

The Fiesta Bee

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President's Message

By Paul McCann

Finally we get rain and just as quickly folks are looking forward to sunny days again. March is always a fun season with the Little League kids and their folks getting ready for the big season. The days are slowly getting longer and we're starting to think about St. Patrick's Day and socializing a bit more.

The monthly homeowner meetings are beginning to draw more in person attendees. It's nice to see folks in the community weigh in on issues and enhance the quality of life in Fiesta Gardens. Lots of talk about the pool, lifeguards, the cabana rental rate, repairs and maintenance of the pool and cabana and delivery of the Bee. Come on out to the monthly meeting and throw your opinion and ideas in the ring.

Pool Operations

By Steve Stanovcak

Our Association needs Lifeguards! I know it's only March, but May will be here before we know it. There is a nationwide shortage of lifeguards and it is affecting Fiesta Gardens as well. After running the pool for the last 18 years the last few years we have had issues with keeping the pool open due to the lack of lifeguards. Last year there were many times we could not open the pool or had to reduce hours. Some of these closures we knew a few days ahead of time and others were last minute which we know is a big inconvenience.

Typically, our lifeguard staff is comprised of high school and college students home for the summer. All of the lifeguards are swimmers who play water polo or are on their school swim team. We will lose most of the college lifeguards at the beginning of August as they go back to school and the high school students around the same time. We reduce our pool hours when this happens, to Monday through Friday 4:30 to 8:00.

Even during the earlier summer months June and July we have had challenges.

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www.FiestaGardensHoa.com



The next Board meeting will be
Wednesday, March 5
7PM at the Cabana

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Lifeguards

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If you know anyone interested in becoming a lifeguard please have them apply. Typical shifts are 4 hours long at \$20.00 an hour. Requirement: Lifeguard certification CPR & First Aid, must be at least 15 years old.

For an application, please go to our website:
<http://www.fiestagardenshoa.com>

The HOA have been moving away from ManageCasa due to issues with their platform. The Dues have been increased to \$518.40 Per Unit. Upon request, the HOA can accept monthly payments of \$47.50 Per Unit. Payments can be paid:

1. Electronically with a debit or credit card via a QuickBooks invoice. Please reach out to treasurer@fiestagardenshoa.com to pay electronically.

2. Via a check payable to Fiesta Gardens Homes Association and mailed to:

FGHA
PO Box 5288
San Mateo, CA 94402

If you've paid via ManageCasa, thank you for the prompt payment. The payment will be applied to the Quickbooks Invoice, and the QuickBooks invoice will reflect the payment and the new amount due.

You can fill out the Roster Update form on the website: <https://www.fiestagardenshoa.com/register.html> if your information has changed. Don't forget to indicate the number of adults and children who will need pool wristbands.

A LATE CHARGE OF 10% WILL BE CHARGED STARTING FEBRUARY 1, 2025

Sincerely,
The Board of Directors,
Fiesta Gardens Homes Association

Park Director's Report

By Mike Bratt

Hello fiesta gardens residents.

My name is Mike Bratt and I am the new Parks Director for the next two years. I am planning to create work parties to address some of the maintenance issues at the kiddie part, and to re-stain the new cabana structure and the bathroom/ guardhouse building. If you are interested in helping out as needed please send me an email at mbratt5@yahoo.com.

I look forward to working with you to keep the parks a great place for all residents to enjoy.

Fiesta Gardens Homes Association Inc. 2025 Approved Budget

Description	Projected Actual Total '24	2024 Budget	Approved 2025 Budget	2025 Comments
Income				
<u>Operating Revenue</u>				
Regular Assessments	244,080	242,352	290,822	
Clubhouse Rental (Pool Party)	9,920	12,500	11,904	
Guest Passes	1,100	900	1,100	
Bee Ads	810	720	720	
Swim School	15,910	17,000	15,910	
Subtotal	271,820	273,472	320,456	
<u>Interest, Late Charges, Collection Fees</u>				
Interest Inc - Operating Fund	154	100	0	
Interest Inc - Repl. Res. Fund	1,779	1,000	500	
Interest - Collections	0		0	
Late Charges	515	1,000	1,000	
Misc Income - Copy Bank Statements	0			
Collection Charges	262		100	
Subtotal	2,710	2,100	1,600	
Special Assessment	200		0	
Emergency Assessment	92,565	0	0	
Total Income	367,295	275,572	322,056	
Expenses				
<u>Lifeguard Expense</u>				
Lifeguards	55,520	55,000	57,186	
Insurance Exp - W/C	3,415	5,300	3,518	
Payroll Taxes	5,754	6,000	5,926	
Payroll Service	1,945	1,750	2,003	
Subtotal	66,634	68,050	68,633	
<u>Pool Expense</u>				
Pool Expense total	35,303	27,550	22,355	Special Assessment required
<u>Park Expense</u>				
Landscape-Contract	7,800	7,800	8,034	
Common Area - Maintenance	17,660	6,000	0	Special Assessment required
Pest Control	908	660	935	
Cabana Supplies and Equipment	12,805	10,000	0	Special Assessment required
Tennis Court- Service & Repair	870	1,000	0	Special Assessment required
Subtotal	40,044	25,460	8,969	
<u>Utilities</u>				
Gas	8,382	7,500	8,634	
Electricity	15,136	12,000	15,590	
Refuse	2,521	2,500	2,596	

Telephone & Internet	3,266	3,300	3,364	
Water	25,276	22,000	22,000	
Clubhouse Facilities	2,015	0	6,305	
Subtotal	56,596	47,300	58,489	
<u>Administrative Expenses</u>				
Audit & Tax Preparation	2,645	1,500	2,645	
Civic Expenses	99	200	100	
Collection Expenses	833	1,000		
D & O Ins. Expense	3,597	4,000	4,000	
Insurance Expense	15,021	17,500	17,500	
Mailings, Postage & Copies	144	500	500	
Meeting Expenses/Social Functions	3,941	5,000	3,000	
Newsletter Editor	5,100	5,100	5,100	
Newsletter Postage/ Printing	780	300	780	
Office Supplies	3,521	2,500	3,521	
Payment Processing Fees	5,228	1,900	5,300	
Permits & License	40	1,000	40	
Professional Services	129,122	30,000	0	Special Assessment required
Reserve Study	2,990	10,000	890	
Secretary	3,600	3,600	3,600	
Taxes - Income	0	1,500	1,500	
Taxes - Property	37,471	15,000	24,000	
Treasurer	23,000	12,000	24,000	
Web Site	526	300	526	
Subtotal	237,658	112,900	97,002	
Total Expenses	436,235	281,260	255,448	
Net Income	(68,940)	(5,688)	66,608	

FARMER'S MARKETS

Check out the local farmer's markets that are still open and offering fabulous produce and other delicacies.

San Mateo Farmers' Market

Saturdays: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM | Year Round

Location: College of San Mateo, 700 West Hillsdale Boulevard

Foster City Certified Farmers' Market

Saturdays: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Wednesdays 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM | Open Year Round

Location: 1010 Metro Center Boulevard

Belmont Certified Farmers' Market

Sundays: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM | Year Round

Location: El Camino Real and O'Neill Avenue

Fruits in Season

Clementines

Grapefruit

Kiwifruits

Oranges

Pineapple

Avocado

Vegetables in Season

Asparagus

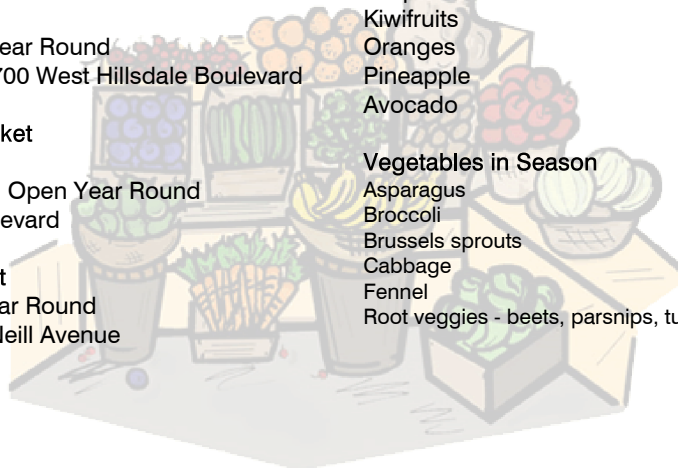
Broccoli

Brussels sprouts

Cabbage

Fennel

Root veggies - beets, parsnips, turnips



Fiesta Gardens Homes Association Inc.
Profit and Loss
January 2025

Current Period			Description	Year To Date			Approved	2025 Comments	
Actual	Budget	Variance		Actual	Budget	Variance	2025 Budget		
Income									
<u>Operating Revenue</u>									
290,732	290,822	(91)	Regular Assessments	290,732	290,822	(91)	290,822		timing for monthly payments
1,200	992	208	Clubhouse Rental (Pool Party)	1,200	992	208	11,904		
644	92	552	Guest Passes	644	92	552	1,100		
60	60	0	Bee Ads	60	60	0	720		
0	0	0	Swim School	0	0	0	15,910		
292,636	291,966	669	Subtotal	292,636	291,966	669	320,456		
<u>Interest, Late Charges, Collection Fees</u>									
0	0	0	Interest Inc - Operating Fund	0	0	0	0		
25	42	(16)	Interest Inc - Repl. Res. Fund	25	42	(16)	500		
0	0	0	Interest - Collections	0	0	0	0		
7,020	83	6,937	Late Charges	7,020	83	6,937	1,000		
519	0	519	Misc Income	519	0	519	0		
0	8	(8)	Collection Charges	0	8	(8)	100		
7,564	133	7,430	Subtotal	7,564	133	7,430	1,600		
300,199	292,099	8,100	Total Income	300,199	292,099	8,100	322,056		
Expenses									
<u>Lifeguard Expense</u>									
0	0	0	Lifeguards	0	0	0	57,186		qtrly payment
558	293	(265)	Insurance Exp - W/C	558	293	(265)	3,518		
0	494	494	Payroll Taxes	0	494	494	5,926		
125	167	42	Payroll Service	125	167	42	2,003		
683	954	271	Lifeguard Expense Subtotal	683	954	271	68,633		
<u>Pool Expense</u>									
2,534	1,863	(671)	Pool Expense total	2,534	1,863	(671)	22,355		Special Assessment required for repairs
<u>Park Expense</u>									
900	670	(231)	Landscape-Contract	900	670	(231)	8,034		Special Assessment required
0	0	0	Common Area - Maintenance	0	0	0	0		
204	78	(126)	Pest Control	204	78	(126)	935		qtrly payment
167	0	(167)	Cabana Supplies and Equipment	167	0	(167)	0		Special Assessment required
0	0	0	Tennis Court- Service & Repair	0	0	0	0		Special Assessment required
1,271	747	(523)	Park Expense Subtotal	1,271	747	(523)	8,969		
<u>Utilities</u>									
80	720	640	Gas	80	720	640	8,634		
0	1,299	1,299	Electricity	0	1,299	1,299	15,590		
193	216	23	Refuse	193	216	23	2,596		
273	280	8	Telephone & Internet	273	280	8	3,364		
846	1,833	988	Water	846	1,833	988	22,000		
0	0	0	Streets, Drives & Concrete	0	0	0			
110	525	415	Clubhouse Facilities	110	525	415	6,305		
1,501	4,874	3,373	Utilities Subtotal	1,501	4,874	3,373	58,489		
<u>Administrative Expenses</u>									

0	220	220	Audit & Tax Preparation	0	220	220	2,645	
0	8	8	Civic Expenses	0	8	8	100	
0	0	0	Collection Expenses	0	0	0	0	
300	333	34	D & O Ins. Expense	300	333	34	4,000	
1,299	1,458	159	Insurance Expense	1,299	1,458	159	17,500	
252	42	(210)	Mailings, Postage & Copies	252	42	(210)	500	
0	250	250	Meeting Expenses/Social Functions	0	250	250	3,000	
425	425	0	Newsletter Editor	425	425	0	5,100	
74	65	(9)	Newsletter Postage/ Printing	74	65	(9)	780	
257	293	37	Office Supplies	257	293	37	3,521	
3,730	1,767	(1,963)	Payment Processing Fees	3,730	1,767	(1,963)	5,300	QB fees for 2025 dues due to timing
	3	3	Permits & License		3	3	40	
3,706	0	(3,706)	Professional Services	3,706	0	(3,706)	0	legal fees, Special Assessment required
0	74	74	Reserve Study	0	74	74	890	
300	300	0	Secretary	300	300	0	3,600	
0	125	125	Taxes - Income	0	125	125	1,500	
(1,344)	2,000	3,344	Taxes - Property	(1,344)	2,000	3,344	24,000	City accepted appeal for late penalty
2,000	2,000	0	Treasurer	2,000	2,000	0	24,000	
0	44	44	Web Site	0	44	44	526	
10,998	9,409	(1,590)	Admin Expenses Subtotal	10,998	9,409	(1,590)	97,002	
16,987	17,847	860	Total Expenses	16,987	17,847	860	255,448	
283,212	274,253	8,960	Net Income	283,212	274,253	8,960	66,608	

Special Assessment		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	total	\$205	\$250	\$300
Special Assessment	see options	115,000	140,250	168,300
Cabana remaining cost	(35,954)	(35,954)	(35,954)	(35,954)
Upcoming Repairs	(168,350)	(72,990)	(84,990)	(107,080)
total reserve +/- (for repairs, legal fees, etc.)		6,056	19,306	25,266
		See breakdown below for repairs		
Park Area	(11,000)			
Wood Benches	(11,000)			
Pool Area	(129,600)			
Wood Fench - Restain	(10,500)			(10,500)
Pool Deck - Repair	(8,000)		(8,000)	(8,000)
Large Pool - resurface	(72,990)	(72,990)	(72,990)	(72,990)
Small Pool - resurface	(15,590)			(15,590)
Pool Furniture - Partial Replace	(10,000)			
Large Pool Heater - Replace	(9,020)			
Larage Pool Pump - Replace	(3,500)			
Cabana & bathroom buildings	(15,750)			
Exterior Wood Surfaces-Repaint	(12,250)			
Exterior Wood Surfaces- Repair	(3,500)			
Playground	(12,000)			
Tan Bark Play Surface - Replenish	(3,000)		(3,000)	
Sanbox - Replenish	(1,000)		(1,000)	
Metal Surfaces - Repaint	(8,000)			

Fiesta Gardens Homes Association Inc.

Balance Sheet

As of January 31, 2025

ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash - Operating Fund	199,624.15
Cash - Reserve Fund	13,584.57
Cash - Cabana Rebuild	0.00
Accounts Receivable 2025 Dues	77,832.08
A/R (Emergency Assessment)	10,765.00
A/R 2024 and prior periods	5,357.80
Accounts In Collection	19,289.60
Due From ManageCasa	432.00
Construction Refundable Deposit	10,000.00
Other Current Assets	10,173.11
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 347,058.31
FIXED ASSETS	
New Cabana Costs to Date	1,788,354.04
HOA All in One Property Management System	5,525.00
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	\$ 1,793,879.04
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,140,937.35
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
LIABILITES	
Accounts Payable	1,347.93
Payroll Taxes Payable	(466.27)
Accrued Expenses	2,846.92
Prepaid Assessments	0.00
Payroll Liabilities	0.00
Construction Contract Retention Payable	7,375.00
Paid on Behalf of Contractor	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 11,103.58
FUND BALANCE	1,846,621.69
Current Year Net Income/Loss	283,212.08
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$ 2,129,833.77
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 2,140,937.35

FGHA BOARD MEETING – January 8, 2024

UNAPPROVED Minutes, Respectfully Submitted, Pam Miller, Secretary

The FGHA Board Meeting was called to order at 7:06pm. Board Members in attendance were, Steve Stanovcak – Pool Operations, Steve Muller -- Pool Maintenance, Laurel Kent -- Social Director, Mike Bratt -- Parks Director, Paul McCann – President, and Christina Saenz – Vice President.

December 4th Minutes– On a motion duly made and seconded and approved by all Board Members, the December 4th minutes were approved.

Financial /Vicky Nguyen

- December operating expenses are \$41,700. This includes legal fees, property taxes, electrical bills and social events.
- Cash in operating account is -\$1,700 in QuickBooks due to legal fees and property taxes. However, our bank account balance is not negative.
- Cash in reserve and cabana fund account is \$13,600.
- No dues collected in December. \$239,900 collected thus far. This is 98% of the total.
- We collected \$1,700 in Emergency Assessments in December. We have collected \$79,300 so far, which is 87% of the total. We still need to collect \$11,600 more.
- No Special Assessments were collected in December. Two Members are making monthly payments and 2 are in collections. 485 members have paid in full.
- No brick sales in December.
- Our annual property taxes are \$57,500 this year vs \$13,000 last year. This is primarily from the sewer fees of \$52,000. The City decided on an equitable adjustment and we now owe \$28,200. The HOA paid half of the property taxes plus the 10% penalty of \$1,300, and we submitted an appeal for the penalty payment because the City would not accept partial payment; the appeal process takes 3-5 weeks, and we will update as needed.
- We should recover most of our legal fees and the legal fees that we are still incurring will be added on as well. Our attorney is putting a lien on the properties and pursuing collections.
- A water leak detector has been installed so that we will not have a problem in the future with leaking water. The water had been leaking since July of 2023. Which intern caused us to have a large sewer fee added to our property taxes. Our property taxes next year should not be anywhere near to what they are this year. The property taxes have been adjusted for our new cabana but it's hard to tell what they will be due to all the other issues involved this year. Property taxes are public so you can see them online to see comparison of last year vs this year.

New Board Member - On a motion duly made and seconded and approved by all Board Members, Mike Bratt will now be our new Park Director.

We still need a Civics Director.

BOARD REPORTS

Pool Operations/Steve Stanovcak – Nothing to report.

Civic/Rich Neve – Nothing to report

Social Director/Laurel Kent - Not in attendance at the time of her report.

Parks Director/Mike Bratt

- Mike would like to create some park committees to get some work done at the park and save some money. If you're interested let Mike know. This is Mike's 6th time as a Board Member.
- A resident has noticed people using the tennis courts that don't live here. She suggested that maybe we could change the code more often to prevent this from happening. We can definitely do that in the future.

Pool Maintenance/Steve Muller

- The pool is fine and welcome to Mike Bratt.

Christina Saenz/Vice President – Nothing to report.

Paul McCann /President

- It's been a year since I started coming here to the meetings. It's so great to see other people coming to the cabana for meetings as well. I feel we will have some momentum in 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

Cabana Pricing

Right now, we have three different prices to rent the cabana. 2025 will be our first full year of renting the cabana. It may take that much time to figure out an appropriate price. We may not have lifeguards this coming summer, which could affect the price. It might

be easier to have a flat rate fee. It was suggested that we may want to have in the contract a check list of things that are expected and the person renting the cabana would need to initial these items. It was also suggested that we have set times for renting the cabana and that within those times it would include set up and clean up. As of now the cabana is already showing the wear and tear after only a short time. The level of cleaning after parties is not consistent. Because of this it was reported that ants and cockroaches have been seen. It was suggested we hire a cleaning service to come in and clean after parties. This would be included in the price of the rental fee or would be a separate cleaning fee. Also, the opening and closing of the cabana before and after the parties has been on the board. There needs to be a better way. It was decided to form a committee to go over all these suggestions and come up with a price and contract that is fair to everyone.

ManageCasa

There have been some issues with ManageCasa. It can be challenging to work with. An example would be if you need to change the name of an owner it can be a 9-step process. The reports are not reliable, accurate or trustworthy. Because of this we have gone back to QuickBooks so now we have three things to update: ManageCasa, QuickBooks and Constant Contact. We have one more year left of the contract, and we can change to something else after that. In the interest of time, it was agreed that Vicky and Christina would discuss some of these issues offline.

OLD BUSINESS None

Miscellaneous Business and Comments

The next Meeting will be Wednesday February 5th, 2025, at 7:00pm on Zoom or join us in the cabana. Meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.

FGHA BOARD MEETING – February 5, 2025

Unapproved Minutes, Respectfully Submitted, Pam Miller, Secretary

The FGHA Board Meeting was started at 7:08pm. Board Members in attendance were, Mike Bratt -- Parks Director and Paul McCann -- President.

January 8th Minutes– The January minutes could not be approved as we did not have a quorum.

Financial /Vicky Nguyen

- January operating expenses are \$17,000. This includes processing fees, legal fees and pool expenses.
- Cash in operating account is \$199,600.
- Cash in reserve and cabana fund account is \$13,600.
- \$219,900 collected as of January 1st. Another \$77,800 is in A/R. 7 Members are making monthly payments.
- No Special Assessments were collected in December. Two members are making monthly payments and 2 are in collections. 485 members have paid in full.
- No brick sales in January.
- The HOA received the annual property taxes of \$57,500 vs \$13,000 the year before. This was due to the sewer fees of 52,000. The HOA disputed the property taxes when the bill was received in October. After the deadline the city decided on an equitable adjustment. Our property taxes were adjusted to \$28,200. We did not have the funds to pay the entire bill, so we paid half and were charged a fine of \$1,300. We submitted an appeal for the penalty fine because the city would not accept partial payment. The city accepted the appeal, and the HOA did not have to pay the \$1,300 penalty.
- We heard from the attorney that the lien on the property was ruled in favor for \$108,000. We would need to pay collection fees of \$2,500 to \$6,000. This would need to possibly be in a special assessment. One member asked if there would be interest charged to the defendant yearly, monthly or daily. It was also suggested we could budget this for 2026. We will inquire with our attorney regarding the interest. It was reminded that in the emergency assessment it was stated that what we recoup in legal fees will go toward the yearly dues, whether it's this year or 10 years from now. We will need to clarify would we be charged a fee from our attorney to keep it open until 2026.
- We will still possibly need a special assessment to replenish our reserve and bring the pool up to code. Costs are rising and the longer we wait the more expensive. It will be up to members if we do a special assessment this year or another year. It was discussed in a previous Board Meeting to give three options for a special assessment for members to vote on. Each one showed what could be accomplished with each amount of money. The 3 options were, \$205.00, \$250.00 or \$300.00. It was also brought up that we should up the dues 3% each year or every other year to keep up with inflation and other costs. In the past the dues were kept flat yet things were going up. We did a 20% increase for 2025. The benefit of a special assessment is the money comes in all at once and is a onetime assessment rather than raising our dues permanently to cover the costs. Bottom line, if we don't have a special assessment and our reserve remains low then we won't have our amenities. We can't spend money we don't have. If we decide to vote on a special assessment there would be 4 options, no assessment and the 3 options above. Mike Bratt will look in David Stirling to see about our voting options and how to go about voting.

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MINUTES from page 11**BOARD REPORTS**

Pool Operations/Steve Stanovcak in attendance late.

Civic Director

Social Director Not in attendance

Parks Director/Mike Bratt

Pool Maintenance/Steve Muller Not in attendance

Christina Saenz/Vice President Not in attendance

Paul McCann /President

NEW BUSINESS**OLD BUSINESS****Miscellaneous Business and Comments**

So, with the money taken in this year, members asked do we need lifeguards. The pool was not open numerous times due to the difficulty of hiring and retaining lifeguards, plus some were not available or not showing up. The budget is \$68,000 for lifeguards, which is 27% of our budget, yet they are only here from May to beginning of October. Although we raised the wage for lifeguards to be competitive these problems still occurred. A member who grew up in Fiesta Gardens is concerned that the Board is considering having no lifeguards this year. She has lots of ideas to help facilitate still having lifeguards and has offered to help figure out the lifeguard situation. Maybe this could be a study year. She would like to get a committee together to help keep the lifeguards at our pool. It was suggested she put in the Bee and on ManageCasa that she is looking for people to join the committee.

It was discussed that we will do a trial where we deliver hard copies of The Bee to all members. Steve Stanovcak has a friend who will make the copies for free. We will need Block Captains again.

A member also said that there was some confusion about paying the yearly dues monthly rather than in full. They did not realize they would be charged a late fee by doing so. They felt it should have been stated clearer that they would be paying 10% more by choosing monthly. Our Treasurer will give the people who chose monthly payments the option to stop monthly payments and pay in full with no late fees.

The next Meeting will be Wednesday March 5th, 2025, at 7:00pm on Zoom or join us in the cabana. Meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm

MONTHLY CALENDAR**FIESTA GARDENS**

Mfarch 5
FGHA Board Meeting
7 p.m., at the Cabana

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

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>

Mfarch 3, 17
City Council Special Meeting/Meeting
Where: Please see [Public Meeting Portal](#) for details.
When: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (Special Meeting)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (regular Meeting)

Mfarch 11, 25
Planning Commission Meeting
Where: Hybrid Meeting: Please see [Public Meeting Portal](#) for details.
When: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Now until April 11
AARP Tax Aide Help
Get your taxes done for free by AARP. Volunteers will assist with simple tax returns every Friday from February 7 to April 11. To make an appointment you can [REGISTER ONLINE](#) or call the library at 650-522-7818 or 650-522-7802 during regular business hours.

For more information about the service or tax-related questions, please contact the AARP volunteers directly at 650-753-1058.
Where: Main Library, 1st Floor, Oak Room
When: 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

**Fiesta Gardens Homes Association
Monthly Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, March 5, 2025
7:00 PM**

1. Call to Order
2. Reading and Approval of Minutes
3. Financial Report – Vicky Nguyen
4. Board Reports:
 - a. Civic –
 - b. Social – Laurel Kent
 - c. Parks – Mike Bratt
 - d. Pool Maintenance – Steve Muller
 - e. Pool Operations – Steve Stanovcak
 - f. Vice President – Christina Saenz
 - g. President – Paul McCann
5. New Business
6. Old Business
 - a. Cabana pricing
 - b. Cabana update
 - c. Special Assessment
 - d. Pool & Lifeguards
 - e. Swim lesson pricing
7. Questions and Comments
8. Adjournment/Break into Executive Session if needed



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5 Simple Ways to Boost Your Home's Curb Appeal



One of the top questions I get when listing a home is how to prepare it for sale. After handling inspections and health/safety concerns, I recommend that we focus on curb appeal—it's what draws buyers in, whether online or passing by and can increase property value. Here are five simple ways to make your home look more inviting.

1. **Upgrade Your Landscaping**—A well-manicured lawn and neatly trimmed bushes can instantly improve your home's exterior. Consider planting colorful flowers, adding mulch, or even installing a small garden to create a welcoming look.
2. **Refresh Your Front Door**—Your front door is a focal point of your home's exterior. A fresh coat of paint or a stylish new door handle can make a big difference in creating a warm and inviting entrance.
3. **Improve Outdoor Lighting**—Good lighting enhances safety and adds charm to your home's exterior. Install stylish porch lights, pathway lights, or even solar-powered lanterns to brighten up your entryway and landscaping.
4. **Clean and Repair Exterior Features**—Power washing the siding, driveway, and sidewalks can remove years of dirt and grime. Fix any cracked pathways, replace damaged shingles, and ensure that gutters are clean and functional.
5. **Add Decorative Elements**—Small touches like a stylish mailbox, a new house number plaque, or fresh outdoor furniture can elevate your home's appearance. Even a simple welcome mat can make visitors feel at home.

Final Thoughts

Enhancing curb appeal doesn't have to be expensive or time-consuming. With these easy improvements, you can create a lasting first impression and increase your home's market value.

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