

# 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

Spring has sprung!

Spring is definitely in the air. Not just the season, but the 'new beginnings' as we emerge from the worst of COVID and return to some sense of normalcy. AND the 'new beginnings' of Fiesta Gardens as we see our new cabana appearing right before our very eyes.

I regularly thank the Board, and I regularly thank the Cabana Committee. This month I want to thank the people that *really* are making the Cabana a reality – the Fiesta Gardens Homeowners. With your ideas, questions, complaints, endorsements, patience, thoughts and cooperation, not to mention your money, we, as a group of homeowners came together and made this happen. I am confident that everything that went into it will be beyond our expectations in the end and we'll have created something that Fiesta Gardens will enjoy for a long, long time. And we did it together. For that, I thank you all.

Be on the lookout very soon for information on the Cabana Commemorative Brick Program and your opportunity to make a permanent and personal contribution to our Cabana project.

So, enjoy the Spring. Take a walk, enjoy a baseball game, take a drive, go on a vacation, go to a concert...whatever makes you happy. It's a new beginning. Breathe it in.

See you at our next Virtual Board Meeting on Wednesday, April 6 at 7PM.



The Review of our 2021 Financials is complete and the Report can be found on the Fiesta Gardens Homeowners Association website:  
[www.fiestagardenshoa.com](http://www.fiestagardenshoa.com)

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The next Board meeting will be  
**Wednesday, April 6**  
7PM via Zoom call.

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## Pool Operations

*By Steve Stanovcak*

I know we are only a month away from May. You might be wondering if the pool is going to be open and are we going to have swim lessons due to the construction of the new cabana. The answer is YES to both. Though, due to the construction, there may be days and hours that are modified. We just don't know until we get closer.

Swim lessons will be starting either June 6th or 13th. Swim lesson forms will be up soon on our website. We are also in need of lifeguards. If you or anyone you know anyone who is at least 15 years old and has a lifeguard certification with CPR & First Aid, apply through our website: [www.fiestagardenshoa.com](http://www.fiestagardenshoa.com)



## MONTHLY CALENDAR

### FIESTA GARDENS

April 6  
FGHA Board Meeting  
7 p.m., Zoom call

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

April 16  
Fiesta Gardens Easter Egg Hunt (see flyer)  
Where: 0-3 yr. olds -- Fiesta Gardens Playground  
4-10 yr. olds -- next to Tennis Courts  
When: 10:30 a.m.

### 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>

April 4, 18  
City Council Meeting  
Where: Remote via Zoom call  
When: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

April 8  
Book Sale & Signing for National Poetry Month Celebration  
Join us for a book sale and signing before the National Poetry Month Celebration. Books by the featured poets will be available starting at 4:30pm. Featured Poets: San Mateo County Poet Laureate Aileen Cassinetta, Terry Adams, Sharon Coleman, Joe Cottonwood, Hilary Cruz Mejia, Paul Fericano, Jeannine Gerkman, San Mateo County Poet Laureate Emerita Caroline Goodwin, Jasmeen Karan, Belmont Poet Laureate Monica Korde, Kevin Madrigal Galindo, Diane Lee Moomey, Tony Press, Belmont Poet Laureate Emerita Jacki Rigoni & San Mateo County Poet Laureate Emerita Lisa Rosenberg  
Where: San Mateo Main Library Laurel Room  
When: 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

April 13  
Sustainability and Infrastructure Commission Meeting.  
Where: Remote via Zoom call  
When: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

April 22-24 – San Mateo County Event Center  
Hillsborough Antiques + Art + Design Show  
The show will feature over 100 premier exhibitors offering fine antiques and decorative arts representing all design movements.  
When: Friday, 11am to 6pm  
Saturday, 11am to 6pm  
Sunday, 11am to 4pm  
Cost: Admission \$10 – [purchase tickets here](#)  
Parking \$15

April 26  
Planning Commission Meeting  
Where: Remote via Zoom call  
When: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

# FGHA BOARD MEETING – February 2, 2022

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

The FGHA Board Meeting via Zoom was called to order by Rich Neve Civics at 7:08PM. Board Members in attendance were: Steve Stanovcak – Pool Operations, Roland Bardony – Parks, Naresh Nayak – Vice President, and Christina Saenz – Social Director

January 5th Minutes - On a motion duly made and seconded and approved by all Board Members the January 5th minutes were approved.

## Financial /Steve Gross

- \$148,000 in our operating account.
- We paid out \$9,400 in the month of January.
- \$8,025 was paid in January for the special assessment.
- We have \$1.4 million in the Cabana Funds/Reserve Account.
- So far 455 out of 489 Members have paid the special assessment in full. There are 22 making monthly payments. 12 are in collections.
- Finances are in great shape.

## BOARD REPORTS

### Pool Operations/Steve Stanovcak

- We are hoping we can use the pool during construction, but we probably won't know until April sometime. Everything is good with the pool.

### Civic/Rich Neve

- We have invited our new Mayor to one of our future meetings and he will get back to us.
- San Mateo General Plan 2040 is deals with how our city will be organized in the next 20 years. It is predicted that we will have 30% increase in population as well as a 20% increase in Job growth, which means a huge amount of construction. Meetings are being held and most of the people going do not live in our city but have an interest in promoting high density housing. Because many residents of San Mateo are not attending the meetings it looks like we are all for high density housing. We all need to be heard about how we want to see our city grow in the future. If you can attend the meetings that's great you can also contact our City Council Members. You can also go to Strive San Mateo website and fill out an online survey. The site is very informative and lists important upcoming meetings and workshops.

### Social Director/Christina Saenz

- Nothing is on the calendar for the near future due to Omicron.

### Parks/Roland Bardony

- The part of the lawn that is not being used by Pro Modeling will be irrigated during construction in an effort to save it.
- Pro Modeling has been very accommodating and is doing a great job.

### Pool Maintenance/Steve Muller - Not in attendance

### Naresh Nayak/Vice President

- Nothing to report

### President/Steve Strauss – Not in attendance

## NEW BUSINESS

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Audit of the Books

We have received quotes of \$1,095.00 to do a review of our books and \$2,195.00 for an audit. It was proposed to have a review now for our 2021 finances and do an audit when the cabana is finished. On a motion duly made and seconded and approved by all Board Members we will have a review of finances for 2021 and do the audit when the cabana is finished.

#### Cabana Renovation Update

The new cabana is underway and so far, things are going smoothly. Rebar will be going in and the foundation should be done in February.

#### Assessment Collection Update

Eleven accounts are still in collections. ASAP has several options we can look into regarding how we would like to handle these 11 accounts. We will discuss in Executive Session.

## ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on Zoom, Wednesday, March 2nd at 7pm. Meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

# FGHA BOARD MEETING – March 5, 2022

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

The FGHA Board Meeting did not have a quorum. The meeting started at 7:06 PM. Board Members in attendance were: Steve Strauss – President, Roland Bardony – Parks and Steve Muller – Pool Maintenance.

February 2<sup>nd</sup> Minutes – There was not a quorum so the minutes could not be approved.

## Financial /Steve Gross

- \$181,000 in our operating account.
- We paid out \$7,600 in the month of February.
- \$38,500 was collected in the month of February for 2022 dues. Total to date collected in dues is \$181,400.
- Three more members reached full payment in February for the special assessment. So far 458 members out of 489 have paid in full. 20 are still making payments and 11 are in collections.
- We have \$1,236,000 in the Cabana Funds/Reserve Account.
- Finances are in great shape.

## BOARD REPORTS

Pool Operations/Steve Stanovcak Not in Attendance

Civic/Rich Neve Not in attendance, Steve Strauss read an update.

- We have invited our new Mayor to one of our future meetings and he will get back to us.
- Prop 19 passed and made changes to Prop 13. Children will now need to decide living in the home they have inherited and get tax benefits vs selling or renting. The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association is trying to repeal this part of Prop 19.
- You can see the general plan for San Mateo at [www.strivesanamateo.org](http://www.strivesanamateo.org)

Social Director/Christina Saenz Not in Attendance

Parks/Roland Bardony

- Irrigation has been restored to certain areas of the park to maintain the lawn.
- Behind the tennis courts local kids have turned it into a hangout with furniture. Things will be cleaned up and thrown away.

Pool Maintenance/Steve Muller

- Progress on the new cabana looks great!

Naresh Nayak/Vice President Not in attendance

President/Steve Strauss

- Foundation for the side building has been poured. The main building will be poured soon. Some framing has started as well.

NEW BUSINESS - None

## OLD BUSINESS

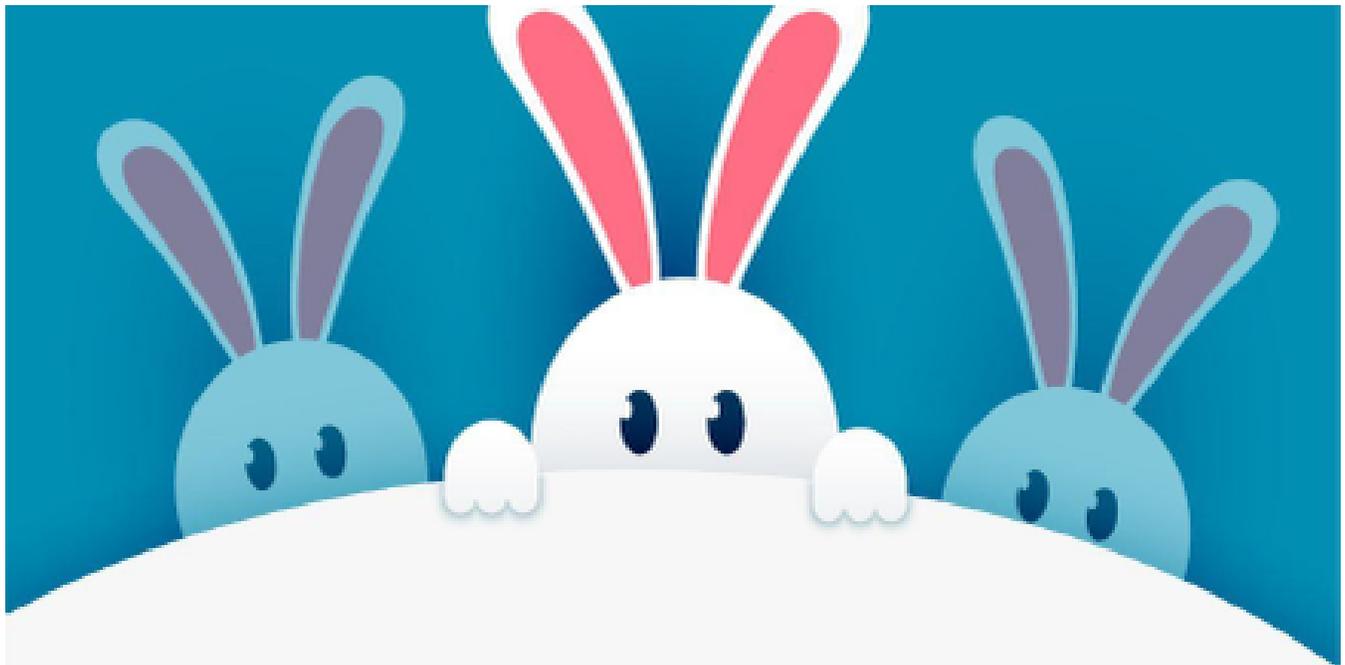
Cabana Renovation Update

The lifeguard/bathroom foundation has been poured. Valerie has taken care of the ordering of the windows and doors. Joseph is very busy making sure everything is going as planned. David Martin is spearheading the brick fundraiser.

Questions and Comments

## ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on Zoom, Wednesday, April 6th at 7pm. Meeting ended at 7:38pm.



## *Fiesta Gardens Easter Egg Hunt*

April 16, 2022 at 10:30 AM

0-3 year olds - Fiesta Gardens Playground

4-10 year olds - Next to the tennis courts

We will release the younger kids first to give them a head start.

Volunteers needed to stuff (items will be provided) the eggs prior and hide the eggs in the morning of the 16th.

Please contact Christina at [social@fiestagardensHOA.com](mailto:social@fiestagardensHOA.com) if interested in volunteering.

HAPPY  
*Easter*



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## HAPPY SPRING!



The year is flying by so fast and the real estate market along with it. The first quarter of the year is always robust for real estate sales, but this year with the limited inventory, increasing interest rates and people going back to in office to work, the demand is strong. Prices are way up including my most recent sale for \$1.9m at 2087 Fiesta Ct. This well-maintained home offered a lovely cul-de sac setting on an oversized lot. Happy seller and buyer!

See's Candy Giveaway!

I'm in the mood to give away some candy! So, email me, call me or enter at [sellpeninsulahomes.com/contest](https://www.sellpeninsulahomes.com/contest). Entries are due by April 14, 2022 and one entry per address!

California has over 10 BILLION in unclaimed property! Take a moment and conduct an online search to see if you or someone you know has unclaimed money, judgements or possibly a safety deposit box. Follow the link below for info!

<https://www.sellpeninsulahomes.com/FindMoney>

I hope you all have a wonderful spring and I look forward to seeing you out and about in the neighborhood!

See you around the neighborhood!

*David*

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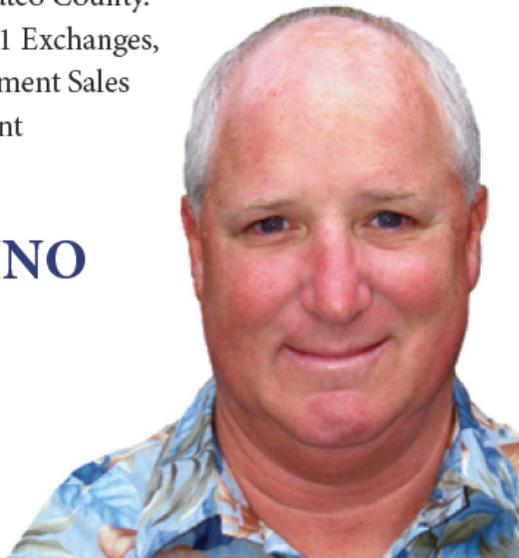
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