

# The Fiesta



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

By Mike Russell

Greetings Neighbors! I'm Mike Russell, a longtime resident of Fiesta Gardens. I am writing this message as I am the new Interim President. My first duty in that role is to announce the resignation of Joe D'Agostino from the Board.

Joe has served as our President for the past several years. In that time, Joe has worked hard to get our CCR's and By-Laws to conform to current California law which has been no easy task. In addition, Joe has helped with the Cabana Remodel process ensuring it reached the milestone of applying for our Building Permit. With the legal documents complete and the permit soon to be issued, Joe decided it was time to move on. On behalf of the Association, I want to thank Joe for his outstanding service.

I encourage you to attend our monthly meetings. Your input is important to the Board. At the next meeting on Wednesday, March 7th, we will set a date for our Annual Meeting which features the election of Board Members. Please attend our meetings and watch this space for updates on the Board Elections.

In the meantime, I'm really looking forward to serving as your interim President. I want to hear your thoughts about Fiesta Gardens. If you can't attend the meetings, please feel free to email me at [president@fiestagardenshoa.com](mailto:president@fiestagardenshoa.com).

See you in the neighborhood.

## Social Director's Report

By Carmen Quaresma

Hi Neighbors,

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is set for March 24th at 9am. Here is the link for volunteer sign up: <http://bit.ly/FGEEaster2018>.

Looking ahead, I'd like to hear ideas and comments about our parties. Please come to our monthly meeting every first Wednesday of the month at 7pm.

I'm looking forward to another year of neighbor get-togethers that is so uniquely Fiesta Gardens.



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

## FGHA Board of Directors

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## UNIQUE MARCH HOLIDAYS

It might be fun to celebrate this month!

- March 2 - Dr. Seuss Day
- March 3 - What if Cats and Dogs Had Opposable Thumbs Day
- March 4 - International Pancake Day
- March 7 - Middle Name Pride Day
- March 8 - Proofreading Day
- March 14 - Pi Day
- March 15 - Ides of March
- March 18 - Awkward Moment Day
- March 20 - World Storytelling Day
- March 21 - National Puppy Day
- March 22 - National Goof-Off Day
- March 23 - Puppy Day
- March 24 - Chocolate Covered Raisins Day
- March 25 - Waffle Day
- March 28 - Something on a Stick Day
- March 30 - Pencil Day

## MONTHLY CALENDAR

### FIESTA GARDENS

**March 7**  
FGHA Board Meeting  
7pm, Pool Cabana

**March 15**  
Deadline to get articles and ads to Bee Editor.

### SAN MATEO

**March 2**  
**A Taste for Trivia! Pop Culture Edition**  
Come test your knowledge at our after-hours trivia competition. Teams should be 2-6 people. Don't have a team? We'll find one for you! Bring your friends, enjoy the refreshments, and have a great time! Must be 21 and over to participate. You will not be admitted without registering before the event. All attendees must have a separate reservation. Register online or call (650) 522-7818. Space is limited.

Where: San Mateo Main Library, Oak Room, 1st Floor

When: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Cost: Free

**March 5, 19**  
**City Council meeting**  
Where: City Hall, Council Chambers  
When: 7:00 p.m. - ?

**March 13, 27**  
**Planning Commission Meeting**  
Where: City Hall, City Council Chambers  
When: 7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

**March 14**  
**Public Works Commission Meeting**  
Where: City Hall Council Chambers  
When: 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

**March 16-18**  
**International Gem & Jewelry Show**  
At the International Gem & Jewelry Show, you will find extraordinary one-of-a-kind jewelry creations, precious and semi-precious gemstones, eye-catching beads, pearls, watches, antique and estate jewelry, accessories and much more. There is always something for everyone.  
Where: San Mateo Event Center  
When: Sat: 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM; Sun: 10:00AM - 6:00 PM;  
Mon: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Cost: \$6 online (www.intergem.com)/\$8 at the door.  
\$12 parking

**March 26**  
**Friends of Caltrain: Housing Affordability and Transportation**  
We know that we need to build more housing, but we don't want to add to our current traffic and environmental problems. Come learn about the connections between housing affordability and traffic, and hear current stories of steps communities are taking today to provide places where people can live less car-centric lives.  
Where: San Mateo Main Library, Oak Room, 1st Floor  
When: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

# Civic Report

*By Richard Neve*

## Traffic Action Plan

Restriping of Bermuda. Here is the plan for restriping of Bermuda. The goal is to improve traffic flow, especially during school pick-up/drop-off times. The new plans are based on residents' feedback from the December Fiesta Gardens meeting where the plans were presented. The Public Works Department has said they will return to a future Board meeting for further outreach.



The city has funding for changes to the Fashion Island Blvd / Norfolk street junction. We are waiting to see the plans for this project. The city has requested funding to perform a study on making 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. between Ginnever and Delaware 2-way. No other plans are imminent.

## RPPP

There is an ongoing review of the Residential Parking Permit Program city-wide. Currently, they are not accepting any new applications until this is completed. The city will be performing outreach in April and May to understand the evolving issues related to parking. They plan to have a revised RPPP in place by Fall. This is our chance to have our concerns and ideas heard. We will invite Sue Atkinson (parking manager) to a Board meeting to give us information and listen to ideas and concerns.

## Sewage Tank

No updates - waiting on a reply from the city.

## Measure P

In 1991, San Mateo voters enacted Measure H, an initiative amending the city's general plan. Measure H changed standards concerning allowable height and density for development and added requirements for affordable housing in new residential projects. California law prohibits the City Council from modifying these standards, because they were established by the voters. Measure H expired on December 31, 2005. Measure P extended the standards established by Measure H (with certain specified modifications) for another 15 years. Thus, Measure P will expire in 2020. Two of the original citizen authors from 1990 have come together again with San Mateans for Responsive Government (SMRG), to try to ensure an extension is placed on the November 2018 ballot.

MEASURE P is IN FUNDRAISING MODE to pay for drafting of the initiative by an attorney and printing costs as they will have to obtain 6,000 signatures beginning later this month. They are asking for contributions. If you have any questions, you can reach Lisa at [limitheights2018@gmail.com](mailto:limitheights2018@gmail.com). Here is a link to the Measure P language we wish to extend: [www.smartvoter.org/2004/11/02/ca/sm/meas/P/](http://www.smartvoter.org/2004/11/02/ca/sm/meas/P/)

To find out more, there is a meeting Thursday, March 1st at 7:30 p.m. at 1880 S. Grant Street in San Mateo (the Peninsula Ballet Theater building) to learn more and find out how to get the needed signatures. Check out the reasons why this is so important at [www.smartergrowthsm.com](http://www.smartergrowthsm.com). If you cannot attend, but wish to help make this a reality, go to the "Get Involved" tab on their website.

## Concur Redevelopment

Members of the Board met with representatives from Nuquest Ventures, the developer proposing the redevelopment of the Concur Site "Passage at San Mateo."

On the 14.5-acre site, they propose 935 units (this is 2x the density of Station Green which is 599 units on 12 acres) 35,000 sq ft of retail, a 1-acre park, 72 affordable units, 1,291 residential parking spaces, 102 visitor spaces and 195 retail spaces. Trader Joes and 7-Eleven are staying, the other retail stores are not. The entire development will be open for the public to walk through and even use some of the amenities.

The process is a long one and there is time for each of you to have your say and hopefully influence the final plans to benefit our neighborhood. Concerned? Write to the City Council.

# FGHA BOARD MEETING – December 13, 2017

*Approved Minutes, Respectfully Submitted, Karen Debono, Secretary*

The Board Meeting, which was held at Fiesta Gardens Pool Cabana, was called to order at 7:07pm.

Board Members in attendance were: Rich Neve - Civic, Roland Bardony - Parks, Mike Russell - Pool Maintenance and Carmen Quaresma - Social Director. Steve Stanovcak - Pool Operations, Joseph D'Agostino - President and Steve Muller - Vice President were absent

**October Minutes:** On a motion duly made and seconded and approved by all board members present, the minutes of the October 4, 2017 meeting were approved.

**Financial-** Christina Forrest

- o Reported to the board that they are under budget.
- o Christina asked board to approve the process to begin an intent to lien and collection process for all delinquent FGHA homeowners. The board made a motion and seconded and unanimously passed by all board members present to begin collection process.

**President-** Joe D'Agostino – not present. No Report

**Guest Speakers:** Brad Underwood and Bethany Lopez with the City of San Mateo attended the board meeting to discuss the current Traffic Plan for Fiesta Gardens. They discussed the area at the corner of Ginnever and Bermuda that will have a curb extension installed for the safety of pedestrians crossing the street.

There was a slide presentation that showed how the city planned on restriping Ginnever Street. They will be removing part of the designated bike lane with the bikes merging in with cars. This will allow two lanes. This would provide a left turn lane, allowing the traffic to move through this area faster than having one lane. The cross walks will be realigned and painted with additional stripes to be more visible.

**Future projects:** Possibly making a middle left turn lane between Ginnever Street and Fiesta Gardens International School. The guest speakers explained that this section of road is wide enough to accommodate a middle turn lane.

The Guest Speakers told the board members and homeowners in attendance that they will do a better job communicating with them regarding future projects.

For more information please visit the city's website <https://www.cityofsanmateo.org/>.

Also attending the board meeting was Lieutenant Matt Lethin with the City of San Mateo Police Department. Lieutenant Lethin informed the board and homeowners, that he will be contacting the school officials regarding parents obeying traffic rules when picking and dropping off their children.

**Open Forum:**

- o A homeowner suggested putting the rules for participating in the FGHA holiday light contest along with prize amounts, and which homeowners won.
- o Board Member, Rich Neve, suggested that the City of San Mateo email him maps and descriptions of upcoming projects that may affect FGHA so that this information could be included in the FGHA's newsletter.
- o Homeowner on Bermuda has concerns regarding the city painting a larger area on both sides of corner which will create less street parking

**Vice President - Steve Muller:** Nothing to report

**Civic - Rich Neve:**

- o Informed homeowners that if they would like to invite a guest speaker to contact the board. They can send an email.

**Social - Carmen Quaresma:**

- o Christmas Light Decoration judging will begin Friday, December 15, 2017. Judges will drive by homes and look at all the homes to determine what four (4) homes will receive prizes.

**Parks - Roland Bardony:**

- o Scapes Landscaping purchased and planted flowers for the park.
- o Repairs are needed to repair uneven pavements by the tennis courts. A proposal was received from Scapes Landscaping in the amount of \$2,456.00. An approval is not needed from the board, as this amount is within the board

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approved budget for the Parks.

**Pool Maintenance - Mike Russell:**

- o Announced that homeowners that may be interested in becoming a board member let the board know as there will be openings coming up on the board.

**Pool Operations - Steve Stanovcak:** report given by Mike Russell. Nothing to report

**Old Business:**

- o No report due to Joseph D'Agostino, Board President absent

**New Business:**

- o No report due to Joseph D'Agostino, Board President absent

**Calendar Review:**

**ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING DATE**

It was noted that the next Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 3, 2017 at 7:00pm. There being no further business before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

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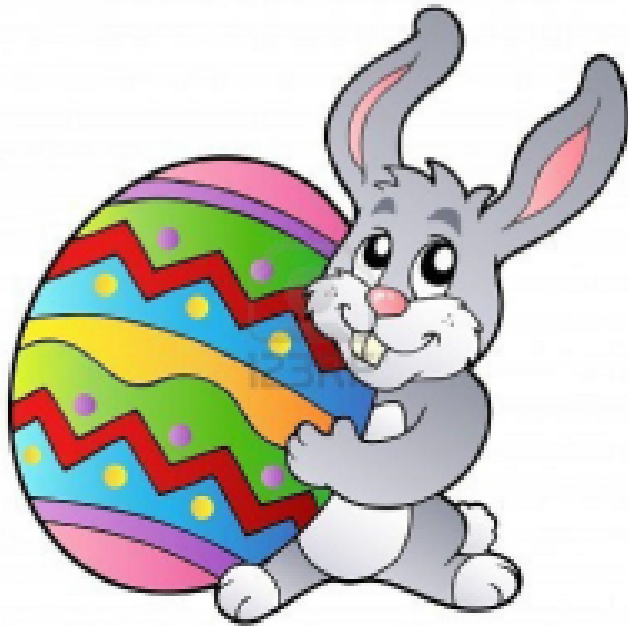
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**Fiesta Gardens Homes Association  
Board Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday March 7, 2018  
7:00pm**

1. Call to Order
2. Reading and Approval of Minutes
3. Financial Report – Chrissy Forrest
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 – Steve Muller
  - vii. President – Mike Russell
5. Old Business
  - i. Cabana Clubhouse/Bathrooms/Guard House Renovation Update
6. New Business
  - i. 2018 Budget
  - ii. Set date for Association Annual Meeting
7. Questions and Comments
8. Adjournment/Break into Executive Session if needed



# FIESTA GARDENS' ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT!

Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 9am in front  
of the pool

Bring your Easter egg baskets and find eggs scattered throughout the park and the playground.

Refreshments and snacks will be served. If you'd like to donate time, snacks or drinks, please contact Carmen at [social@fiestagardenshoa.com](mailto:social@fiestagardenshoa.com).





# Did You Know?



## \* SPRING GIFT CARD DRAWING \*

### \$50 Home Depot Gift Card

Email Laurie your name, address and phone number by Tuesday, March 20th, to enter the drawing. Winning entry will be contacted by March 24th.

**Spring is just around the corner!** This is the perfect time to consider sprucing up your yard or doing some home improvement projects to maintain your home in the Gardens. Regular annual maintenance is important to the life and value of your home, as well as the beauty of the Fiesta Gardens neighborhood.

**Most homeowners have over 20% equity in their homes!** You can use this equity to purchase a second home or investment property to diversify your portfolio. Payoff and consolidate all of your credit cards and/or student loans. Maybe renovate and/or remodel your home to create the kitchen, bathroom or closet you've always dreamed of!

**New tax laws are in effect!** With these new tax changes, the interest on your 2nd mortgage MAY NO LONGER BE A TAX DEDUCTION? Now may be a great time to combine your 1st and 2nd mortgage or home equity line of credit (HELOC).

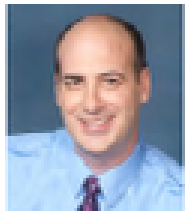
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