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## President's Message

By Steve Strauss

Another year has come and gone, the holidays are over, and it's time to get back to business.

For Fiesta Gardens, I look at 2018 as the *planning* year and 2019 as the *doing* year.

Of course, I'm talking about our new Cabana.

I know there have been some questions about the validity of the project, the cost, the financing, and the necessity. I'll start with the necessity.

If it were possible to repair the existing Cabana, we would. It is, however, not to fire and safety codes, building codes or ADA requirements. On top of that, it is literally falling down and must be replaced. Studies have been done, meetings have been held, plans have been created and approved, a builder has been chosen and construction plans are being made. The time for questioning the project has passed. While a financing plan has not yet been finalized, I think giving you a chance to voice your opinion on the financing choices is helping us send to a vote the option our members want and will approve. This is a good deal for Fiesta Gardens, whichever method we use to finance the project. We get a brand new, up to date (and code) building that will last a long time that we can use for numerous different functions *throughout the year*, not just the months the pool is open. And one with heat! Whether you use the facilities now or not, the new Cabana will enhance what is already a great place to live, and most likely, increase your property value by an amount considerably higher than the amount each resident will spend to get it built. Keep in mind that the Board has resisted raising the Association fees (which it can by 20% a year without a vote of the membership), knowing this was coming, in favor of an assessment that is going to be fair and equitable.

It's time for every owner in Fiesta Gardens to be part of the success of this project. We **MUST** replace the existing Cabana, it's a **GREAT** deal for the neighborhood, and we're **ALL** going to come out ahead. It's a **WIN, WIN, WIN** for everyone.

Take the survey. Vote when the time comes. Let's make this happen!

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[www.FiestaGardensHoa.com](http://www.FiestaGardensHoa.com)

Next meeting – Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. See you there.

We are still looking to fill a Board position, most likely Social Director. Be the first SD to be able to plan events in the new Cabana!

2019.....THE YEAR OF THE CABANA!

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## Civic Report

*By Richard Neve*

### San Mateo General Plan

For information on the General Plan for San Mateo bookmark:  
<http://strivesanmateo.org>

Share your ideas and keep up to date on the plan that will shape policy for the City of San Mateo until 2040! There are a number of organized groups with special interests who are turning up to meetings and online to influence the process, so the city needs more residents to share their vision for the future of San Mateo.

### New Garbage Rules

Enforcement of the city's new Solid Waste Container Ordinance has begun. The new rules provide a 36-hour timeframe of when waste containers may be left out on residential streets in San Mateo. Residential waste containers may not be placed on the curb prior to noon the day before collection service and must be removed by midnight the day of pick up.

Questions? Please contact Recology of San Mateo County at (650) 595-3900.

### San Mateo Bicycle Master Plan

The city wants San Mateo to become a great a bike-friendly city. To accomplish this goal, they are in the process of updating their 2011 Bicycle Master Plan to ensure that your ride around the city is safe, comfortable, and accessible. The City of San Mateo is committed to increasing our bicycle and pedestrian mode share to 30% by 2020. Please contact me with ideas so I can relay them to the committee.

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You can also put comments and ideas on this wiki map:  
<https://wikimapping.com/wikimap/San-Mateo-Bicycle-Plan1.html>

### Parking Permit Program

This program is still in the process of being updated by the city. Currently, no permits are being issued.



The next Board meeting will be  
**Wednesday, February 6**  
7PM in the cabana.

## **SEEKING NEW BOARD MEMBERS!**

As of January 1, 2019 we need  
**At least one new volunteer Board member**  
for our Association.

Please contact any Board member for more  
information or to volunteer!  
Must be members in good standing.

# MONTHLY CALENDAR

## FIESTA GARDENS

February 6  
FGHA Board Meeting  
7 p.m., Pool Cabana

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

## SAN MATEO

February 4, 19  
City Council meeting  
Where: City Hall, Council Chambers  
When: 7:00 p.m.

February 6  
Park and Recreation Commission Meeting  
The Park and Recreation Commission was established in 1912 makes recommendations to the City Council on acquisition, development, beautification and maintenance of public parks, landscape resources, public recreation facilities, budget, and programs of Park & Recreation activities.  
Where: City Hall, Council Chambers  
When: 7:00 p.m.

February 12, 26  
Planning Commission Meeting  
Where: San Mateo City Hall, 330 West 20th Avenue  
When: 7:00 PM - 10:30 PM

February 13  
Sustainability & Infrastructure Commission Meeting  
Where: City Hall, Council Chambers  
When: 7:00 p.m.

## FARMERS' MARKETS BELMONT

1201 El Camino Real, Belmont  
Sunday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Year-Round

COLLEGE OF SAN MATEO  
1700 W Hillsdale Blvd., San Mateo, CA  
Saturday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Year-Round

FOSTER CITY  
1010 Metro Center Blvd., Foster City  
Saturday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Year-Round

PENINSULA JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER  
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Wednesday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Year-Round

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# FGHA BOARD MEETING – December 5, 2018

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

The FGHA Board Meeting was called to order by Steve Strauss, President, at 7:08PM. Board Members in attendance were: Steve Strauss - President, Mike Russell - Vice President, Roland Bardony - Parks Director, Steve Muller - Pool Maintenance, and Carmen Quaresma - Social Director.

November 2018 Minutes: On a motion duly made and seconded and approved by all board members, the minutes of the November 7th, 2018 meeting were approved.

Financial /Steve Gross – All is well with the Association Finances.

## BOARD REPORTS

Civic/Rich Neve Not in attendance

Social/Carmen Quaresma

- Many holiday lights are starting to go up.
- Holiday Light Contest will be 12/14.
- Judges will be from outside the neighborhood.

Parks/Roland Bardony

- All is well with the parks.

Pool Maintenance/ Steve Muller

- Leaves were blown and removed around the pool area.

Pool Operations/Steve Stanovcak Not in attendance

Vice President/Mike Russell

- Nothing to report.

President/Steve Strauss

- The cabana survey is out.
- Annual meeting for membership will be on March 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Mike Russell will head nomination committee for new Board Members.

## OLD BUSINESS

Waiting on cabana survey results.

## NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

## ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 7pm in the pool cabana. Meeting was adjourned at 7:21pm.

# FGHA BOARD MEETING – January 9, 2019

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

The FGHA Board Meeting was called to order by Steve Strauss, President, at 7:04PM. Board Members in attendance were: Steve Strauss - President, Mike Russell - Vice President, Roland Bardony - Parks Director, Steve Muller - Pool Maintenance, and Rich Neve - Civics.

December 2018 Minutes: On a motion duly made and seconded and approved by all board members, the minutes of the December 5th, 2018 meeting were approved.

## Financial /Steve Gross

- Operating expenses are down due to pool being closed.
- Two expenses for the cabana, \$3,000 for new cabana rendering (you can find on FGHOA website) and \$3,700 to retain contractor for new the cabana.

## BOARD REPORTS

### Civic/Rich Neve

- General plan for San Mateo is still going on. You can give your feedback on the city website on such topics as height limitations, open spaces and how many more apartment/condos we want to see in our neighborhoods.
- Bicycle master plan is also on the city website. You can give your opinion on changes and or improvements you would like to see.
- Permit parking as a whole is being reviewed by the city. We are still interested in permit parking for a few streets in Fiesta Gardens.

### Social/Carmen Quaresma Not in attendance

### Parks/Roland Bardony

- Recent storm blew the windscreen down by tennis courts.
- Kiddy park gate not closing properly, will call locksmith if need be.
- Walkway around park will be redone by the city after the rainy season.
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### Pool Maintenance/ Steve Muller

- All good nothing to report.

### Pool Operations/Steve Stanovcak Not in attendance

### Vice President/Mike Russell

- Nothing to report.

### President/Steve Strauss

- The cabana survey is out and we have 62 responses.
- We will update our email list and send survey.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Cabana Renovation

- Waiting on more responses for cabana survey results.
- Made deposit to our contractor.
- Design is on our website.

## NEW BUSINESS

- We need a Social Director. If interested please contact one of our board members.
- Put ad in Bee for a web master to update our FGHOA website.

## ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 6th, 2019 at 7pm in the pool cabana. Meeting was adjourned at 7:27pm.

**Fiesta Gardens Homes Association  
Board Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, February 6, 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 – 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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## Happy Valentine's Day!



And just like that the year is already moving faster than I realized! Interest rates have lowered which seems to be getting more buyers back into the market. Inventory is still light, but by the time this article comes out, I will have expected it to increase.

In order to celebrate my "love" for you all, I'm having another drawing ~ The Valentine's Cryptogram. The prize is a **one pound box of See's Candy!** The best candy in the world and native to our home state! I grew up in South San Francisco and worked at Service Merchandise in high school. I remember coming out of work late at night to the sweet smell of chocolate goodness in the air! And then another block away, the great smell of Orowheat. But, I digress.... See the details below to enter. I'll have more real estate news in March. In the meantime, if you or anyone you know is looking to buy or sell, call me to be "treated" to an easy transaction and a "sweet" outcome!

## Drawing Details!

### *Valentine's Cryptogram Drawing!*

A cryptogram is a puzzle where each letter substitutes a different letter. "Decode" the Valentine quote by replacing each letter with its correct letter. Note: The first name of the puzzle is decoded to get you started.

XMM GBJ RVVH WL MBNV. EJD X  
 MWDDMV TABTBMXDV RBF XRH DYVR  
 HBVLR'D AJKD.

- TAXKMVL LTAJMC
- CHARLES

One way I like to give back is with my drawings. Solve the Cryptogram quote for a chance to win a **One Pound of Delicious See's Candy.** Just email or call with the answer.

ENTER EVEN IF YOU DON'T KNOW

All entries eligible

Entries due by *February 14th*

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