00
	208.33	208.33	Web Site	381.20	2,083.33	1,702.13	2,600.00
	416.67	416.67	Professional Services	2,082.50	4,166.67	2,084.17	5,000.00
	83.33	83.33	Permits & License	825.00	833.33	8.33	1,000.00
	3,750.00	3,750.00	Taxes - Property	3,649.48	6,250.00	2,600.52	7,500.00
		0.00	Inc Taxes- Operating Fund	0.00	208.33	208.33	250.00
\$ 14,861.37	\$ 27,175.00	\$ 12,613.63	Total Expenses	\$ 166,914.14	\$ 168,266.67	\$ 1,352.53	\$ 192,150.00
-\$ 14,198.43	-\$ 25,712.08	\$ 11,513.65	Net Income	\$ 60,324.45	\$ 64,788.83	-\$ 4,461.38	\$ 41,365.00

**Fiesta Gardens Homes Association Inc.
Income & Expense Statement
Cabana Rebuild
October 2019**

Current Period			Description	Year To Date			Budget
Actual	Budget	Variance		Actual	Budget	Variance	
INCOME							
150,580.00	108,333.33	42,246.67	Special Assessments	535,240.00	325,000.00	210,240.00	1,300,000.00
\$ 150,580.00	\$ 108,333.33	\$ 42,246.67	Total Income	\$ 535,240.00	\$ 325,000.00	\$ 210,240.00	\$ 1,300,000.00
\$ 150,580.00	\$ 108,333.33	\$ 42,246.67	Gross Profit	\$ 535,240.00	\$ 325,000.00	\$ 210,240.00	\$ 1,300,000.00
EXPENSES							
		0.00	Cabana Rebuild - Contract	37,000.00	95,000.00	58,000.00	950,000.00
		0.00	Construction Reserve		20,000.00	20,000.00	200,000.00
		0.00	Consulting		5,000.00	5,000.00	50,000.00
		0.00	Permits and Fees		4,000.00	4,000.00	40,000.00
1,028.30	6,000.00	4,971.70	Payment Processing Fees	6,243.29	15,000.00	8,756.71	60,000.00
\$ 1,028.30	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,971.70	Total Expenses	\$ 43,243.29	\$ 139,000.00	\$ 96,756.71	\$ 1,300,000.00
\$ 149,551.70	\$ 102,333.33	\$ 47,218.37	Net Income	\$ 491,996.71	\$ 186,000.00	\$ 306,996.71	\$ 0.00

Fiesta Gardens Homes Association Inc.
Balance Sheet
 As of October 31, 2019

ASSETS	
Cash - Operating Fund	\$ 61,912.34
Cash - Reserve Fund	\$ 293,660.94
Cash - Cabana Rebuild	\$ 498,240.00
Accounts Receivable	\$ 131,855.00
Special Assessment Receivable	\$ 500,400.00
Other Current Assets	\$ 13,672.10
Cabana Rebuild	\$ 37,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,536,740.38

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	4,270.79
Accrued Expenses	2,600.00
Prepaid Assessments	963.10
Total Liabilities	\$ 7,833.89
Fund Balance	441,485.33
Current Year Net Income/Loss	1,087,421.16
Total Fund Balance	\$ 1,528,906.49
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 1,536,740.38



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Happy Holidays & Merry Christmas!

Deck your halls, string up your lights, bring on the cider and cheer because the Fiesta Gardens Santa Judge is near!

**The Annual Holiday Lights Competition will take place on Saturday, December 21st.
Make sure your lights and decorations are on full display by 7PM!**

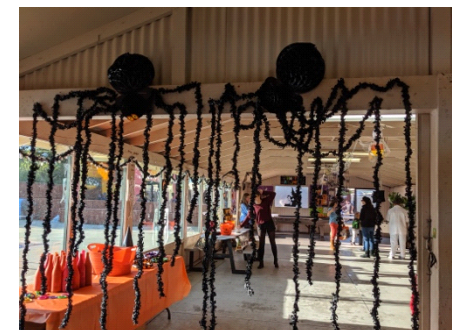
While the merry bells keep ringin'
May your every wish come true
Happy holiday, happy holiday
May the calendar keep bringin'
Happy holidays to you.
- Bing Crosby



Social Director's Report

By Christina Saenz

Thank you to everyone that helped out for the annual Halloween party! We had lots of games and yummy goodies made by members of our community! I met a lot of new faces that showed up to help – THANK YOU!! Also, a big shout out to Mike Russell for grilling, Steve Muller and his girls for running games, Karina for helping rally the troops, Mariano Saenz for helping set up décor and games, and special thanks to Helen Bertram who always volunteers to help me.. It was a huge success and I enjoyed meeting everyone!





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AND THAT'S A WRAP!

It has been quite common for me to begin my articles with, "wow the year is flying by fast." But this year really has!! I feel like I just put away my holiday decorations from last year and it is going to be time to put them out again.

On the real estate front, the market has seen a minor shift over the year. The good news is seller's are still getting great prices for their home. In most cases, it is far more than they ever thought it would be worth when they originally bought here. Interest rates have shifted lower and inventory levels continue to be low as well. We are still seeing multiple offers on some properties, but we are also seeing more contingencies as part of the sale as well as an increase in days on market. If you are thinking of selling next year, give me a call and we can put a plan in place for prepping and marketing your home. And Coldwell Banker has a great new program called **RealVitalize** which helps sellers defer some of the cost of prepping the property!

So for 2019 I wish everyone a "Happy Holidays" and thank you for making Fiesta Gardens a great neighborhood to live in! I'm on my 21st year here and still love how special our neighborhood is! Take care and stay safe this holiday season!

Season's Greetings!

David

Contest Winner!

Congratulations to Mary Nakamura of Fiesta Dr. who won this year's turkey drawing! I had a lot of entries this year which is really great! Stay tuned for my next drawing which will be in January of 2020! Yes, I said it, 2020! Yikes!

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**Fiesta Gardens Homes Association
Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, December 4, 2019
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 – Mike Russell
 - vii. President – Steve Strauss
5. New Business
 - i.
6. Old Business
 - i. Cabana Renovation Update
7. Questions and Comments
8. Adjournment/Break into Executive Session if needed

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