

Summer Newsletter 2012



2012 FPNA Scholarships Awarded

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By Julie Humphreys, 1st Vice President and Sponsorship Committee Chair



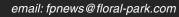
L to R: Lizbeth Ortiz, Karina Contreras, Justin Fletcher, Annalise Lyn Morgan, Brenda Vasquez

On June 10, the Floral Park Neighborhood Association held its quarterly general meeting honoring the recipients of the 2012 Floral Park Scholarships. Following a careful examination of the 76 high school applications and 20 college applications, the FPNA Sponsorship Committee selected four Santa Ana high school seniors and one Santa Ana College student to each receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Applications were judged based on the students' most meaningful volunteer or service experience and how it impacted their lives. Congratulations to this year's recipients!

Annalise Lyn Morgan (Godinez Fundamental High School) Joseph Bangor Memorial Scholarship recipient. Annalise's school activities include: President of AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), President of Godinez Historical Society, Vice President of the National Honor Society, Gold Pride Member, and member of the California Scholarship Federation. She lists her volunteer service at the Autumn Years Alzheimer's Home as her most meaningful experience. She also volunteers as an archivist at Orange County Heritage Museum, volunteers for youth basketball at Godinez High School, and for Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. She plans to become a nursing major. (continued on page 4)

Shall I compare thee to a summer day?...

W. Shakespeare



June July August

SOCIAL By Cassie Shine and Jamie Simon Social Co- Chairs

Hi Neighbors!

We are very excited for what is in store for 2012. In addition to our annual favorites, like the Freedom Fest, Chili Cook Off and Floral Park Holiday party, we are also adding some new events to spice things up in 2012!

In September, we are working on bringing back the Summer Concert in the cul-de-sac of Heliotrope. Granted this year it will be more of a Fall Concert, but expect the same festive spirit and ambiance from years past. Since we are in the midst of planning the event, please stay tuned for more details to come in the near future!

Also, for all you golf fans, we are planning a Floral Park Fall Scramble on October 13 at Riverview Golf Course! It will be a day of golf, food, drinks, and prizes!

In addition to these events, we are excited for Freedom Fest on June 30! Join your friends and neighbors and celebrate Independence Day with live music from the '80s cover band Past Action Heroes, carnival games and a watermelon eating contest for the kids! This year, we are thrilled to partner with Families of Floral Park (FOFP) on Freedom Fest to bring even more fun for everyone!

Furthermore, FOFP will be holding a silent auction at the event with some incredible baskets! You won't want to miss your chance to bid on these fantastic items! If you would like to make a donation to the silent auction, please contact:

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We also welcome volunteers and/or committee members to help during these events. If you are interested, please let us know by emailing:

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Below is the complete calendar of events for 2012 – be sure to mark the dates in your planners! You will not want to miss these fun-filled events, we can promise you that! As the events approach, you can find more information about them at www.floral-park.com. Thanks!

Freedom Fest | Saturday, June 30 | 3-7 p.m.

Fall Concert | Saturday, September 8 | 7-9 p.m.

Floral Park Fall Scramble | Saturday, October 13 | 10 a.m.

Chili Cook Off | Saturday, November 10 | 3-7 p.m.

Floral Park Holiday Party | Sunday, December 16 | 3-7 p.m.

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COOKING DINNER?

By Janelle McLoughlin - Janellemcloughlin@gmail.com

Please stop by Sarah May Downie Herb Garden at the corner of Flower Street and North Park Boulevard.

Yes, if you need a pinch of rosemary, basil, fennel, chives or mint we have many choices of herbs that are thriving in our Sarah May garden. We welcome all of our neighbors to take a snip. This Spring young and old volunteers had fun replanting the park. If you have a favorite herb in your backyard, please bring and plant it yourself. We have extra space. The more the better!



The snails are a challenge since they too enjoy the tender leaves of these herbs. We ask you if you see a snail or two munching on the tender leaves of our herbs please redirect that snail. We want you to know that the snail battle is fought with child and dog friendly products.

New neighbors might not know that Floral Park Neighborhood Association adopted this space from the City over 16 years ago. It might surprise one to know that this beautiful peaceful corner had become a patch of dirt back in the '90s. The original Floral Park Garden Club initiated the re-build idea and brought it to the Floral Park Neighborhood Association. This goes back to 1996 when the founding garden club members like Jean Hollingshead, Harriet Railsback, Jane Tucky, Phyllis Smith and many more would smell like hotdogs for days.

These folks came up with the idea to sell hotdogs at the Home Tour to raise money for Sarah May Downie Park. Wow, over the years they sold thousands of hotdogs to build this wonderful corner park. A regular site at home tour would be Mr. Kelly and Mr. Smith unloading another 500 hotdogs from Costco. Something about those hotdogs were the best tasting hotdogs ever was because they were filled with the love of volunteering to make our neighborhood better.

Today we continue fundraisering for the park through our heart stone path. These heart stones are for sale and are a great way to honor a family member, welcome a new child or say good-bye to a pet (see page 22 for details on heart stones).

We welcome you to come sit for a spell on our newly painted park benches and gaze at the blooming azaleas, hydrangeas, and lilies.



2012 FPNA Scholarships Awarded (continued from pg 1)

Justin Fletcher (Middle College High School) Justin's school activities include: President of Environmentally Connecting Others Club, Treasurer of Stand Up To Cancer, Secretary of Invisible Children, President of Hackie Sack Club and participation in the Inter-Club Council. He lists his experience helping an elderly neighbor with her landscaping and recycling efforts as greatly inspiring his environmental awareness. He wants to attend CSUF and become a history teacher.

Lizbeth Ortiz (Segerstrom High School) Lizbeth's school activities include participation in the Pink Ribbon Club, Club Refuge, French Club, American Red Cross Club, and Career Beginnings Program. She lists her most meaningful experience as that of volunteering at the Country Villa Nursing Home for four years helping others in need. Her other volunteer efforts include the Catholic Workers Homeless Shelter and Sacred Heart Retreat Center. Lizbeth wants to attend UCI Nursing School and obtain a Ph.D. in nursing.

Karina Contreras (Segerstrom High School) Karina has participated in JV Softball from 2008 – 2010 and varsity dance. She describes her service volunteering with special education students at the Adult Transition Center for Santa Ana High School and Santa Ana College as her most meaningful volunteer experience where she can really make a difference. She also volunteers at the Orange County Library. She plans to attend San Diego State University.

Brenda Vasquez (Santa Ana College) Alice Sinclair Memorial Scholarship recipient. Brenda's school activities include participation in U-Link, MESA and Adelante. She describes her efforts volunteering at the Mercy House homeless shelter as having a profound effect on her awareness of others and how she can really make a difference in their lives. She has also volunteered at the Orange County Food Bank, Godinez High School and St. Anne Church. Her educational plans include transferring to UCI and obtaining a Masters degree in biology.

In addition, the following Santa Ana non-profits were selected by the Sponsorship Committee to receive funds totaling \$6,000 from the FPNA in support of their programs:

- \$500 Santiago Elementary School
- \$500 The Wooden Floor
- \$500 Orange County Children's Therapeutic Arts School
- \$500 WISE Place
- \$500 Discovery Science Center
- \$500 Mercy House
- \$500 Southwest Community Center
- \$500 Taller San Jose
- \$500 Latino Health Access
- \$500 CASA
- \$500 F.A.C.E.S.
- \$500 Santa Ana Historical Society

We would like to thank the 2012 Sponsorship Committee members for giving of their time to make this year's sponsorship program a success:

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Letter from the Editors...



"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." (Elizabeth Andrew)

This newsletter is heavily dependent upon the faithful volunteer contributors who send ideas, write articles, send photos, and provide support in so many ways. Many thanks to the following neighbors and friends who contributed to this issue:

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Have a wonderful, fun-filled summer!

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HOME TOUR By Sandy DeAngelis Home Tour Chair

To the right, you will see a letter of thanks for the 20 years of success behind the Floral Park Home and Garden Tour. As I note there, this is truly a group, if not a village, effort.

Here, I'd like to comment specifically on this year's Tour. I must say that we were very nervous early on as to whether we'd have enough homes and gardens available. When word went out that we had only two commitments the response was overwhelming. In fact, at the end, we

were able to allow some volunteers to pass for this year but we'll be back at them in 2014. (We know who you are and where you live!) So it is especially relevant that I extend the neighborhood's many thanks to the wonderful home and garden owners who came forward to make the 2012 Home and Garden Tour a great success. If ever I doubted the true grit of the residents of Floral Park, it will never happen again, I promise. You were simply amazing.

We can now safely say that this tradition we've built has developed a life of its own. We can look forward to many years, even decades, of greater success. Think of it, we had some 2,000 participants; 40-50 fabulous classic cars; and 60 vendors selling beautiful antiques, jewelry, creative wares. I even commissioned artist Brighton Smith to do a gorgeous painting for over my fireplace! The food and beverage stands were outstanding as usual. Families of Floral Park provided homegrown and homemade lemonade, always a highlight of the Tour. Our own Floral Park Mexican restaurant, Pico de Gallo, sold great tacos and other Mexican food. And, of course, it wouldn't be a Home Tour without hotdogs, provided the past few years by Jerry's Hot Dogs. Excellent all the way around, I must say.

Our streets were flooded with visitors, friends and neighbors admiring our incredible neighborhood. But, while they see the beauty of our homes and gardens, I hope they also were able to peer into the soul of Floral Park. I always tell newcomers that you can't remotely see what is truly inside until you spend time getting to know the fascinating array of warm, connected residents.

The great news is that we netted money to fund scholarships and other charitable contributions for 2012, and we still have some left over to support social activities and neighborhood improvement. Additionally, we were lucky to dodge some rain on the Monday following the Tour April 28 and 29 – I believe we kept our "unbeaten" string alive as we've never had a weather incident. What with the prospect of global warning, you never know. (Just kidding.) I think someone up there likes us.

So, let me just say at the close, it's been a great run. I look forward so much to many more. It's truly the highlight of my year. What an amazing place to live!









We could not have done it without you... for 20 years!

As we wrap up two decades, yes 20 years, of the Floral Park Home and Garden Tour, I must say my overwhelming comment has to be "We could not have done it with YOU!" And just who is the YOU in my comment? Well, all of you who came to the Tour and supported our neighborhood, but also so many of you who went the extra mile to make sure we were a great success!!

First and foremost, I have to say "Thank You" to the home and garden owners who have so graciously allowed us to show off their homes and gardens. All I can say is WOW! So many people have said that this year's was the best Tour ever, and that may be. If so, I think it is due to all the heart and soul that each of you put into your homes and gardens. I truly feel that the heart of Floral Park was displayed this year in a way we may never have done before. I was totally serious when I said we had two houses in February and we would have to cancel the Tour unless others came forward. And come forward they did!! I was so very impressed and appreciative! You made us look so very good!

And then, the Committee members outdid themselves. My "side kick," Beverly Schauwecker whom I lovingly call my "brain," has worked with me for 20 years. And I assure you that she deserves an award just for that! But no stone was left unturned, because she always checked and double checked on each detail, and reminded and organized us all.

Who could ever have a better PR person than Linda Schulte? I think the Floral Park Home and Garden Tour was everywhere, even on Yelp! I was so impressed. And the press pieces were great. We even had three publications here the weekend of the Tour. And to put icing on the cake, so to speak, Linda wound up being the photographer for the weekend. Speaking about soup to nuts!

And who else could organize nearly 60 vendors and keep them all happy as well as provide a fabulous assortment of items to entice us all like Susan Hart? She has also been doing this for 20 years, and she has it down to an art form! It is a delight to see.

Have you ever tried to herd cats? Well imagine scheduling 190 docents for the weekend. That is what Nicki Curran and her able assistant, Wanda Marrero, did, and they did it beautifully. Homeowners and guests alike complimented the professional and knowledgeable docents.

Art Director, Sketch Artist, Designer Extraordinaire – that is Lea Pascoe. She did everything from design the book and promotional pamphlet to print out No Parking signs at the last minute. All the while, she assisted homeowners to stage their homes and completed write ups on them as well.

The garden write-ups were done by Susan Wilkie. I am so glad someone knows the names of those plants! The classic car show was organized and headed by John Richmond and Santiago Martin and I have never seen a more beautiful display. But I did miss the margarita maker this year! And, a hat's off to the late Allan St. Jacques, who initiated our classic car show many years ago.

John Schulte handled the registration and pre-sale tickets expertly as he does everything he touches. Having that information available was invaluable.

And you may wonder who put up and took down all the sign, barricades, flags, tables and chairs. Well, I must tell you that Boe Boezinger has organized an incredible team who just "get it done." And this year, we were challenged by extra barricades required by public safety, and Ramin Faiz and his team did a great job putting up and taking down 120 extra barricades.

Without the relentless efforts of Tom Pataca getting signatures from homeowners and securing the permit, we could not have had the street available and, in addition, he secured the teams to man the ticket booths. Plus:

All the ads were handled beautifully by Nancy St. Jacques in her everyday efficient manner.

Ruth Seigle organized and arranged the Homeowner/Garden owner appreciation party.

Jane Martinez handled the phone calls from those with questions about the Tour.

In addition, we had support from Toni Kimball, Jennifer Faiz, Susan Grande, Helen Alberts and Paul Sanford. So the long and the short of it all is that "it does take a village" to put on a Home and Garden Tour. And thankfully, we had a village of support this year, as we have each year. And a Thank You actually goes to all of these people and also so many more who just do their part to make this place the most incredible place I have ever lived, truly "one big family."

Thanks to all of you, and let's make it another 20 years of fun and games.

Sandy DeAngelis

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Jug Herlihy Honored with Induction into The Golden Eagles

By John Schulte (Heliotrope Drive)

This year, for the first time in many years, Jug and Bobbe Herlihy missed the Floral Park Annual Home and Garden Tour. They had a good excuse, though, as Jug was busy in Florida being honored with induction into a very elite group of Naval and Marine aviators.

The formal name of the organization is "Early and Pioneer Naval Aviators

Association" (EPNAA, for short), but it is more generally known as "The Golden Eagles." Founded in 1956, it serves as a living memorial to those early Naval aviators who pioneered and provided the leadership for the development of a unique military aviation force. Over the years, this highly honored and elite group of those outstanding Naval aviators has been extended to include those who have represented and defended the United States with distinction since before World War II through Vietnam.

The organization has a very limited membership, restricted to a maximum of 150 from the Navy and 50 from the Marine Corps, taken from all who have served. As one might guess, its membership is full, and the only way to gain admission is if a member passes away, or moves into emeritus status. Therefore, rarely more the one or two new members are inducted each year.

Collectively, the current members hold a Medal of Honor, 3 Congressional Space Medals of Honor, 43 Navy Crosses, 65 Silver Stars, 393 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 93 Bronze Stars, 35 Purple Hearts, and 2,857 Air Medals.

Jug was encouraged last year to submit his application, and earlier this year he was notified that he had been selected for one of only two membership openings in this elite and exclusive group and would be inducted into the organization in April, 2012. So, Jug and his wife, Bobbe, traveled to Orlando, Florida, April 26 through 28 for the ceremonies. While there, they had the opportunity to meet the other Golden Eagles, including the first man on the moon, Neil Armstrong. No doubt there was a lot of swapping of "old war stories," and Jug can certainly add a few himself.

Jug served with distinction with the Marines for over 21 years. During his time as a pilot in World War II and the Korean War, Jug flew 131 combat missions, including 51 at Guadalcanal, 40 in the Marianas and Okinawa, and 40 more in Korea. During this period of service, he was honored as a recipient of 3 Distinguished Flying Crosses, seven Air Medals, and one Purple Heart.

Of course, some would argue that Jug's greatest honor out of World War II would be the hand of Bobbe, his wife of almost 67 years... their 67th anniversary will be this coming December.

The official certificate of induction into The Golden Eagles cites the name George B. Herlihy, Major USMC (Ret.)...but we just affectionately know him as "Jug," and he and Bobbe have been beloved residents and friends of Floral Park for about five decades.

So, hats off to Major Herlihy... Floral Park's very own war hero and now a Golden Eagle.

Tribute to Tina Booth

By Judy Johnson (Ross Street)

During Home Tour weekend I was riding my bike and was stopped by Michelle Donahue who was working the FOFP Lemonade Stand. Michelle asked me who Tina Booth was. I told her that Tina is a very accomplished artist who volunteered to paint our lemonade stand. She painted the cutest lemon tree with a face on it puckering its lips from the sour lemona. It looks like a tree right out of the movie "The Wizard of Oz." Absolutely darling! Tina's art is what makes our lemonade stand so darn cute! I also shared with Michelle that Tina has been battling the horrible disease of cancer and had stage 4 brain cancer.

Tina was a very dear friend of mine and I loved her very much!! Even in the midst of suffering with this horrible disease, Tina never lost her wonderful sense of humor! She could always make me laugh!

Last week I got the call that I so dreaded, Tina lost her battle with cancer. Heartbreaking news! I went to her funeral and spoke with her family and they shared some information about Tina that I wanted to pass along to all of you.

Tina was born in London in 1940. Her family moved to Kent in 1945 and her father John Skewes was an expert tailor with Saille Row in London and fashioned clothing for royalty, including the Duke of Windsor and many actors and actresses including Tyrone Powers. Her family moved to the United States in 1956 and settled in Laguna Beach. Tina met the love of her life, Clarence Booth, and they were married in 1957. They were married for 55 years. They have two children: a daughter Cora and son John. They bought their current home on Santa Clara in Floral Park in 1965.

Tina was an excellent painter. She loved oils and acrylics. Many friends and neighbors have enjoyed displaying her art in their homes. She also loved going to our local watering hole, The Olde Ship, for a glass of ale. One of her paintings was the logo of the Olde Ship that hangs over the side entrance as you walk into the restaurant.

So Tina has left her mark here in our neighborhood, on our lemonade stand, and most importantly, in our hearts. Tina was one-of-a-kind and I will miss her very much. Cancer is a horrible disease! Many of us have family members or friends suffering with this disease. It's not prejudiced either, it comes in many forms these days, attacking just about every possible body part. So to those of you that are suffering with this disease or know someone with it, my heart goes out to you!! Don't let a day go by without hugging and kissing the ones you love. Let them know how much they are loved today because tomorrow may never come!

Blessings to all of you!!!





President's Podium

By Mark McLoughlin, FPNA President

A big thank you goes to the homeowners, the Home Tour Committee, and the many volunteers who made the 20th Annual Floral Park Home and Garden Tour another success. We appreciate all of our neighbors that invited so many friends and family to attend the weekend event.



What a great touch of recognition by the Home Tour Committee this year presenting years of service milestone pins to docents. I wore my docent pin with great pride, and could see so many other docents wearing theirs as well.

Actually, I think the Friday evening prior to the Home Tour was one of the best experiences... driving home from work, rounding the corner into Floral Park and feeling the buzz. Neighbors were out in their yards doing last minute sprucing up, spreading mulch, sweeping the sidewalk or, in the case of Gene Andre, finishing his final hours of gardening. My favorite was driving down Flower Street and seeing a huge branch walking down the street with legs; no faces, just legs and leaves. Come to find out it was a team of neighbors removing a fallen tree branch from the street. These are just a few examples of how everyone working together makes our neighborhood the BEST it can be.

As we dedicate this newsletter to the recipients of the annual Floral Park scholarships and donations to Santa Ana non-profits, we are also looking at our unallocated funds and what projects and improvements the neighborhood should address this year. Over the past years 20 years we have installed the vintage street signs, built Sarah May Downie Herb Garden, reforested over 200 trees, and made many other improvements.

Folks have been asking what the plans are. We have some great ideas that have been brought forward by neighbors and we are looking for more. We want to hear from you. Some suggestions have already been made from neighbors like Jeff Smith (Flower Street) who asked for the vintage crowns to be replaced on the streetlights; David Ko thinks it would be a great architectural touch to have a simple monument in the median on Flower at 17th; Sandy DeAngelis wants drought tolerant plantings; Janelle McLoughlin suggested continuing reforestation throughout the neighborhood, and several neighbors requested a price proposal for vintage streetlights on Heliotrope Drive and the 1800 block of N. Ross Street. These are just few of the many ideas that have been brought forth.

Over the summer the FPNA will be having meetings to review proposals and costs. A presentation will be made at the September General Meeting.

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🚻 OUT & About

By Ed Trotter Resident "Foodie"

So, in the previous incarnation of this continuing trek to fill my stomach, I told you about The Playground, our new, almost experimental restaurant in downtown Santa Ana. I was struck by the almost geeky approach the clan there takes to cooking, reminiscent of how so many high-tech start-ups began with true believers, wondering where life and technology would take them. This juxtaposition of food and technology leads me to share with you some ways to combine the two to make your own life a little easier and perhaps a lot more fun.



OK, can't think of a place for dinner this weekend? Wonder if that restaurant you've been meaning to go to has availability? Want to know if there's a good Peruvian restaurant in Orange County? Well, just whip out your smart device and, voila, your problems are solved. . . if you have the right "app," short for computer application or program. Apps typically are small in computing power but powerful in what they deliver.

One example is the ubiquitous Yelp, an app that's kind of a Wikipedia regarding local establishments. I use it almost exclusively to get a feel for restaurants I may want to visit. The app, available also in Web form, is an invaluable tool to find the hidden gems in the area. For my next contribution I'm planning to do something on delis within a reasonable distance of Floral Park. So, when I go to Yelp on my iPad or iPhone, I find plenty of options, located on a Google map and with ratings from one-half to a full five stars. Detailed reviews by consumers just like you accompany the ratings. Some places have hundreds of such reviews.

But, one of my favorite features of Yelp is Monocle which takes advantage of what is called augmented reality. When you're in Yelp on your smart device (iPhone, iPad, Android phone, etc.) you find the tab that says Monocle and tap it. You may be asked to rotate the device to get its compass going. Soon, almost miraculously, you can point the device in any direction and up will come a display of restaurants (or whatever business you've chosen) in the direction you're pointing the smart device that indicates what's available within a short distance (a mile or so) from your present location. This is not only handy at home but invaluable on the road. You can always find a range of places to eat, shop, etc. I mention this because almost no one seems to know about this feature. It's one of my favorites. And, there is Urban Spoon where you can select by city, cuisine, and price range. It has a slot machine feel.

So, you say, I'm not going out. I'm staying home. I want some ideas about what to cook, given what I have available. My favorite for this is Epicurious. Now, I must own more than 100 cookbooks of all manner. It's an addiction of sorts. I think Epicurious has saved me a few hundred bucks over the past couple of years. So, it only has 100,000 recipes. Well, that might get me through the rest of my life! Just plug in a theme (Christmas, brunch, a chef, food items you have, you name it) and up come dozens or more recipes that will give you ideas. Just this week, we hosted a breakfast meeting for a support group that puts on an annual wine tasting for the Wooden Floor, our neighbors on Main Street. One of the members always comes up from Newport Beach with breakfast she made about 4 a.m. that morning and wows us. I had to stand up to the challenge Barbara presented. Good old Epicurious saved the day. We did a smoked salmon, potato, egg dish that put me in her league. That was topped off with an apricot bread pudding with homemade caramel sauce. Easy to do, delightful to the palate. Thank you, Epicurious.

Another dilemma. When I've been in England it's common for Sunday lunch (and, yes, they still do that over there. . . a lot) to have a pork roast with cracklings. I love them but had never made them. So, what to do about learning that technique. What else but YouTube? Again, available on the iPhone or iPad. And, of course, on the computer. I searched YouTube for "cracklings" and up came several how-to videos that guided me right through the process. And, the result was delicious beyond compare.

Got three or four things cooking at the same time? Try KitchenPad, an app that lets you customize up to seven separate cooking times and even lets you choose the most appropriate alarm. My favorite is for beef or steak when I choose a mooing cow as my alarm! Need to choose a cheese? The answer is Fromage, an app that lists hundreds of cheeses with pictures, notes, and wine pairings. Magnifique.

Finally, one other jewel, OpenTable. If I'm in need of a reservation, this is my go-to app. It's available on all platforms. You can choose almost any location across the country. Orange County can be found under the state listing or as a subset of Los Angeles – grrrrrr. Regardless, you just enter the date, restaurant name (perhaps chosen from one of the above apps), and number in your party. You'll get a response of times, typically at 15-minute increments if those are available. Click one and you're off and running. Almost all reservations I make these days come via OpenTable. For you value-loving folks, they even have a points club you can join for better deals.

And, I've just scratched the surface, frankly. So, give them a try. It's a great way to combine food and fun... well for us foodie-techies, that is.

MEMBERSHIP By Jessica Carr and Joy Rideout Membership Co-Chairs

We are off to an incredible start this year. We have a goal of raising \$10,000 for our membership drive and we are almost there!! We are currently at \$9,945 with only 150 households contributing. I would love to blow that number away this year so we can continue to improve our overall neighborhood communication and mixers. Remember, you are already a member of this neighborhood just by the fact that you live here.

The money we raise during the year is not a membership due per se but rather a donation that pays for the administration of the neighborhood association. Please consider a donation no matter how small to keep our neighborhood association running smoothly. The Floral Park Neighborhood Association is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable organization. Contributions are deductible under state and federal law to the extent applicable (consult your tax professional for advice).

Let's talk about the fun stuff now. Did you attend the Neighborhood Mixer in March? If you did then you know we had over 80 neighbors there and we had an awesome time! If you didn't, then you must attend the next one to be held on June 24th at 2102 N. Ross Street at the home of Rob and Judy Johnson. All we ask is that you show up with a small appetizer that serves about 4 people and ready to have a good time. The Membership Committee will handle the rest.

Last couple of items:

- Is anyone interested in having the next mixer at their house? All you have to do is provide the location! The dates are September 9 and December 9 and held from 3-6.
- If I have missed your donation or I spelled your name wrong or missed including your partner's name, please let me know!! I will get that corrected immediately.
- If you have moved in prior to March 25th and did not receive your Welcome Gift, let me know. We don't want to miss anyone!
- For neighbors new to Floral Park after March 25th, we encourage you to come to the mixer and pick up your gift or we will deliver later that day after the mixer is over.

We look forward to a stellar rest of the year and truly appreciate your continued support,

Jess and Joy jcarr@jcarrinc.com, joy@jcarrinc.com

2012 Contributing Households:

John & Linda Schulte John & Patti Bretza Ann Salisbury & Henry Jenkins John & Mary Barthelmass Jessica Carr & Joy Ridout Ernest & Diane Eady Stacey Kato Wayne Suraci & Merle Craig Kathryn Burns Jeff & DeAnna Yost Patrick Yrarrazaval Thomas& Bridget Honan Sandy DeAngelis & Ed Trotter Jan Magdelano Andrew & Margaret Beyer Chris & Karen Hoiland Donald & Joanne Payne Mike Merriam & Patty Moore Sharon Murphy Nicky Fleming Dan & Gloria Hohneker Gary & Julie Humphreys

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Donations received by April 2012 are shown. Please report any errors or omissions to jcarr@jcarrinc.com)

Are you new to the neighborhood?

Welcome! We are happy that you have chosen Floral Park as your new home. Whether you have come to raise a family, work at a new job, retire, or perhaps start a business, we hope you enjoy your new life in our beautiful neighborhood.

The FPNA would like to "officially" welcome you to the neighborhood with a welcome gift. If you moved here in the past six months and have not been contacted, please let us know your name and contact information. Contact 2012 Membership Co-Chairs Jessica Carr, (714) 325-0561, jcarr@jcarrinc.com or Joy Ridout, (714) 325-8232, joy@jcarrinc.com.

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One Small Idea, One Ongoing Concert

(by Dan Peters via Jessica Carr)

One day a young woman named Wendy Navarro had an idea to have a talent show in Morrison Park and suggested inviting the surrounding neighborhoods to join in the fun. During the discussions about how this would look someone suggested that a band they had seen play would be a good fit for this venue and so it was decided; "The Answer" would play a concert in the park with the neighbors invited to bring dinner and snacks and watch the band play. Tables were made available for rent at a family friendly price with the idea that participation was more important than profit.

Noble as this notion is, the band and other vendors needed real money to participate in the event. The neighborhood associations reached out to local businesses for financial contributions and some of the first have been contributing every concert year since the beginning, Santa Ana Realty, Brown Colonial Mortuary, and Red Mountain Group (owners of Floral Park Promenade shopping center). There have been many others and in recent years Original Mike's and our Gay Neighbors Families and Friends have become prominent sponsors. Many of our sponsors have continued to contribute in these economically challenging times and one, The Olde Ship Restaurant on 17th street, has already sent a financial contribution for this year.

In recent years we have seen the expenses of the concert rise and some donations scaled back. The money raised from the table sales does not cover the cost of the tables, chairs, and dance floor. Even the money raised during the raffle does not make up the shortfall but with the donations from our sponsors we have been able to raise enough money each year to put on next year's concert. One of our newer sponsors, Peggy Bates with State Farm Insurance, has been sponsoring the glow sticks so we can read our raffle tickets and will again this year. All our sponsors deserve our thank\$.

Departments within the City of Santa Ana also work to make this event happen, The Police, Fire, Parks Departments, and the City offices in general contribute to make this a successful and safe event.

It's amazing to think that Wendy's simple notion grew into all this hoopla and after a one-year hiatus the show will go on this year on August 25th (6 to 10 p.m.) with the theme Hooray for Hollywood. We have already purchased two cruiser bicycles and are working on other great raffle prizes. So set the date, plan your table decorations and get ready to cut a rug because there's gonna be a party in Santa Ana.



'Tis moonlight, summer moonlight, All soft and still and fair; The solemn hour of midnight Breathes sweet thoughts everywhere... Emily Bronte





Simple, Tangy Bar-B-Que Sauce -- using ingredients found in most

households. (PS: you can push it sweeter with more sugar, brown sugar or teriyaki; push it spicier with red chili pepper flakes, your favorite hot sauce or chipotle; more tropical with pinapple, orange, lime or other juice combos... well you can customize to your heart's content -- have fun!)

Ingredients

1 cup butter

- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 2 (15 ounce) cans tomato sauce
- 1 (28 ounce) bottle ketchup
- 3/4 cup water
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1/2 lemon, juiced
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 teaspoon hot pepper sauce

Directions

In a large skillet, melt the butter or margarine over medium heat. Stir in the onion and garlic powder. Saute until onions are soft. Stir in the tomato sauce, ketchup, water, Worcestershire sauce, brown sugar and Season to taste with salt, pepper and hot pepper sauce. Reduce heat to low and simmer, uncovered, for 10 minutes.

Nutritional Information:

Amount Per Serving Calories: 43 | Total Fat: 2.9g | Cholesterol: 8mg

CALENDAR 2012

JUNE

- 24 Quarterly Neighborhood Mixer, 3-6 p.m., 2102 N. Ross St.
- 30 Floral Park Freedom Fest, 3-7 p.m., Greenleaf St.

JULY

10 FPNA Board Meeting, 7 p.m., 2341 Bonnie Brae

AUG

- 14 FPNA Board Meeting, 7 p.m., TBD
- 25 Multi-Neighborhood Concert in the Park, Morrison Park

SEPT

- 8 FPNA Fall Concert, Heliotrope Dr. Cul-de-sac, 7-9 p.m.
- 9 Quarterly Neighborhood Mixer, 3-6 p.m., TBD
- 11 FPNA Board Meeting, 7 p.m., 2112 N. Ross St.
- 19 FPNA General Meeting

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- FPNA Board Meeting, 7 p.m., 2215 N. Victoria Dr.
- 13 Fall Golf Tournament, 10 a.m.

Nov

- 10 FPNA Chili Cook-Off, 3-7 p.m., North Park Blvd.
- 13 FPNA Board Meeting, 7 p.m., 2473 Riverside Dr.
- 14 FPNA General Meeting & Elections

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- 11 FPNA Board Transition Meeting, 7 p.m., 2121 N. Victoria Dr.
- 9 Quarterly Neighborhood Mixer, 3-6 p.m., location tbd
- 16 Floral Park Holiday Party, 3-7 p.m.

Visit www.floral-park.com for updates!



Most Beautiful Yard Contest

By Janelle McLoughlin Beautifcation Chair

Usually around Home Tour time the FPNA gets a notice from the City regarding its annual Most Beautiful Yard (MBY) contest. The contest was created to recognize Santa Ana residents who have improved and maintained the exterior and landscaping of their homes. All neighborhood associations get the same notice.

The City encourages all the neighborhood associations to nominate three yards for the award. The one winner gets a lovely sign provided by the City that can be displayed in the winner's yard for a year.

Due to budget cutbacks City personnel can no longer drive around the neighborhoods and view the yards firsthand, so the decision-making rests on digital photos submitted with the nomination forms. The onus was on our shoulders to provide great photos along with the approval of the homeowner.

The FPNA Beautification Committee piled into one car with the optimistic belief that we could accomplish the task in 15 minutes. What we found driving around the neighborhood at a snail's pace was that each yard was more beautiful than the next. The process became a two-hour labor of love with an abundance of choices. The funny part of this story is that we must have looked like the Keystone Cops hanging out of the car windows taking pictures and driving in circles up and down the streets for hours. Neighbors flagged us down and said they had watched us come down their street four and five times. We explained our mission and said because we cared so much and had so many choices, it was so hard to narrow the list down to just three yards.



The final three nominated yards were (*the winner):

2214 N. Greenleaf Street (Sherry & Walter Gibson)* 2010 N. Flower Street (Mr. & Mrs. Kirk Beatty) 2418 N. Riverside Drive (Doug & Bobbie Kraus)

What a great opportunity to participate in a chance to soak up all the beautiful front yards in full bloom. A snail's pace ride through the whole neighborhood is a real treat ... try it!



The City provided the following guidelines:

JUDGING CRITERIA

- 1. Maintenance: condition of the driveway, absence of common storage space issues, special creative efforts in the landscaping
- 2. Landscaping: good landscaping design, aesthetic balance between landscaping and the rest of the property, condition of the landscaping, different design themes (herb, drought tolerant, desert, traditional)
- 3. Overall General Appearance: excellence in home and property maintenance

JUDGING STANDARDS

In order to maintain a fair and objective contest, we ask that you review and refer to the guidelines in the Judging Criteria when inspecting the homes in your neighborhood.

PURPOSE OF THE CONTEST

The purpose of the contest is to recognize residents of Santa Ana who have maintained and/or improved the landscaping of their homes.

CONTEST PROCEDURES

- 1. Judging will take place during the month of May 2012. There will be one winner for each participating Neighborhood Association.
- The winners will be those houses that demonstrate the most attractive and/or improved look in each participating Neighborhood Association. The prize will include a mounted photograph of the winning home and a sign to display in the winner's front yard.
- 3. Residents are encouraged to participate by maintaining and improving their front yards. Examples of those improvements are planting flowers, trimming trees, hedges and yards, cleaning driveways, etc.





By Cathy Creekmur (Heliotrope Drive)

Did you know there was a housing shortage in Floral Park? Did you know there are bluebirds living in Floral Park? There are the larger scrub (blue) jays often seen in the neighborhood but the smaller Western Bluebirds have made their home here, too. Bluebirds are a member of the thrush family that includes robins. The bluebird males are a brilliant blue with a rusty orange breast and the females are more gray-blue.

Bluebirds are hard workers, raising and providing for their young; however finding suitable homes can be a challenge. Bluebirds are cavity-nesters which means they require a protected hollow area in a tree or a man-made nest box in which to build their nest. And not just any cavity or bird house will do. Bluebirds are very particular about their homes and location. The size of the entrance of their home is important to protect the young from predator birds. If you are thinking about investing in bluebird real estate by providing our little friends housing in Floral Park, then make sure you ask for a bird house designed specifically for bluebirds. Wild Birds Unlimited in Yorba Linda has a nice selection of feeders and houses from which to choose.

If you are interested in visiting an active bluebird home already established, come by 2345 Heliotrope on your evening stroll. I'm often in the yard around 7-ish feeding the bluebirds and watching them take care of their young. The first nestlings of this year fledged the week of May 21st. Even if I'm not in the yard, you can still see the male and female bluebirds hard at work feeding their very large family. Once the babies fledge they will continue to come to the feeder for a while until they mature and are ready to establish a home of their own. I even had them feeding from my hand last year. This year I have five new babies in the first clutch, all of whom will need homes of their own once they grow and pair off with their own mates.

So the real estate market in Floral Park is heating up. Join in the excitement. You too can own a bluebird home in this vintage neighborhood and help our feathered friends. It's all about location, location, location. Look for more information in the follow-up article in the September newsletter on birds in the neighborhood, along with an invitation to visit the backyard birds where most of the seed-loving birds hang out.



FLORAL PARK YEAR TO DATE BUDGET VERSUS ACTUAL

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Contributio	ns / Promotional Sponsorship Fun	ds		
	Investment Income		\$100.00	\$54.55
	Membership Contributions		\$10,000.00	\$9,545.00
	Newsletter / Website Promotional		\$6,725.00	\$3,535.00
		Subtotal	\$16,825.00	\$13,134.5
Expenses				
	Administrative		\$6,000.00	\$2,066.08
	Membership / New Neighborhood		\$2,500.00	\$495.7
	Newsletter / Website		\$3,800.00	\$1,423.6
		Subtotal	\$12,300.00	\$3,985.48
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Garage Sales - Garage sales in Santa Ana are limited to the first full weekend of the months of March, June, September and December.

Com-Link - Meets the fourth Thursday of the month in the SAPD Community Room, 60 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana (for agenda and directions visit: www.ci.santa-ana.ca.us).

The Grapevine

If you have personally used a service that might be useful to share with other neighbors, please send your submissions to: fpnews@floral-park.com with the subject, GRAPEVINE. Include the company (or person) name, phone number, what you had done and why you liked it. Remember, no self-promotion or promotion of businesses you have not legitimately used and were pleased with. The companies listed in the Grapevine are recommended by neighbors and not the FPNA or its Board. Users of the services shared below are personally responsible for checking references and licenses of the companies listed.



Air Conditioning/Heating

Sol Mechanical - Don Crane

Referred By: Kathy & Steve Cooper (888) 602-4822, solmechanical@cox.net We had forced heating air conditioning put in our 1929 home for the first time. Don and crew were professional, on time, and did what they said they would do. We had no surprises. They are customer service oriented to the max!

Brrrr Air Conditioning and Heating Robert Humphrey

Referred By: Joel Miller and Mark Schroepfer 714-746-6515, brrrair@hotmail.com We hired Brrrr Air Conditioning and Heating to install a new air conditioner and furnace in our home on Bonnie Brae. Robert and staff were professional, dependable, and reasonable, and cleaned up thoroughly at the conclusion of each day.

Cool Air Technologies - Bill McIntosh

Referred By: Stacey and Leslie Kato 714-501-9300, trish@cool-air-tech.com Bill and his staff are honest, reliable and professional. We have used them for both heating and ac services and have very pleased.

Mick's Heating, Air Conditioning, Plumbing, Inc.

Mick Cotner Referred By: Betsy Benton 714-550-9758 Mick replaced a heater and thermostat in just two hours. Three men--all performing the job in a very professional manner. Mick spoke plainly, gave me his best heater as advertised with no gimmicks, doing all the work on schedule. Great job, from a man who takes pride in his work.

Bee Removal

Adkins Bee Removal - Spencer Murphy & Javier Referred By: Tom Pataca 949-254-6532, ADKINSOC@GMail.com www.AdkinsBeeRemoval.com 10 years experience

We just had a bee hive removed that contained approximately 20,000 bees. Our concern was not to kill them. I called Adkins Bee Removal and all was a success. The bees were removed with the queen and taken to a beekeeper. We were able to keep the honey and it is the best I have tasted.

Cabinets & Countertops

C & M Kitchen Cabinets, Inc. - Jacques

Boulanger Referred By: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Chisholm 714-848-1010 Precise, professional, fair and a true pleasure to work with. **Cabinetry** - Frank Biondi Referred By: The Berkerys 562-424-8334 Interior workshop

Chair Caining

Chair Caning by Jerry

Referred By: Nancy St. Jacques & Bev Schauwecker 949-675-2559 Hand-weave, Pressed, Rush

Jean Van Couvering Chair Caning

Referred By: Herb and Judy Michel 714-546-5392 She is very reasonable and did a beautiful job on our antique dining room chair. She does not do the staining, but a refinisher did that step and we still saved money.

Child Care

After School Care-Donna Oshaban

Referred by Michelle Donahue 714-558-1534

A Floral Park neighbor, Donna provides exceptional care; loving, encouraging and with a level of expectation for great and cooperative behavior-and she gets it! Her home is perfectly clean, she provides the best quality after school snacks and offers a wide variety of fun games and activities after homework is done. I pick up a happy 4th grader with homework done and a smile on her face. Picks up the kids at Santiago but would consider kids from other schools. 6 kids max-2 slots open. Part-time optional.

Closet Design

Tailored Living - Scott Barnes

Referred By: Douglas Kraus 714-279-2402, Scott@TailoredLiving.com Scott redesigned our closets to maximize space. He did a fantastic job installing lots of shelves, racks, drawers and rods and now our closets hold twice the items and are neatly organized. He provided a design (free with consult) and a quote that he stuck to. Very happy with the job and can recommend him highly.

Computer Services

My Computer Needs Repair (MCNR) -

Bob Freeman Referred By: Patricia Tornell 562-426-3106, mail@MCNR.net I've worked with Bob personally and in my business for the past 25 years and would recommend him highly for all your computer needs. He's extremely knowledgeable and always able to solve those frustrating computer problems that plague us all from time to time.

Contractors

Valley Custom Finish - Mike Ruisiewski Referred By: Patricia Lockhart 714-767-4903

A Master Craftsman with over 33 years of experience, Mike will make your restoration creations a reality with his imaginative and quality craftsmanship. He installed and re- sized a door to fit the door frame and also explained what hinges look best on vintage doors.

Tyler Burns (TBCC) General Contractor

Referred By: Darlene Glenn-Wolff 714-270-6555

Tyler and his crew did quite a bit of building work for us. He was on-time, professional, courteous, kept within budget limits, and reasonably priced. His work product was outstanding.

Driveways

Systems Paving - David Hess

Referred By: Allan & Nancy St. Jacques 949-433-8353 Removed old cement and installed new Castle Cobble stone driveway in two days.

Electrician

MacFarlane Electric

Referred By: Betsy Benton 714-5439265

In Santa Ana since 1933. Jerry came out on emergency for me, and performed very professional service to the main electrical panel which was no longer to code. He has more than 30 yrs. in the profession, and many years working for MacFarlane. Jerry completed this task in two hours; a job that I had previously been quoted requiring a day's work costing hundreds more. I highly recommend this company to my neighbors.

C & D Electric - Corey Gonyez Referred By: Susan Giampietro 714-240-4430 Certified journeyman electrician who helped w/lighting, etc.

ECB Electrical - Bob Vela

Referred By: Lea Pascoe 714-757-1494, CA Lic# 862504 Bob really understands older homes and electrical systems, thinks outside the box and is the best at coming up with a great solutions for old updates or new needs.

Lovell Electric

Referred By: Judy Michel 951-817-1637, CA Lic# 899295 Ron Lovell checked all our home wiring and installed two chandeliers. He is knowledgeable, prompt and his work is reasonably priced.

Fireplace & Chimney

Far West Construction - Russell Lutman, owner Referred By: Herb and Judy Michel 714-776-1397, 714-803-1604 Russell specializes in fireplace and chimney repair. He repaired our 1926 firebox bricks and capped the chimney. Honest and easy to work with. Showed expertise with old masonry and fireplaces.

Flooring & Tile

Robert Tusko Tiling

Referred By: David Seigle 714-527-3167

Tile Restoration - Greg Galbraith

Referred By: Herb and Judy Michel 714-926-3587 We were impressed with the careful, clean job he did restoring our Batchelder fireplace tile and front entrance tile. Very reasonable. He stays busy. Call well before you need him.

Sandra Terwilliger (Sam)

Referred By: Sandy DeAngelis 949-581-8088 Hardwood floor maintenance

Jim Schwanke Hardwood Flooring

Referred By: Mel & Kate Ladd / Mike and Cheryl Conradson 714-638-3300

Did a great job at repairing and refinishing our hardwood floors. (Ladd) Repaired and refinished all our hardwood floors. Very reasonable and honest. Finished floors are beautiful. (Conradson)

Bill Markle

Referred By: Melanie Choi 949-422-1513 His tile and marble are great!

Bob's Shade & Linoleum

Referred By: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Chisholm 714-538-5322 Retro linoleum floor complete with new thresholds and baseboards. They are professional experts in their field.

Empire Carpets - Barbara Stowers

Referred By: Patricia Lockhart 949-412-0918

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I recently had my carpets replaced by Empire Carpets. The sales rep was professional, extremely helpful and very educated in the field of interior design. I would gladly recommend her.

Anaheim Hills Tile Supply

Referred By: Joel Miller and Mark Schroepfer 714-283-8522, Joe Ribble, Owner

We've purchased tile from Anaheim Hills Tile Supply on several separate occasions. His is a locally owned and operated business. We've always been impressed with his professionalism and reasonable prices and we couldn't recommend him more highly!

Rick Moore, Moore's Floors

Referred By: Joseph Gerda 714-622-4476

Rick Moore was the primary worker for Schwanke Flooring that I and many of our neighbors have used multiple times for both refinishing and installation of hardwood floors. His work was always excellent with reasonable prices and now he has his own business.

Golden Oaks Hardwood Flooring - Amir Makmatchi

Referred By: Anne Etheridge 949-394-7881 Great wood floor guy! Under Foot, Surface Restoration Referred By: Krista and Frank Arellano 877-644-7688, www.underfootinc.com Used a high-pressure steam cleaning process to clean and reseal our bathroom tile floors, steam-clean our back patio, front and back driveway, brick walk-way and the top of our slate bbq. I was so impressed by their professionalism and willingness to go the extra mile. They re-grouted parts of our bathroom floor, repaired a piece of loose slate in the back-yard and even cleaned and resealed our bathroom countertops. This was all done in a half day and at an extremely reasonable price!

B. Joseph Interiors - Joe Gonzales Referred By: Blake Anderson & Giovanna Piazza 714-526-3019I

Joe is a rare combination of a knowledgable, helpful and hard working artisan who is also easy to have around the house while the work is being done. Joe shows up when he says he's going to, does the work he says he's going to, charges what he says he's going to and then does more than he promised.

Furniture Restoration

Castelazo Cabinets - Roberto Castelazo

Referred By: Toni & Dick Kimball 714-557-4854

Mr. Castelazo repaired two tables for us (both 75-100 years old). His work is fantastic. The oldest table had a leg sheared off and his replacement is undetectable. The other table had been refinished poorly by several people. Mr. Castelazo restored it to original condition!

Zeferino Antique Restoration & Refinishing

Referred By: Mark & Janelle McLoughlin 714-401-5833 A master artisan, highest quality workmanship, knowledgeable of antiques and period correct repairs. Great attention to detail, fair and reasonable prices, and an excellent communicator. Zeferino refinished all our kitchen cabinets including building our center island and dishwasher front. Once we saw the quality of work we had him restore our dining room and bedroom furniture.

Handyman / Carpenter

Bill Miller

Referred By: Anne Etheridge 714-832-9402 Extremely gifted carpenter and fabulous handyman.

First Rate Remodeling, Inc. (Robert Cline)

Referred By: Ken and Linda Mesesan 714-225-2458

We have worked with Robert since 2006. He has substantial experience that includes roofing, carpentry, finish carpentry, window repair, door hanging, architectural molding, concrete, plumbing and electrical. He's great to work with on any project scale. We highly recommend him!

Mr. Ramin Faiz (Floral Park Resident) Referred By: Toni & Dick Kimball & Christine Switzer 949-302-3249, www.inhousearchitecture.com Everyone is always looking for a wonderful, honest, dependable, reasonably priced, and a talented handyman. Mr. Ramin Faiz is the answer we have all been waiting for.

Home Theatre / Audio Visual

Video Sonics

Referred by Ron and Cindy Wilsie 714-281-0641, Wayne Nicklin

Housekeeping

Floral Park House Keeping

Referred by: Heather Morin Cell: (714) 721-6510 Wonderful housekeeper available. Excellent, reliable, hardworking. English Speaking/bilingual. Juana is a very dear lady, she takes care (and walks) our dogs too along with cleaning our home for many years. Any business her way would be much appreciated.

Housekeeping - Cathy Mendez

Referred By: Leslie Kato (714) 929-9436 Reliable and thorough. While she does speak English, it is best to talk with her husband on the phone.

Marcella & Edwin

Referred By: Douglas Kraus 562-469-8189 Been cleaning our house for 14 years. Very nice and totally trustworthy. Speak English, hard working, cleans under rugs, windows and will work to your satisfaction. Recommend highly.

Landscaping / Sprinklers / Trees

Greg McCollum Landscaping

Referred By: Boe Boezinger 714-647-0174 Designed and implemented front garden landscaping. Great ideas, easy to work with.

Ladd Modern Irrigation

Referred By: Robin Romain 714-542-9733 Takes care of our whole water system.

VT Tree Service

Referred by: Guy and Lisa Elston 714-997-0903 Have done a beautiful job trimming our cedar tree twice. Certified arborists, professional crew.

Ron Nichka, Emerald Landscape Design

Referred By: Lynda Yana 626-824-1008 Completed redesign of Sara May Downie Park.

Vargas Tree Service

Referred by Leah Schmidt 714-630-5337 I have had excellent service from them twice, along with Carolyn Urtel, my neighbor.

Barbara Deed Garden Design

Referred By: Chuck & Julie Lake 949-786-4055, www.barbaradeedgardendesign.com Barbara did a great job designing and rebuilding the landscaping for both our back and front yards. Her masonry and landscape contractors were excellent. She managed all the contractors and completed the project quickly.

Nick Dean Landscape Design

Referred By: Douglas Kraus 323-828-3858, nickdean@sbcglobal.net, www.nickdeangardens.com Designed our front and back yard. Very, very creative, easy to work with. Extremely pleased with the result and whole process. Nick's a great guy.

Greenland Landscaping - Victor Quinones Referred By: Sharon Evans (626) 209-7661 or (866) 610-1531 Highly recommend. Put in large new beautiful lawn, fixed my old sprinkler system and did other planting and design. Reliable, finished on time. I shall use him again.

Lighting

Kona Lighting

Referred By: Judy Michel 714-828-0910

I was pleased with the service I received at Kona Lighting. They completely rewired one chandelier and did an excellent job of repairing two breaks on a second crystal chandelier.

Locksmith

Murray Willis

Referred By: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Chisholm 714-394-2022 Locksmith with many years experience with doors. He is quick, fair and reasonably priced.

Orange County Locksmith Service

Referred By: Patricia Lockhart 714 -634-2222 or 949-250-1234 (ask for Dave or Phil) Dave was more knowledgeable than any other locksmiths I called in the yellow pages. When he came out he was a true pro. He accessed my needs as a Landlord and made everything just right for me.

Masonry

DMC Masonry

Referred By: Ron and Cindy Wilsie 949-454-8386, Contact: Dave "Snowy" Collins

McCleary Masonry

Referred By: Megan Whitford 562-714-2324 Mark McCleary is a wonderful and talented masonry guy. He can basically do anything with stone: walls, facade, driveways, pathways, etc.

Tom Hohman Masonry

Referred By: Alex Hart & Mason Nakamura info@tomhohmanmasonry.com, 714-785-5711 Tom did a great job for us on a backyard masonry project. He and his crew showed the utmost professionalism. The work was first rate, done on time, and the clean-up was meticulous. We highly recommend Tom Hohman Masonry.

Painting/Plaster

Y Kim's Painting

Referred By: John $\bar{\&}$ Linda Schulte, Mel & Kate Ladd 714-821-1014

Painted inside our home. He's meticulous and dependable!

Old Towne Painting - Rick Litchie

Referred By: The Berkerys , Mike & Cheryl Conradson, Jim & Karyn Cripps 714-285-1920

Exterior Painting and Color Consult.. (Berkery) Not just house painters "house artistry"! Meticulous in all details, prep and color consultation. Fantastic job! (Conradson) Very responsible and reliable. GREAT JOB. Stained our new Kitchen Cabinets a Rustic Black-BEAUTIFUL. (Cripps)

Joe Maturino Plastering/Stuccoing

Referred By: David Seigle 714-883-7244

Hillside Plastering

Referred By: Boe & Cathe Boezinger 714-569-0655 Ray Smith is a true artist. Wonderful work specializing in the unique challenges of vintage homes.

Patchwork's Plastering Company

Referred by: Karla & Rob Octavio 714-530-5119 Aston Hill is a true professional--reliable and honest, and a good communicator. Great attention to protect the vintage details in our home.

All Star Plastering

Referred By: Mel & Kate Ladd 714-618-2018 They really went the extra mile to get us the color and texture we wanted for our exterior stucco.

www.historichousecolors.com

Recommended By: Anne Etheridge For those who want assistance choosing historically and architecturally accurate house colors.

Kevin's Painting

Referred By: Joseph Gerda 714-572-2360 Chose them based on their references (top rated company on Angies List) and very reasonable price. They were professional in all manner, were on time, and returned phone calls promptly.

Gogh Van Vincent Painting

Referred By: Mark Mittman Ty, 714-350-5807 I have used Ty on the inside and soon outside of my home. His attention to detail and quality of work are second to none!

Nick Field

Referred By: Sara Chesters and Frank Barbaro nickfield5@yahoo.com or cell: 714-743-1689 We used Nick Field, a local Santa Ana resident, for a complete inside and outside paint job when we moved into our new home. He did an awesome job and is especially good at decorative and detailed work and wallpapering, he was trained in England - a true pro.

Carlos Painting - Carlos Jacobo

Referred By: Anne Etheridge 714 492-3336 Carlos has painted numerous rooms inside my house. He also did exterior venetian plaster on the entire house (and it looks fabulous if I do say so myself). He is meticulous, honest, fairly priced and hardworking. I really can't say enough good things about him.

Piano Tuning

Jim Laiola

Referred By: Judy Michel 714-956-5638 Jim did an excellent job of tuning our piano. Jim tunes most of the pianos in the Orange County schools. He is prompt, efficient and pleasant to work with.

Plumbing

George Brazil Plumbing and Heating - Dave Lambie Referred By: Joe Magaddino

1-800-Call-GEO Major gravity furnace overhaul. Knowledgeable and did a great job. Tried several plumbing companies before but I found no one willing to do the job.

Bass & Sons Plumbing

Referred By: Beverley Schauwecker 714-534-5403 Very knowledgeable about "old" plumbing. I highly recommend them.

Southwest Plumbing - Steve Herold

Referred By: Darlene Glenn-Wolff 714-288-9991 or cel 714-540-0090 I would highly recommend Steve. I have used his plumbing services, and he helped us out tremendously and professionally (fixing other plumber's work). He was also one of the team lead volunteers on the Fisher Park Build Day project. (Enthusiastically seconded by Bill Daugherty & Kathryn Tarbell)

Archer Plumbing Inc. - Bob Carr

Referred By: Sharon Evans 714-537-5679 I've used Bob for many years on both large and small jobs. Always returns calls promptly and shows up on time. I am always happy with his work and his cost is reasonable. (3/12)

Roofing

Weatherline Roofing (Ken LaRue) Referred By: Sandy DeAngelis 714-748-9707

American Home Insulation

Referred By: Ron Striewig 949-413-2371, Contact: Michael, Owner Attic insulated - fast, courteous, clean and efficient.

Solar

Heritage Solar, Inc.

Referred By: Kevin Barber and Stacey Clinesmith 949-677-9470, dennis@heritagesolar.com www.heritagesolar.com Dennis did a complete solar installation on our house about two years ago and now our average electric bill is \$75 a YEAR! We were so please with the service and

Security

their professionalism!

Jay Dyer, Intruder Detection Services

Referred By: Judy Michel 714-776-5373 We had Jay install an alarm and fire protection system several years ago. It continues to work beautifully and trouble free. Jay is personable and easy to work with.

Swimming Pool

Perfection Pool - Brad Young Referred By: Sandy DeAngelis 714-904-3230 Pool maintenance

Allmark Pools - Mark

Referred By: Rob & Judy Johnson 562-587-1418 Did a fabulous job on our pool!

Jonathon Pools

Referred By: Chuck & Julie Lake 714-396-1091

Jonathon refurbished our 50-yr old pool to look like new. He replaced old equipment, installed new plumbing, improved overall circulation in the pool which has eliminated persistent algae problems, patched plaster, and acid washed our tile. He was on schedule, courteous, and a pleasure to work with.

The Pool Doctor

Referred By: Douglas Kraus 714-944-8738 Cleaned and sanded down my plaster pool to look like new. Also did deck-o-seal around brick. Very reasonable, nice guy and did great work. The Pool doctor knows his stuff on pool repair. (3/12)

Windows / Window Washing

Awning By Russ - Owner Russ Rinner Referred By: Jessica Carr & Joy Ridout 714.525.RUSS Fast service, great pricing. Highly recommend.

Window Restoration & Repair

Referred by: Karla & Rob Octavio 562-493-1590

Scott and his team did a great job of repairing some original windows, and replacing others with exact replicas (but better glass!). Excellent attention to vintage details and restoration. Very professional, on time, great communication.

Home Craftsman Inc.

Jim Crawford, Owner/Installer Referred by: Chuck and Julie Lake 714-404-2518, windows4@gmail.com Jim did a great job for us, replacing aluminum sliders with wood casement windows on our entire second story. The entire house looks much better and more in tune with the style and its original construction period. Jim also hung several interior and exterior doors, including a difficult Dutch door.

Sure-fit Mobile Screen Shop

Referred by: Wanda &Gil Marrero 800-737-2733 or 714-953-4401 Installed normal screens and the "disappearing screens" to our home. Family owned and operated since 1986.

Eddy's Window Washing

Referred by: Judy Johnson 714-321-4801

West Coast Screen & Glass

Referred By: Allan St. Jacques 714- 633-6232 Called one day, arrived the next; and did a quick and efficient job of replacing four small windows.

Rembrandt Windows - Blair O'Callaghan, owner Referred by: Wally McCloud & Denny Patterson http://www.rembrandtwindows.com/index.html 714-968-6538 office In an attempt to clean our windows, Denny promptly dropped our custom made, 1924, arched/hinged window from the second story. Blair and his skilled team of craftsmen repaired the window to its original state in a most timely and expert manner. We highly recommend them.

A Clear Choice

Referred By: Darlene Glenn-Wolff 1-877-33-CLEAR Our neighbors have been using this company for years and that is how we started using them. We have used them for four years and been very happy with both the windows and the carpet cleaning services.

BJ's Window Cleaning

Referred By: Anne Etheridge 714-730-9200 I have been using Joanie at BJ's for years. She's fabulous ... very thorough, good clean up.

American Window Cleaning (Mark Remmel) Referred By: Sharon Evans 714-554-1197, cell 714-654-8069 Best window washers I have ever had, by far. So professional, trustworthy, perfect clean-up, and very reasonable in price.

Yoga (In-Home)

Yoga in your Home (Diana Markessinis, RYT 500) Referred By: Giovanna Piazza DianaMarkessinis@gmail.com

Diana is a knowledgeable, patient and very encouraging yoga teacher. Though she can teach at any level, she's perfect for newbies or people (like me) who are newly returned to yoga. Diana teaches yoga at Soul At Home (owned by our very own neighbors David and Simon) but she also teaches private in-home lessons for individuals, couples, families (with children) or small groups of adults. Diana's coaching is a great way to begin!

Need Minutes?

If you've missed a neighborhood general meeting and would like to obtain a copy of the minutes, you can request a copy to be mailed (or emailed) to you. Monthly board meeting minutes are also available on request. Just send your request with name, street address and/or email address to email: azander@roadrunner.com Or via mail to:

FPNA (Minutes) P.O. Box 11366 Santa Ana, CA 92711-1366

The Floral Park Newsletter welcomes your ideas:

- Have you visited a local restaurant or venue you would like to recommend? If so, please send the contact info and a brief description of why you liked it.
- Do you know of a Floral Park neighbor or school-aged kid who is doing good things and could inspire others?
 If so, please send us their story or contact info. We'd love to feature them in an upcoming Floral Park Newsletter.
- If you've moved from Floral Park or are in touch with someone who has and would like to be featured in the "Where are they now?" column, please provide details and a high resolution (min 300 dpi) digital photo.
 Please send your ideas and photos to fpnews@floral-park.com or leadesign@SBCGlobal.net.

Thank you!

Heart Stones Still Available

Due to popular demand, the Floral Park Neighborhood Association is continuing to offer the Heart Stones in Sarah May Downie Herb Garden for a donation of \$200 (up to 25 letters). The proceeds will be used for neighborhood beautification projects, including the Sarah May Downie Herb Garden.

The stones can display the name of your family, friends, pets, or they can be used as a loving memorial for a dear one.

Space is limited so please put your request in ASAP. The deadline for submission will remain open as space permits. The order form can be obtained online at www.floral-ark.com/documents/hearts.pdf. Please use a separate form for each heart being ordered.

If you have any questions, please email them to: janellemcloughlin@gmail.com.

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