



The Fiesta Bee

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

By Steve Strauss

Let's Party!

One of the items on my agenda as President of Fiesta Gardens is to make the neighborhood more sociable. I would like to see more events, other than just at holidays and the pool opening, which could bring the neighborhood closer together.

Some ideas I've had are a Wine Tasting Party, Crab Feed, Community BBQ, Pizza Party, etc. Of course, we'd be looking for other ideas from the membership as well.

To make any of this happen, however, we need members to step up to volunteer to help plan and carry out these events. Right now, we also need volunteers for the events that we already have. Without volunteers, it all falls on the Board Members, who *already* volunteer their time for the betterment of the Association....and that just isn't fair. We need to compile a list of potential volunteers that we can draw from to make *all* of our events happen. If you are willing to help the Association and your neighbors, please email our Social Director, Carmen Quaremsa, at social@fiestagardenshoa.com, or go to the 'Get Involved' tab on the website (<http://www.fiestagardenshoa.com>) and give us your contact information.

If we work as a group, anything can happen. Please help me in my goal to make Fiesta Gardens a happy, social place with lots of fun events for the members that we can all enjoy.

On another subject, the Cabana project is moving along. Come to the Board Meetings to find out more about this and everything else going on in YOUR Association.

Next Board Meeting – Wednesday, November 7th at the Cabana. See you there.

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www.FiestaGardensHoa.com



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

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Pool Operations

By Steve Stanovcak

The 2018 pool season is now complete and the pool is now closed for the year. The last day was Sunday, October 14th. I want to thank everyone who came out and enjoyed the pool this summer. Like always, we are always open to suggestions to make your visits more enjoyable, so please let us know if there is anything we can do.

I also want to thank our Head Lifeguard, Ashlen Kelley, and the entire Lifeguard Staff for watching out for all of us and all the other duties they performed throughout the summer.

Enjoy the rest of fall and winter see you all in May.



Civic Report

By Richard Neve

Traffic Action Plan

A tentative date for the 19th Avenue/Fashion Island Blvd corridor is for 11/8 @ 7pm.

Refreshing of red curbs in FG will begin soon.

The City is in discussions with Fiesta Gardens school to address traffic circulation concerns on the 19th Avenue side of the school.

Measure P.

A core team has been formed to direct ongoing discussions with the city regarding Measure P. I have been invited to participate to represent FGHA.

Councilors Freschet and Rodruiguez continue to support honoring the 7,000 citizens who signed the petition to get the extension of Measure P on the ballot. Councilors Bonilla, Papan and Goethals appear to have backtracked on their statements in the August 6th City Council meeting and do not want citizens to have a say in basic development issues in our city.

If you signed the petition or support the idea of citizens having the right to vote on the future development of the city, please write to the councilors to urge them to place Measure P on the ballot. For more information:

<https://www.smartergrowthsm.com/>

Councilors emails:

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Sewage Tank.

There was a public scoping meeting on October 2nd, 2018. A link to the presentation can be found here:

<http://cleanwaterprogramsanmateo.org/presentations/>

Concur Passages.

California Coastal Properties has a new proposal for the Passages development:

- Increased the number of units from 935 to 961
- Increased parking (although no numbers released)
- Increased the number of affordable units from 73 to 109
- Accommodated the Peninsula Ballet
- Increased the size of the park area.
- Plan to build a daycare next to the YMCA
- Did not address the need for a pharmacy
- No further information on expected traffic impact

Other matters.

San Mateo chose the current Assistant City Manager and Finance Director, Drew Corbett, as the new City Manager, replacing Larry Patterson.

MONTHLY CALENDAR

FIESTA GARDENS

November 7
FGHA Board Meeting
7 p.m., Pool Cabana

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

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November 3
Senior Center Fall Tea Party
Enjoy classic tea sandwiches and tasty desserts at our Fall Tea. Bring your own teacup and saucer, and share the story of where you acquired it. Space is limited, early registration is encouraged. Reservations are required. Please call (650)522-7490 for more information.
Where: San Mateo Senior Center, 2645 Alameda de las Pulgas
When: 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
Cost: \$15/person.

November 5, 19
City Council meeting
Where: City Hall, Council Chambers
When: 7:00 p.m.

November 7
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.

November 14
Sustainability & Infrastructure Commission Meeting
Where: City Hall, Council Chambers
When: 7:00 p.m.

November 19
Senior Center Thanksgiving Luncheon
Join us for our favorite feast and door prizes too! Wear your best for this celebration of thanks. No refunds on this special program. Space is limited, early registration is encouraged. Please call (650)522-7490 for more information.
Where: San Mateo Senior Center, 2645 Alameda de las Pulgas
When: 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Cost: \$18/person.

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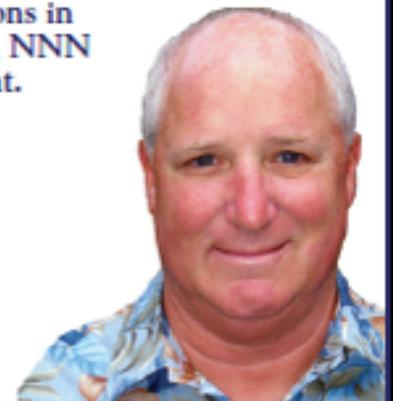
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FGHA BOARD MEETING – September 5, 2018

APPROVED Minutes, Respectfully Submitted, Allyson Strauss, Acting Secretary

The Board Meeting, which was held at Fiesta Gardens Pool Cabana, was called to order by Steve Strauss, President, at 702PM. Board Members in attendance were: Steve Strauss – President, Mike Russell -- Vice President, Steve Muller – Pool Maintenance, Rich Neve – Civic Affairs, Roland Bardony – Parks Director, Steve Stanovcak -- Pool Operations and Carmen Quaresma -- Social Director.

Unfortunately, due to secretary change, there were no minutes for the July Meeting. Also, since there was no quorum, there are no minutes for the August Meeting.

Financial / Steve Gross – Cash on hand will get us through the end of the year. Revenue to wind down due to pool closing and end of parties. Conversely, expenses will also wind down with pool closing, eliminating lifeguard payroll.

BOARD REPORTS

Civic / Rich Neve

- Traffic action plan (TAP) updates will be printed in the Bee.
- Sewage tank project to be built on Event Center property. No piping will come through FG. Community Meeting 10/2 @ City Council Chambers. Possible traffic congestion in area of Event Center upon construction.
- Measure P issue still ongoing. With concerns, contact City Council members.

Social / Carmen Quaresma

- Thank you to Mike Russell for help with Movie Night.
- Next Movie Night 9/15 – “Back to the Future”. Free snacks and drinks!
- Halloween Party – tentative date 10/27. More info to follow.

Parks / Roland Bardony

- Volleyball area being over watered. Timer adjusted. Suggest new sprinkler heads to allow for decreased water pressure and coverage. Estimate to repair \$770.
- Park pathway – will follow up on repaving project for Fiesta Meadows Park.

Pool Maintenance / Steve Muller

- Pool operating as expected. Nothing further to report.

Pool Operations / Steve Stanovcak

- Passed county health inspection – new signage to be installed.
- Thanks you to Stefan Klindworth for help and being “on call” for pool related issues.

Vice President / Mike Russell

Nothing to report.

President / Steve Strauss

- FGHA need a new Secretary. Ad will be placed in Bee and NextDoor. Position paid at \$300/mo.

OLD BUSINESS

Cabana Project

- Cabana Committee Meeting 9/9 @ 1030AM at Cabana. Architect will be there to answer questions and assist in reviewing bids.
- Financing plans are being reviewed. Survey to be sent via NextDoor once contractor is selected and true costs established.
- Expected to be 8-10 month project.
- Will follow up with Passages developer to see if any funds are available for our project (Rich N.).
- Bids to be made available to Cabana Committee members to review in advance of meeting.

Website Improvements (Carmen Q.)

Suggestions for website:

1. Ability to reserve / request party dates online.
2. Calendar with real-time updates.
3. Advertising sales on website – revenue source.
4. Sign up space for email list.
5. Space for important Association information / notices.
6. Financials, Meeting Minutes, Bees, Governing documents (already available).

NEW BUSINESS

Past Due Assessments

- Overdue assessments outstanding - ~\$115K. 15 properties are unpaid more than one year.
- Resolution needed for lien placement on past due accounts, created by attorney. MOTION by Mike Russell, SECOND by Steve Muller. Motion passes 7-0.

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Pool Fees Increase

- Currently \$75/day party, \$150/night party. Issue tabled until next season.
- Swim Lessons – FGHA costs ~\$8800 (payroll), revenues \$10,725. Increase to be discussed for next year's budget.

Bee Ad increase

- Currently \$50/full page, \$25/half page. Printing cost per page \$35.
- Need to increase fees based on cost increases.
- MOTION to increase Bee advertising fees by 20%, effective with October Bee made by Rich Neve, SECOND by Roland Bardony. Motion passes 6-1.

Christmas Light contest changes

- Suggested to bring in unbiased, 'celebrity' judges (City Council members, etc.). Rich and Carmen to contact.
- Suggested changes to prizes from 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. to use categories instead. Suggestions – Most Tasteful, Best theme, Best Street, Griswold (Most over-the-top) Award. Any other suggestions, contact Social Director.
- Same prize to all winners (\$100 Amazon Gift Card).
- Can't win same category two years in a row.

Questions and Comments

Meeting adjourned @ 756PM. MOTION for adjournment by Mike Russell, SECOND by Rich Neve. Motion passes 7-0.

FGHA BOARD MEETING – October 3, 2018

Unapproved Minutes, Respectfully Submitted, Allyson Strauss, Acting Secretary

The Board Meeting, which was held at Fiesta Gardens Pool Cabana, was called to order by Steve Strauss, President, at 704PM. Board Members in attendance were: Steve Strauss – President, Mike Russell -- Vice President, Rich Neve – Civic Affairs, Roland Bardony – Parks Director, Steve Stanovcak -- Pool Operations and Carmen Quaresma -- Social Director. Steve Muller – Pool Maintenance was absent

Minutes from the September meeting were presented. MOTION to approve by Mike Russell. SECOND by Rich Neve. Motion passed and September minutes were approved.

Financial / Steve Gross – Everything is in order. Financial reports available on website.

BOARD REPORTSCivic / Rich Neve

- Traffic action plan – red curbs being 'refreshed', city may start traffic counts near FG Elementary, 19th Ave. / FIB corridor study meeting 11/8 @ 7PM @ City Hall.
- Ongoing changes to Passages project. More info when available.
- Measure P issue still ongoing. With concerns, contact City Council members.
- Info / Screening re: Hep B at SM Main Library 10/11/18.

Social / Carmen Quaresma

- Halloween Party 10/27 4:30-6:30PM at the Cabana. Parade, games, food and fun for all. Need volunteers – please contact Carmen.
- Movie Night 9/15 – “Back to the Future” was a success.
- Xmas Light contest judging 12/14 Time TBD. Lining up celebrity judges.

Parks / Roland Bardony

- 11 sprinkler heads have been changed. Timing to be adjusted.
- Park pathway – track and parking lot should be repaired / replaced within the next year. Bridge may (should) be replaced soon.
- Large branch broke from tree. Scapes to remove and evaluate whether tree is dead.
- 40 bags of sand were replaced at the kiddie park. Thanks to the volunteers for your help.

Pool Maintenance / Steve Muller

Absent. No report.

Pool Operations / Steve Stanovcak

Last day of pool operation is 10/14. 3 more parties scheduled.

Vice President / Mike Russell

Nothing to report

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President / Steve Strauss –

- Applications have been received for Secretary Position. Hope to decide before next meeting.
- Need new block captains for two locations.

OLD BUSINESS

Cabana Project –

- Cabana Committee meeting 10/14 @ 1130AM with bidding contractor and architect to make sure that all components of the job are included in bid.

NEW BUSINESS

Secretary position –

- Secretary interviews to be held 10/14. Steve Gross to arrange.

Insurance Coverage –

- Questions were asked about insurance coverage for 'for profit' groups using FGHA facilities (i.e. playground use by day care, tennis lessons, etc.). Per our insurance carrier, we are covered for any and all liability, with the exception of possible negligence. Park and playground equipment is checked and maintained monthly.

Cabana financing options

- Questions were asked about how we plan to pay for Cabana project. There are three options that are being considered.
 - o Finance 100% of project through one-time assessment.
 - o Mortgage 100% of project through dues increase.
 - o Mortgage 50% of project through dues increase plus one-time assessment.
- Waiting for actual cost numbers to be determined before decision put to membership. Survey to be done in advance of vote to gauge preference of membership.

Questions and Comments

Meeting adjourned @ 749PM. MOTION for adjournment by Mike Russell. SECOND by Steve Stanovcak. Motion passes 7-0.

Social Director's Report

By Carmen Quaresma

Just a reminder that our Christmas Light contest will be held on Friday, December 14th.

Last year, the Cox's counted 232 homes participated in the Christmas lighting in the neighborhood. With all the potential winners to sort out this year, with Rich Neve's help, I'd like to invite some community members (ie SMUHA members, City Council members, etc.) to be our judges for the contest. Instead of a tier prize of 1st to 4th place, I'd like to give 4 prizes of equal value for 3 different categories, and Best Street will win a pizza party. Don't worry, you'll still get a picture with the snowman on the Bee.



The four categories are:

1. Grizwold Award -- For the house that is so bright and beautiful we're blinded but can't look away.
2. Classical Award -- Tastefully done without too much extra.
3. Best Themed Award -- Continuous theme throughout display.
4. Best Street -- The street with the best participation.

I hope to see even more homes participate. If you have any feedback, please let me know at social@fiestagardenshoa.com.

**Fiesta Gardens Homes Association
Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, November 7, 2018
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
 - ii. Christmas Contest Update
6. New Business
7. Questions and Comments
8. Adjournment/Break into Executive Session if needed



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Happy Thanksgiving



It's that time of year again when I reflect to give thanks for all the blessings in my life both professionally and personally. I'm thankful for all the residents of Fiesta Gardens who continue to list their homes with me and refer me to their friends and family. It is a wonderful feeling to help people, and it is easily the most rewarding part of my job. I am thankful for the friendships that have been cultivated in our wonderful neighborhood. The smiles, waves and hugs as I walk and drive through our neighborhood are heartwarming and a true testament that "community" is not lost, but *more important* than ever!

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Contest Details!

One way I like to give back is with my drawings! Unscramble the words associated with Thanksgiving to win a Turkey!!! Just, email, call or enter online with the winning phrase created by the jumbled words.

ENTER EVEN IF YOU DON'T KNOW! All entries eligible!

If you would like a full size version of the puzzle or to enter the contest online, you can find it at www.fiestabuzz.com and click on the contest tab.

Entries due by November 14th!

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Fiesta Gardens Neighborhood

CHRISTMAS

LIGHT CONTEST

JUDGING WILL BE HELD

DECEMBER 14TH

FOUR WINNING CATEGORIES

1. Griswold Award-- for the house that is so bright and beautiful
2. Classical Award-- Tastefully done without too much extra
3. Best Themed Award-- Continuous theme throughout display
4. Best Street-- The street with the best participation



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***SEEKING 2 BLOCK
CAPTAINS!***

We are in need of block captains for
LAFAYETTE STREET and
ANNAPOLIS DRIVE

If you are interested, please contact any Board
member for more information or to volunteer!

Thank You!