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Letter From The President

by Ed Murashie



Hello neighbors,

It is astonishing to see how much has changed in our community this last month but it is nice to see folks still walking the neighborhood while doing it safely. As we all cope in our own ways with this pandemic, I want you to know the board is still active and meeting via teleconference every month and you are invited to join if you wish. Some of the current FPNA activities include preparing for the elections, filtering through the local news for items beneficial to Floral Park turning them into e-blasts, and looking for ways to help the neighborhood. The election committee has formed and announced they are now accepting nominations for the president, 2nd vice president, secretary and all director positions. If you are interested, please email Secretary@FloralPark.com. NextDoor is great for real-time information such as what stores are stocking toilet paper but for key information we want to make sure you see it in e-blasts. The board is looking to form an ad-hoc committee of block representatives to gather ideas and how the association can help its residents. All ideas are welcome. We have had to cancel some events, so be sure to check the calendar at FloralPark.com.

The new “normal” is coming; we have yet to know what form that will take. But history tells us that Floral Park will still exist in form. Current homeowners, as well as former ones, survived and then flourished after wars, economic depressions and earthquakes. We cannot equate the past with the chaos of today, but we can all rest assured that Floral Park will come out on the other end of this with a new strength and sense of propose just as we always have.

This is my last column as president. It has been an honor and privilege to serve on the board. I am stepping aside as I have taken a new job at Vyair Medical making ventilators and still continue to run my business. But I know I am leaving the neighborhood in good hands with a very capable board. I wish you all well, stay safe and check on your neighbors. —Ed

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Upcoming Floral Park Events

CINCO DE MAYO PARTY
 May 3

FREEDOM FEST
 JUNE 27

SUMMER CONCERT
 AUGUST 22

Home Tour Committee Looks Forward to 2021

As everyone is painfully aware, we have cancelled the annual Floral Park Home and Garden Tour in recognition of the need to practice social distancing to protect our community. It has traditionally been the high point of our year as we celebrate our fantastic neighborhood. We are quite sad that we'll have a hole in our calendar and our hearts in 2020. But all is not lost. One silver lining is that all of the homeowners who volunteered for the 2020 tour have agreed to be in the 2021 home and garden tour. Kudos to these wonderful neighbors. We will be north of Santa Clara next year and the houses are all set, which gives us a great head start.

The home tour committee wants to thank our wonderful neighbors who volunteered to be part of the 2020 home & garden tour:

Alison & Rocke DeMark
Dominguez & Hipolito Families
Nancy & Harris Feldman
Jilly & Daron Toll
Ann & Joe Walsh
Trace Weatherford
& Jonathan Rosengerger
Lacy & Matt White

And now, we have others stepping forward to volunteer their home for next year, such as Clive and Kathy Skilton.

Please know that the committee is well seasoned at putting on the home tour. The same team that knows how to put the tour together learned the ins and outs of cancelling and has had a new experience.

Now, we must look forward to greater times. We pledge to make the 2021 Tour the grandest ever. In the meantime, you might consider making a donation to the Floral Park Neighborhood Association as we lost our main source of fund raising this year. You would have probably spent the money on the Tour anyway. Help a kid go to college!

—Sandy DeAngelis

Become a Floral Park patron at FloralPark.com/shop or donate directly to the Scholarship Fund with a check made out to FPNA, and mailed to PO Box 11366, Santa Ana, CA 92711-1366 with "Scholarship Fund" in the memo.



Cinco de Mayo Party Planned for May 3

Join us in commemorating the victory of the Mexican Army over the French Empire at the Battle of Puebla, on May 5, 1862, under the leadership of General Ignacio Zaragoz... or celebrating finally getting out of the house with chips and tequila! We plan to gather at the home of Karyn Cripps, 2341 Riverside Drive, on May 3 from 3:00 to 7:00 pm. Please bring a Mexican-themed dish to share along with your own beverage.

This event is tentative, depending on current guidelines regarding social distancing. Your health and safety are our primary concern. Be sure to check FloralPark.com/Calendar for the latest information on this event.

Referendum on 2525 Qualifies for Vote

On February 25, 2020, the referendum petition against Ordinance No. NS-2980, related to the property at 2525 N. Main Street, Santa Ana was filed with the Registrar of Voters (ROV) to verify the signatures filed. The results are in and the referendum qualified! Congratulations to the many people who participated in this effort. *(continued on page 16)*

Last Chance to Vie For Floral Park's Most Beautiful Yard

For those of you who said "I'll get around to working on the yard when I have time," well here you are! And now all that hard work can be recognized with a Most Beautiful Yard award! The awards are a recognition of the hard work and pride exhibited by Santa Ana residents. This marks the 33rd annual "Most Beautiful Yard" contest, created to recognize Santa Ana residents who have maintained or improved the exterior appearance of their homes. The entries are evaluated on maintenance, landscaping and overall general appearance. Three homes from each participating Neighborhood Association are nominated and a winner is then selected for each neighborhood. The winners are honored at a reception and are presented a "Most Beautiful Yard" sign to proudly display in their yard. But you'll need to act fast because the deadline is almost here. To nominate a yard, please send 1 or 2 photos to Beautification@FloralPark.com no later than April 27, 2020.

Welcome New Floral Park Neighbors

Welcome new neighbors! As is most common, Floral Park would like to welcome all our new neighbors who have moved into our wonderful neighborhood since the start of the new year! Be sure and keep an eye out for the new homeowners, make introductions or give a friendly "Hello!" and we'll look forward to greeting you at an upcoming social event including our next mixer in October.

New Neighbors in 2020:

Allan, North Heliotrope Drive
James, North Park Blvd.

Sean & Kimberly, N. Riverside Dr.

Lori, Benton Way

David & Susan, N. Heliotrope Drive

WHEN ORANGES WERE GOLD

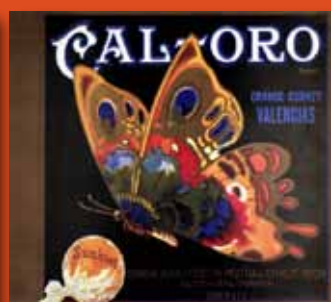
— Floral Park's Rich Citrus Heritage —



When Orange County was incorporated in 1898, it got its name not from the many orange groves that dotted the land, but in an attempt to attract investors from the East Coast to purchase real estate here based on the perceived romantic vision of sunny citrus orchards. The real crop in Orange County was corn and grapes, but “Corn County” lacks the appeal that comes with fragrant orange blossoms and picking your own fruit in the dead of winter. However, perception soon became reality after a blight wiped out the grape industry.

Soon after, the railroads expanded through the area and the orange became the king of cash crops. California citrus growers began organizing themselves into cooperatives, with the goal of increasing profits by pooling their risk and increasing their collective bargaining power. Thus was born the many citrus associations. The Orange County Fruit Exchange was incorporated in 1893. The economic depression that began that same year worsened farmers’ situations, and intensified their desire to self-organize to their own benefit.

Orange groves were everywhere, but especially in Riverside and Orange counties. In 1907, the California Fruit Growers Exchange approved the first-ever large-scale advertising campaign aimed at advertising a perishable food. The campaign, which marketed oranges



as “healthy” and “summery,” resulted in a 50% increase of orange sales in the target state of Iowa and launched the Sunkist brand. The ad agency originally proposed using the adjective “sun-kissed” to describe the oranges, but the word eventually was shortened to Sunkist which made it easier to defend as a trademark brand.

In an effort to distinguish Sunkist oranges from others, the California Fruit Growers Exchange wrapped its oranges in paper stamped with “Sunkist.” But in 1909, after they learned that merchants were selling non-Sunkist oranges as their brand, it began to offer consumers a free branded spoon in exchange for mailing in twelve Sunkist wrappers. One million spoons were claimed in the first year of the promotion, solidifying the brand presence and giving merchants a reason to want to display Sunkist oranges in their original wrappers. By 1910, the promotion had resulted in Sunkist becoming the world’s largest purchaser of cutlery and by 1914, Americans were consuming about forty oranges per person every year, up 80% from 1885.

With the success of the growing local citrus business, the Orange County Fruit Exchange built its headquarters on Glassell off the Orange Circle in 1922 at a cost of \$20,000. While most local growers sold their produce through local

associations like the Santa Ana-Tustin Mutual Citrus Association, grower Gowen & White, (formerly Gowen & Willard) was doing a booming business in walnuts and oranges at their own packing house at 4th Street and the Santa Fe railroad tracks.

E. D. Burge was one of Santa Ana’s most prominent orange growers. His packing house on Lyon Street became



Santa Ana’s first association packing house when it was leased by the Mutual Orange Distributors in 1922. Burge made quite a splash in the society columns with his palatial 110-foot steam yacht, the “Louise.”

In 1927, on the way back from Catalina Island, his uninsured yacht was destroyed in an accident off the Newport breakers. He immediately began work on a new floating palace, the Valencia (named after his orange groves). Its opening night was attended by Charlie Chaplin, John Barrymore, Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Fairbanks, Tom Mix and over 200 prominent Santa Ana and Orange County residents. Shortly afterward, however, his marriage also hit the rocks with rumors of liquor trafficking, using the Valencia as a floating casino, and failure to take his wife on a promised ocean voyage. He, in turn, accused his wife Dorothy Bell Burge of being a gold digger, stealing jewelry and oriental rugs and having an “intimate relationship with another man.” Their marriage ended in a scandalous divorce in 1929 and by 1931, his ventures in cattle, oil and boat-building cost him his fortune and his property on East First street was sold at foreclosure.

Henry S. Greenwald was a pioneer of Orange County, arriving here with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Greenwald from Wisconsin, in 1882. As the eldest son, he assumed the responsibility of developing a tract of land on Seventeenth Street at an early age, turning it into a prosperous ranch. He planted and tended orange and walnut groves and lived at the family home at 1810 Greenleaf until he married Miss Etta Heil and established a second home on First Street. After the death of his wife, he married Mrs. Hattie Crawford in 1910.

Henry was a successful orchardist, maintaining groves in both Orange and Santa Ana. He was a member





Selling oranges at a Santa Ana Fruit Stand



Orange County Fruit Exchange



of the Citrus Fruit Association and was president of Mutual Orange Distributors. He planted an orchard at this First Street home, but later divided the tract into a subdivision called Greenwald Park.

In 1920, 40 orchardists gathered for an orchard cover crop tour held under the auspices of the West Orange Farm Center. Highlights included the Santa Ana walnut grove of Frank Greenwald (he grew alfalfa between his trees) and the orange grove of Dr. J. L. Stephenson on West Santa Clara (who grew velvet beans between the trees). In 1923, the public was invited to a special citrus tree pruning demonstration at the Petz ranch at 541 Santa Clara. In addition to apricots and oranges, the Petz brothers also grew beans at a separate ranch in the Fernando Valley. When Clifford Petz was caught speeding at 56 miles per hour on Newport road in 1926, he temporarily avoided jail time by saying that incarceration would hurt his and his brother's bean crop.

Apricots were a major crop in early Orange County and in 1919 Santa Ana alone was churning out about \$200,000 a year in apricot sales. Often, farmers planted both apricots and walnuts (another locally popular tree crop of the day) on the same ranch since apricots are picked in late spring and early summer, while walnuts are harvested in the fall.



The historic Victorian Greenwald ranch home on Greenleaf.

The Gustlins at 2033 Greenleaf were among those who grew apricots along with walnuts and Saturama plums in the 1910s and '20s. Walter Fine, another local rancher, also grew apricots on the family orchard in north Santa Ana. He and his brother Horace also owned business property on Broadway & Fifth Street across from what later became the Yost Theater. In 1920, he removed the apricots to plant Valencia oranges and planned to replace the barn and family home with a new 1.5 story 8-room house on the corner of Santa Clara and Broadway. Horace, a long time Santa Ana resident and veteran journalist for the Santa Ana Register, wrote in 1922 that "investors have come to recognize the possibility of this city development into one of the largest communities in Southern California and they are evidencing their faith in the future by bringing their money here and investing." They sold their

ranch to developers the following year, purchasing the home of Elma Leonard at 114 West Santa Clara and moving his family there.

Santa Ana's orchard land continued to become housing as development began on an exclusive development named North Broadway Park. The subdivision was built on 17 acres of ranch property said to be worth over \$200,000. It included Walter Fine's 10 acres along with 12 acres from N. E. Wray, 6 acres from Dr. J. L. Stephenson, 9 acres from Chris Petz and 10 acres from T. M. Robertson. They were purchased by the Southern California Investment Company, headed by C. H. Chaterson who specialized in subdivisions and city planning, having built West Adams in Los Angeles and Walnut Manor in Fullerton. Promotional materials boasted that almost every lot came with either Valencia orange or full bearing walnut trees "of the finest quality." It also claimed that the soil was considered to be "the most



The Gustlin Home on Santa Clara



Smudge pots at 1916 N. Greenleaf



*Orchard irrigation well
at Victoria & Santa Clara*

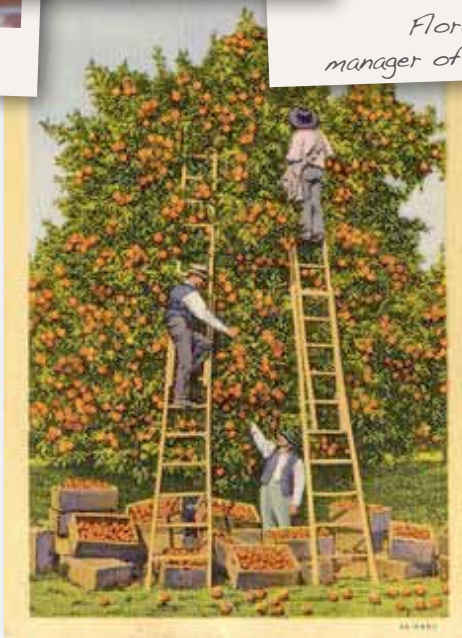


*Floral Park home of C. C. Hillis,
manager of the Orange County Fruit Exchange*

productive in the world,” making it perfect for gardening and landscaping.

Frank Greenleaf grew apricots and walnuts on his 33.5 acre property surrounding his home at 2010 Greenleaf. He also sold eggs from his award-winning Rhode Island Reds, was chairman of the poultry exhibit at the Orange County Fair in 1915 and served as Santa Ana’s official weatherman from 1918 to 1920. Fruit growers could receive the frost report by calling Frank after 9:00 pm. at which time it was sent out from San Francisco and forwarded to Santa Ana. By 1926, he and his wife had moved into to the family home at 2124 Greenleaf, built in 1882, and replaced it with a new home in 1928.

In 1927, 100 orange and walnut trees were removed from property belonging to Greenleaf and Greenwald to build a “highway” through the groves extending Flower Street between 17th



and Santa Clara. The city council didn’t plan to gravel or grade the new 80-foot wide road, unless traffic justified the improvement in the future.

Upon Henry Greenwald’s death in 1927 after a 7-month illness, his brothers Herbert and Oscar took over the properties which had been in their family for 45 years. (Norman Greenwald acquired Oscar’s portion) and soon sold the orchard on 17th Street to Harry H. Ball for the purpose of building another new housing development called Floral Park. It would run from Greenleaf to the east to Flower on the west, from 17th Street on the South and would eventually connect to North Broadway Park on the north. His vision included a bridal path down the middle of Flower, ornamental lighting and ample trees.

Ten homes had already

been built on Greenleaf Street at the time that the Floral Park development was announced, including a home at 1912 for Francis W. Bush, superintendent of construction for the southern division of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co., and at 2004 for Henry’s widow, Hattie Greenwald.

The Floral Park development began in 1929 and by 1930 the first model home was designed and built in the trendy Spanish Revival style by Allison Honor at 1816 N. Heliotrope.

When C. C. Hillis was offered the job of managing the Orange County Fruit Exchange in 1930 he started looking to move his family from Long Beach to be closer to work at the Fruit Exchange Building on Glassell in Orange. In 1931, the Orange County Fruit Exchange under his management had their best year yet, handling three quarters of the citrus out of Orange County. That same year, secure in his new position, he purchased and moved into the model home at 19th and Heliotrope.

Herbert and Norman Greenwald had numerous projects with Ball & Honor on land they owned, including the construction of an elaborate garage building that the Greenwalds leased to an automobile firm at First and Sycamore (now the home of Original Mike’s).

In 1948, a vast forest of five million Valencia orange trees grew on 67,000 acres in Orange County. (continued on page 16)



The Petz Home on Greenleaf

Protect Floral Park's Citrus Trees During National Gardening Month

A CITRUS TREE DISEASE THREATENS THE SANTA ANA REGION

—Victoria Hornbaker
The Citrus Pest & Disease Prevention Program

While “orange” is the name of our county, all citrus trees, including orange, lime, lemon, pomelo, grapefruit, mandarin and more, are an iconic staple that makes this region unique, and yet these vibrant citrus trees are in jeopardy.

A deadly citrus tree disease called Huanglongbing (HLB) is spreading in Santa Ana, putting all citrus trees in this area at risk, and it has reached a critical point. As detections of the disease swell in Santa Ana and surrounding communities, residents are being asked to be vigilant and assist agricultural officials in the fight against HLB.

While we are spending more time at home this April – which is National Gardening Month – the Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Program has provided some information on the plant disease and tips for how to best protect your citrus trees from HLB.

HLB in Southern California: HLB is a bacterial disease that affects the vascular system of citrus trees and plants. While not harmful to humans, the disease slowly kills citrus trees. A small insect no larger than a grain of rice, called the Asian citrus psyllid, can spread the bacteria as it feeds on citrus tree leaves. Once a tree is infected, there is no cure; the tree will produce rancid-tasting fruit and eventually die, while putting neighboring trees at risk of the disease as it can be spread from tree to tree by the psyllid. HLB

affects all types and varieties of citrus trees, and even some non-citrus host plants like curry.

Orange County has the highest number of HLB detections in Southern California at 1,360 positive trees and counting, as of April 2020. The top cities with HLB detections are Garden Grove, Anaheim and Santa Ana. Statewide, the number of positive trees tops more than 1,870 trees as of April 2020. HLB has also been confirmed in neighboring Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

Homeowners with citrus trees in the Floral Park area, as well as greater Santa Ana, should look for signs of symptoms of the disease, which include blotchy, yellowing leaves; corky veins; yellow shoots; and lopsided, rancid-tasting fruit. If you think you have found HLB, report your findings to the California Department of Food and Agriculture at 800-491-1899.

To limit the spread of HLB, there are a number of best practices for citrus tree owners:

- Inspect trees for HLB monthly, and whenever watering, spraying, pruning or tending trees. Visit CaliforniaCitrusThreat.org for more photos and information on the disease.
- Apply products to treat your tree for the Asian citrus psyllid. This is the best way to stop HLB is by stopping the pest that can spread the disease. The University of California



Division of
Agriculture and
Natural Resources

has a helpful list of treatment recommendations: ucanr.edu/sites/ACP/Homeowner_Options/.

- Your nutritious backyard citrus can serve as a kind, neighborly gift while we adhere to the stay-at-home order but be sure to wash your fruit thoroughly and remove any leaves/stems before sharing it to limit the spread of the Asian citrus psyllid and HLB.
- Additionally, if you choose to prune your citrus tree as part of your tree care, dry out the citrus tree clippings or double bag them before disposing of plant material to avoid inadvertently spreading the pest to new areas.
- Home and garden centers can give advice on pest management and nutrients for your citrus tree. Some home and garden centers may be open during the COVID-19 quarantine. Try calling ahead to see if a retailer near you is still open – they may offer delivery or pick-up options while limiting in-person interaction.
- Allow agricultural officials to continue to inspect citrus trees in order to protect our community's citrus. Their primary focus is to inspect your citrus tree and other citrus trees in your community for HLB. They'll never ask to access your home. They focus on ensuring your citrus tree gets the utmost care and attention. Please allow them to access your property and call the free statewide pest hotline with any questions: 800-491-1899.

Together we can help protect citrus trees in Floral Park and greater Santa Ana. Learn more about HLB, the Asian citrus psyllid and get citrus tree care tips at CaliforniaCitrusThreat.org.

SPRING GARDENING TIPS FOR YOUR BACKYARD CITRUS TREE

The Asian citrus psyllid and the disease it can carry, Huanglongbing (HLB), have been found in California, but by following these best practices below you can keep your tree healthy while limiting the spread of HLB:



As the weather warms, apply water at the tree's trunk. As the tree grows, water a larger area around the tree.



Newly planted trees should be watered every 3–7 days. Older trees can be watered every week or two.



Apply fertilizer and keep pests at bay. Ask your local nursery or garden center about which products are best.



When harvesting fruit, clip the fruit off at the stem with sharp clippers, removing all leaves.



Be sure to dry out citrus tree clippings or double bag them before removing the plant material from the property.



Asian citrus psyllids are small – no more than 1/8th of an inch long – brown, winged insects that feed on citrus tree leaves and stems.



Inspect for Asian citrus psyllids monthly. Look for small, brown pests that feed on citrus leaves with their body at a 45-degree angle.



This blotchy yellowing of citrus tree leaves is an early sign of Huanglongbing and will worsen as the disease develops in the tree.



Young Asian citrus psyllids, called nymphs, produce a white, waxy substance to direct honeydew away from their bodies.



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Tips for Watering Trees

One of the assets of Floral Park is our beautiful, mature trees. Whether they be oaks, sycamores, citrus, or avocado, we want to make sure that we keep them healthy and happy.

Each day, trees take in water through their roots and then transpire that moisture through their leaves. The trees on the city parkways and your property have developed extensive root systems, including deep tap roots, which allow them to find water even in times of drought. These trees can go through a few gallons of water in a single day, meaning that over time, they will become increasingly thirsty and weak if no water is available.

It's a common misconception that a tree's roots are a mirror image of the above ground canopy. In reality, an established tree's roots usually extend well beyond the edge of the canopy, or drip line. Although some anchor roots may reach deep into the soil, most tree roots are concentrated in the upper 12" to 18" of soil.

Here's a few tips on how to water:

- Water in the early morning or evening. Watering during the hottest part of the day causes water to evaporate before it gets where it needs to go.
- Avoid wetting foliage when watering. Each water droplet can act as a tiny lens, intensifying the sunlight and burning the leaves.
- Don't overwater. Immature trees still have roots in a tight ball, and by overwatering you risk drowning the plant. Instead, it's ideal to provide water in a slow drip every four or five days.
- Avoid watering trees right at the trunk. Instead, place your water source at the drip line. This is especially important for avocado trees that can be susceptible to root rot.
- Water trees and shrubs slowly. You want to get the soil wet about six

inches below the surface, so small amounts of water applied over time are better than a lot of water all at once. Sprinklers and other above-ground solutions don't work as well because water evaporates or runs off rather than sinking in deeply.

- Don't overwater. Yes, you can overwater trees. Some symptoms of overwatering are yellow leaves (usually starting on lower branches), black or dark brown roots (symptoms of root rot), fungus or algae growing on the soil surface or surface roots, green leaves that are brittle, or the wilting of young shoots.
- Keep watering. A good rule of thumb is to water trees about once a week during the growing season. Weather conditions will dictate if you need to water more or less than this. Again, check the soil by digging down a few inches and checking its moisture.
- Generally, you want to apply 5 gallons per inch of trunk diameter. Roots generally grow within the top 18" of the soil, but when watered shallowly (or in too little quantities) many will only grow in the top 6 inches. Deeper roots contribute to drought hardiness and anchorage strength.

You can find additional information on the care and watering of trees at TreesAreGood.org.



AN URBAN BUTTERFLY GARDEN

WHY DOES FLORAL PARK NEED ONE?

by Chris Switzer

Butterflies make the world a little more colorful. A recent poll indicated butterflies are the number one insect children like. You may think about the butterfly as a living flower, displaying its beauty wherever it goes. The vivid bright colors stand out against the blue sky and green foliage, attracting its mates. The bright colors deter some potential predators by suggesting bad taste or poison. Butterflies are a diverse group of insects containing around 20,000 different species. Each type has various behavioral and structural adaptations that allow them to survive in their environment.

ECOSYSTEM BAROMETER

Scientists use the presence or absence of butterflies as a predictor of whether an ecosystem is healthy. Adult and larval forms are sensitive to pesticides. Changes in climate will impact butterflies because temperature changes and rainfall amounts may alter migration patterns and timing. Loss or fragmentation of habitat - for example, losing chunks of cover as a result of construction or defoliation - increases predation and also affects migration. Ecologists study butterfly behavior, population numbers and migration patterns to help determine the impact of these environmental issues.

PLANT POLLINATION

Adult butterflies drink nectar from blossoms on flowering plants. Butterflies use a long proboscis to reach deep into the bloom to get at the nectar. The proboscis, which is a part of their mouths, works like a long straw that butterflies curl into a spiral when not using. Like bees and other pollinators, butterflies pick up pollen while they sip a flower's nectar. Once they're off to another plant, the pollen goes with them, helping to pollinate the plant species.

About one third of the food people eat depends on the work of pollinators such as butterflies.

KEEPING ORGANISMS IN CHECK
Butterflies in the larval, or caterpillar, stage consume the leaves of host plants. Caterpillars have chewing mouthpieces that allow them to eat through leaves quickly, using them as an energy source while the larvae grow. They may help plants lose leaves prior to autumn, or help keep certain plant species from propagating out of control. Butterflies are typically very specific as to the type of plant on which they feed. For example, during its caterpillar stage, the monarch butterfly only eats milkweed plants. Some adult butterfly species eat rotting fruit, carrion or animal excrement, thus ridding the environment of waste.

PART OF THE FOOD CYCLE

During any stage of their life cycle, butterflies provide a food source for other animals. Birds, spiders, lizards, small mammals and even other insects are all butterfly predators. Birds are fond of butterfly caterpillars because they move slowly and are easy to catch. A butterfly chrysalis - the final larval stage before the adult butterfly emerges - is vulnerable because it is anchored to rocks, plants or other structures. Adult butterflies typically only live from a few weeks to about a month, as a result of both a naturally short life span and predation.

IMPORTANCE OF GARDENING

As natural habitats are being destroyed to accommodate new developments, the importance of gardening in ensuring robust butterfly populations is becoming more evident. Creating a butterfly ecosystem within your garden as well as in parks and other naturalized areas helps combat this loss of natural habitats.



Now you can see why a butterfly garden is so important at Sara Mae Downie/Adeline Walker's small, triangular garden on the corners of Flower St. and North Park Blvd. Adeline Walker and the garden club established the park in 1938. Mrs. Walker tended and cared for the garden and was described as the "real heart and soul of Santa Ana" and one of the most devoted gardeners and preservationists. Some of Mrs. Walker's accomplishments include:

- Founder of the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society.
- 22 cities in Orange County have official flowers and 21 cities have official trees because of her love of trees and flowers. The Jacaranda is Santa Ana's city tree.
- Civic beautification chairman of the California Bicentennial Committee in Orange County. She is singularly responsible for every city in Orange County planting a bicentennial tree.
- Writing a column in the Orange County Register for many years with the byline "Gardening with Adeline."
- Teacher of gardening in local schools and getting school gardens started.

Mrs. Walker died peacefully in her home in 1985. Her garden has had many volunteers over the years and this tradition continues today with the installation of a butterfly garden by the beautification committee. Sarah Mae Downie, who lived in Floral Park, was civic minded and considered the "heart of charity in Santa Ana."

THE GARDEN AT SARAH MAE DOWNIE/ADELINE WALKER'S HERB GARDEN

Before the rains and COVID-19, volunteers were able to:

- Install a wall to keep people from walking through the butterfly plants on the south end of the park.
- Have the city trim the trees and fix the broken sprinklers.
- Plant milkweed, both native and tropical, for the caterpillar food. We know to cut it back in the fall to encourage natural migration of the Monarchs.
- Plant *Boronia megastigma lutea*, an evergreen shrub with pendant yellow bell flowers, *Chorizema* "Bush Flame" Pea, red flowers on a round shaped shrub, *Buddleia*, a butterfly bush that will grow tall, and Azaleas for the butterfly food. We are about one-third of the way complete with the plantings.

Other plantings will include butterfly food as well. We will also be offering

a "watering hole" from which the butterflies can drink. We will be keeping Mosquito Dunks in the water to kill mosquito larvae.

FLORAL PARK'S BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Maybe you have seen some volunteers working in Sarah Mae Downie Park trimming shrubs, weeding and planting. You may have also seen a few volunteers working at the exits and entrances as you enter or leave Floral Park. Those people you see are some of the regular volunteers on the beautification committee who help keep Floral Park beautiful.

Have you noticed all the new trees in the past year? Our beautification committee has a tree sub-committee that monitors our precious trees. The past two years have been very important as 21 trees were identified as diseased or dead and had to be removed. Ellen Koldewey, who is the chairperson, tirelessly works with the city, the board and educated neighbors

to have the new trees planted to replace those that have died.

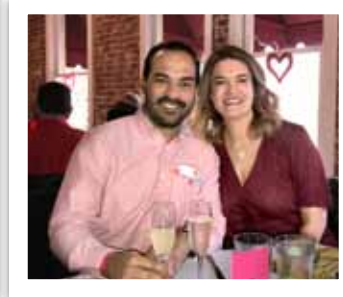
Taking orders for heart stones for the Sarah Mae Downie Park, organizing our dumpster day and "The Most Beautiful Yard" award are also responsibilities for the beautification committee. Spring is busy with home tour prep including lamppost cleanup, checking the sidewalks for uneven payment and lots of extra planting in the gardens.

Now that you know more about the beautification committee, maybe there are some areas with which you would like help? We invite you to join this fun and friendly group of people who love keeping the beauty and magic of our neighborhood alive!

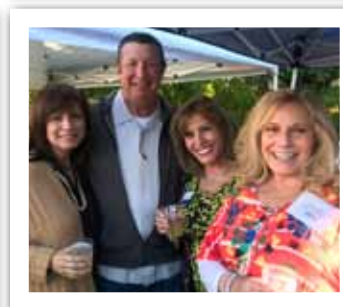
A special thank you goes out to Robin Hipolito for sharing his time and knowledge for this article and the garden. For more information, contact Chris Switzer or Nanci Zinngrabe at beautification@floralpark.com.



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New Officers Sought to Serve on Floral Park Neighborhood Assoc. Board of Directors

Nominations for the FPNA board of directors are now open.

If you are interested in serving our community, there is no better way than to be on the board of directors. The Floral Park board of directors is a group of neighborhood volunteers elected by you, the residents of Floral Park, to help preserve the integrity and historical significance of our homes and to develop a sense of unity within the neighborhood. The special election meeting, for the nomination of officers and directors, is scheduled to be held online, Tuesday, May 12, 2020 in a virtual format.

The following 2-term (25 month including transitional period) positions are available:

- **President**
- **Second Vice President**
- **Secretary**

The following one-year term (13 months including transition period) positions are also available for nomination:

- **Membership Director**
- **Home Tour Director**
- **Social Director**
- **Communications Director**
- **Parliamentarian**

Nominations for all positions are now being accepted via email to secretary@FloralPark.com.

The following two-year positions are not up for re-election this year and thus, these board members will serve another year:

- **First VP:** Julie Humphreys and Tracey Stein
- **Treasurer:** Craig Kalthoff-Patti

Candidates may be nominated and/or accept a nomination from the floor for a board position by either being present at the special online election meeting or through a letter of interest, presented at least forty-eight (48) hours before the special election meeting. Email your letter of interest to

Secretary@FloralPark.com.

Election criteria can be found online at FloralPark.com/documents under FPNA Standing Rules, Sec 2: Nomination Process. All candidates should review the FPNA election rules, position descriptions and code of conduct which can also be found online at FloralPark.com/documents.

Detailed ballot instructions, dates and times and online meeting access information will be posted at FloralPark.com as well as via eblast, Facebook and NextDoor. A live broadcast of the special elections meeting will be viewable at Facebook.com/HistoricFloralPark.

Please consider becoming involved in your neighborhood as a member of the board. Your neighborhood needs you!

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Leave A Lasting Legacy: Join the 2020 Floral Park Membership Drive

by David Buster

Spring has arrived and with it comes a new hope and a renewed sense of community as we combat the changes the world has brought to our doorstep.

We know of the love Floral Park has for parties and get-togethers. We know of the love that is shared between neighbors as they greet one another and as they enjoy that glass of wine on the front porch, but Floral Park is, as we all know, a much larger promise than all of that. It's the promise towards philanthropy, the promise of preservation and the promise of a neighborhood that believes in its community. It's something we all felt from the moment we took that first drive down the beautiful expanse of North Flower Street. We all come here

for different reasons but we stay for the kindness, friendliness and generosity of neighbors like you.

Floral Park finds itself, as does the rest of the world, in uncharted waters. From the cancelation of our most recent mixer and our beloved home tour, many of our neighborhood projects find themselves on hold as we strive to find meaning in all the chaos that

*“When you give,
everyone benefits.”*

encircles us. However, the resilience of our neighbors is something I know I can put stock into.

I would like to humbly request that you take a moment to reflect on some of the joy you have been given by living where you do. Take that momentum of all the happy thoughts and love, and think about the joy you can give in simply giving. Now, unlike any time

before, Floral Park needs the help of its community to rally and ensure that we will still be able to give to those in need through the many scholarships that the income from the home tour normally helps us provide. Since the home tour was cancelled, our main source for funding has evaporated. Any little donation will go a long way and you have my assurance that we will continue to enjoy wonderful fall concerts, chili cook-offs, neighborhood mixers, 4th of July Freedom Fests, summer concerts, holiday festivities and walk of lights together when it is safe to do so.

Your donation supports Floral Park scholarships, local charitable donations, neighborhood preservation, community events, tree replacement, streetscape maintenance and more. To become a Floral Park patron at any level, go to FloralPark.com/shop. Remember, when you give, everyone benefits!



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2020 Census Deadline Approaching

If you haven't already submitted your census survey, now's the time to do so. Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau conducts a population and housing count mandated by the U.S. Constitution. The results are used to determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives and to define representative boundaries for congressional, state and local legislative districts. Additionally, census data is used to distribute over \$675 billion in federal funds to states and local governments for vital community services such as public safety, housing and community development, workforce development, health and human services, education, transportation and environmental protection.

The City of Santa Ana receives over \$50 million in federal funding. It is estimated that California and local communities could lose \$1,950 per year for 10 years for each person not counted in the decennial census. A complete count is critical to ensure that we get a fair share of Congressional representation and federal resources.

You should have already received your census questionnaire by mail but you can also respond online at 2020census.gov. In May 2020, the Census Bureau will begin conducting follow-up visits to non-responding addresses at the door.

It's never been more important to ensure that everyone in Santa Ana is counted. An under-count means millions of dollars lost in federal funding, which equals less money to improve our schools, fix our roads and highways, and provide vital programs for our community. Every person counts!



Calling All Photographers

In times like these, we could all use an excuse to smile. One sure way is the Historic Floral Park Neighborhood Instagram page. There's a new photo of Floral Park every single day! On Tile Tuesday there's a photo of one of the many beautiful tile installations in the neighborhood, and on Throwback Thursdays there's a vintage photo of our community. The rest of the week, there are beautiful photos of Floral Park houses, yards, interiors, and more.

We'd love to profile *your* photos of Floral Park. While walking the neighborhood, feel free to snap a few photos of anything that brings a smile to your face. Then send it to Communications@FloralPark.com. Your photo could be seen around the world as we currently have over 2,300 followers. Be sure to include the location, a short description and any photo credit you'd like.

You can also check out the Instagram Floral Park photo of the day online at FloralPark.com/gallery (at the bottom of the page). Either way, it's sure to make you smile.

Scholarship Deadline Extended to May 31

Every year the Floral Park Neighborhood Association awards scholarships to Santa Ana high school and Santa Ana College students. This year's scholarships are funded by proceeds from last year's Floral Park Home & Garden

Tour along with donations from Floral Park Patrons. These scholarships are not based on academic achievement or financial need, but are instead designed to recognize and honor young people for their own individual volunteerism. This serves to acknowledge their efforts in giving of their time and commitment to the community in hopes that they will be encouraged to continue their educational goals and service to others. In 2019, we awarded \$14,000 in scholarships to deserving students. Because of school disruptions due to COVID-19, we have extended the application deadline to May 31. You can access an application online for 2020 scholarships at FloralPark.com/documents. You can also donate to the scholarship fund by sending a check made out to FPNA with "Scholarship Fund" in the memo to PO Box 11366, Santa Ana, CA 92711-0207

Floral Park Street Repairs to Continue Through May

Street repairs on Flower and 19th Streets are on track despite recent winter rains. Completed are the replacement of sewer manholes and reconstruction of the intersections on Flower Street at 19th Street, Santa Clara Avenue, Riverside Drive, and West Memory Lane.

Concrete replacement began earlier in April at the intersection of Flower and 19th Streets. From there, the construction will proceed north to replace the concrete at the other three intersections, the entire concrete roadway on 19th Street, and damaged concrete curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and curb ramps.

Construction is scheduled to take place weekdays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm with traffic control from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Work is expected to be complete by summer at a projected cost of just over \$2.5 million. For more information, you can contact the Public Works Agency General Construction Hotline at (714) 647-5074 or Community Liaison Michelle Micallef at (714) 647-5091 or mmicallef@santa-ana.org.

Community in the Time of COVID-19

by Ed Trotter

As with any national crisis we have to depend on one another and watch for how we could help. Today, in this overwhelming battle we face with no known path to victory, it's time we figured out how we can make a contribution to one another and to the larger society at large.

The good and bad news is that there are myriad needs and opportunities to fill them.

So, as with the Big One, World War II, Uncle Sam Needs You. What can you do?

Well, the good news is that it's already happening and, in a way, it always has been.

Very locally, you can start by making an assessment of possible needs among your nearest half-dozen or more neighbors. Are they living alone? Are they in a more fragile stage in their lives? So, say you have two or three candidates for "watching over" and want to help. Figure out a non-intrusive way to connect with them on a daily basis to just make sure their needs are met. And, think for a moment "they" are someone else's "us." So protecting them is protecting you.

We can maintain a human connection without violating the nation's social distancing practices. And, we're pretty confident those practices are having an impact. Today, we can use mobile phones, visual communications devices, and, heck, even yelling over the fence! Beyond staying in touch you may want to inquire if there is anything you can do in your own daily routine, like purchasing needed goods and perhaps even services. Do they have a list of close friends and family you should have?

As a geezer myself, who thinks he's 45 instead of 75, I do appreciate others' concerns about me even though I'm perfectly mobile and able to carry out a normal, healthy life. But, we all know by now, nothing is forever and



the day may come when that mobility has gone.

A bit farther afield, we have many non-profit organizations that have been working for years to fill gaps in our safety network from local to international. Close by are Concern America and the Southwest Community Center, both of which are supported by Floral Park neighbors. Of course, there are dozens and dozens more. Your contribution to them in any form would be meaningful.

Did you continue to pay your household help (gardeners, cleaners, aestheticians, etc.) even though you may not be able to avail yourself of their services? They have bills like everyone. And, of course not all of us will continue to have the financial means to carry on as we have in the past so be prudent but also generous.

And, remember you also have to take care of yourself in order to help others. Stay at safe distances not just for you but for them. Stay physically active by walking, even if it's only around the house. Reconsider what you have that you can part with if necessary.

We don't know the future, but history tells us this will pass, although we don't know at what cost. In the meanwhile, love and cherish one another, stay strong and be safe.

(REFERENDUM continued from page 3)
It was truly a community accomplishment when over 19,000 Santa Ana residents signed the petition during a 30-day period starting on January 24.

While it looks like we only qualified by 3 signatures we had 3494 signatures (19,160 minus 15,666) that were not verified, with only 50 of those occurring prior to January 24th. This means we have over 3400 "insurance" signatures.

The Certificate of Sufficiency will be presented to Santa Ana City Council at the April 21, 2020 meeting. The Council can either 1) schedule a special election to vote on whether or not to adopt the ordinance [developer pays], 2) place the referendum on the November ballot [developer pays at a reduced rate] or 3) rescind the approval of the ordinance. Tune in to find out!

Again, my thanks to all those who have assisted so far. We have come a long way, but the issue is not settled just yet. Be smart, stay safe, stay healthy, and stay home.
—Dale Helzig

The developer is claiming that the filing was late and has filed suit against the City of Santa Ana and the North Santa Ana Preservation Alliance.

Thank you to Mark Rothenberg for the article on 2525 in the February issue.

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But the price of land in Santa Ana was skyrocketing and with the return of soldiers from World War II, the demand for housing had pushed out the last of the orchards.

But remnants still remain of Floral Park's historic orange groves. If you put in a pool, you're likely to dig up a vintage clay orchard irrigation pipe. The capped irrigation well at the corner of Victoria and Santa Clara still remains. Original farm houses stand proudly on Greenleaf and Santa Clara Streets. Vintage smudge pots can be seen under a tree on Greenleaf. And many homes in Floral Park still have their original orange trees, their fragrant blossoms perfuming the air each spring, a sweet tribute to our proud citrus heritage.



Floral Park Plans Calendar of Social Events for 2020

by Tammy Heider
Floral Park Social Director

Welcome to a new decade in Floral Park!

We have many events planned for the year and the social committee team is working vigorously to bring the community fantastic events for 2020! Here's what we have planned:

CINCO DE MAYO – Sunday, May 3 from 3-7 p.m. at Karyn Cripps on Riverside Dr. Bring a Mexican style dish to share and adult beverage of choice. Water will be provided. *(Event is tentative. Check FloralPark.com/calendar for the most current information)*

FREEDOM FEST – Saturday, June 27 from 3-7 p.m. on Heliotrope

SUMMER CONCERT – Saturday, August 22 from 5-9 p.m. on the Heliotrope Cul-de-sac.

CHILI COOK-OFF – Saturday, October 3 from 3-6 p.m. on North Park Cul-de-sac.

HOLIDAY PARTY – Saturday, December 5 from 3-6 p.m. on North Park and Benton

Unfortunately, with COVID-19, ALL events are subject to cancellation or postponement until 2021. We will strive to keep the community updated well in advance via FloralPark.com, eblast, NextDoor, and on Facebook. Our first commitment is to keep our community safe and healthy.

The social team rang in the new year executing two events thus far. We held the 2nd annual Valentine's Sweetheart Dinner at Perla's Mexican Cuisine in downtown Santa Ana on 4th Street. What a great venue! The event was upstairs in the restaurant's private room with exposed brick walls providing the room a ton of ambiance. We had a lovely buffet luncheon of enchiladas verde, tacos y papas, steak, shrimp and chicken fajitas, rice and beans and cheesecake for dessert. The food was outstanding! Plus bottomless mimosas sponsored by Floral Park resident Eddie Q, your local State Farm Insurance agent! The tables were beautifully decorated with bouquets of fresh flowers, candy scattered on the table and hearts galore. Guests enjoyed complimentary photos to take home under a beautifully decorated backdrop by photographer Stephanie Bazarro. We played a few games with lovely prizes for the winners and, to top off the afternoon, a mariachi group playing traditional songs compliments of the restaurant. Guests also wrote letters to their loved ones! If you haven't yet visited Perla's, I highly recommend trying them once social distancing is lifted! There's even a 10% off coupon in the last newsletter!

Following the Valentine's brunch, the social committee put together

an incredible National Margarita Day extravaganza! Hosts Michael & Jeanette Mustafa on Riverside Drive went above and beyond to create the perfect atmosphere. It was by far our best attended Margarita Day event! The weather was sketchy in the morning while volunteers set up. The rain was coming down pretty good at one point but the afternoon was perfect! Everyone outdid themselves with delicious dishes to savor and I can tell you, no one went thirsty! Many thanks to our hosts, Michael & Jeanette and to all who volunteered to loan decorations, seating, pitchers for margaritas and the folks who helped set up their lovely yard!

We also celebrated two birthdays and an anniversary that day! Helen Jones and Toni Kimball surprised their husbands, Dick and KC with a fun-filled piñata to take a swing at! Happy Birthday KC & Dick! Two awesome chaps, Nicholas Gillespie and Johnny B, celebrated their anniversary with us! Happy anniversary and cheers to you both!

Again, keep your eyes posted for our next event, Cinco de Mayo, and all the other events scheduled for the year. From all of the members of the social committee, thank you for supporting the events by attending. We have the greatest community! This time of isolation really speaks volumes of how amazing our neighborhood is and the friendships we have made. I'm sure we are all looking forward to getting back to hanging out with friends and neighbors! Until we can meet up again, be safe with good health and happy spring.



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Remembering 69-Year Floral Park Resident Martha Ann Brooks, 1918 - 2020

by Dylan Almendral

Martha Ann Brooks, a long time neighbor and original owner of a Floral Park home, has died at the age of 101 and 7 months.

Martha Ann was born in Creal Springs, Illinois on July 25, 1918 on her family's 80-acre farm where they raised all manner of crops from soybeans to pears, all foods she said were "good to eat!" After graduating high school in 1934, she left the family farm and struck out on her own. "I knew there was no future for me there."

At the age of 17, with \$12 in her pocket and a one-way train ticket, she said goodbye forever to her family farm and headed to Chicago. After finishing high school, she worked for numerous families in the Chicago area as a house keeper and nanny while she studied to be a registered nurse at a Catholic nursing school at Columbus Hospital. She graduated in 1939 and worked in the hospital until 1940.

In early 1941 she became a flight attendant for American Airlines, which required that all flight attendants be registered nurses. She remembered serving filet mignon and all manner of fancy expensive food and drink aboard the aircraft. Her route was AM18 between Boston, New York and Washington, D.C. It was during this time that she met her first husband, William



Cheney, an American Airlines pilot whom she married in March, 1942.

After WWII, they built a Ranch-style home at 2307 North Benton Way in Floral Park.

In the 1950s, Bill was away often, either flying or on African Safari. During their marriage, Bill's mother, who lived in Tustin, supported Martha Ann's interest in art and education and nurtured her creativity by paying for her to take lessons in tailoring and clothing design. Always the creative type, Ann took up a number of artistic pursuits, including oil and china painting and dress making. Ruth Venable, whose pieces are in the Smithsonian, taught Ann the delicate art of china painting. In 1961, she began a large, mural-like reproduction of Leonardo da Vinci's "Last Supper" on Italian tile. It was one of her most prized accomplishments and was donated to the Billy Graham Association.

Ann was very active in church as well as civics. Her membership in the Ebell Club allowed her to have a more meaningful impact in the Santa

Ana community. She served and volunteered in many organizations in Santa Ana and advocated for education and the Santa Ana Public Library where she was part of the ways and means committee for fundraising.

After her first marriage ended, at age fifty-one, Ann met and fell in love with former Santa Ana councilman Walter Brooks and they married on September 27, 1969. Their mutual love of travel and beagles lasted until Walter's death in May 1991.

Ann always believed in giving back to the community in which she lived,

and she supported, participated in and stayed informed on political issues. Ann believed in letting her voice be heard. She was honored to meet Presidents Nixon, Reagan, both George Bushes, First Lady Laura Bush, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, and many others. The

list of amazing things that this woman gave to the world is near endless and she will be missed.

On March 8, 2018, Dylan Almendral and staff in the Santa Ana history room, had the distinct honor to interview Martha Ann for her 100th Birthday. That interview, and the resulting short-format documentary was filmed 2 years to the day of her going home. The documentary is viewable on YouTube by searching "Memories of Migration Season 2: Martha Ann Brooks."



Mark Your Calendars For Summer

Here's a quick reference for some of our planned meetings and events this spring & summer. Dates and times are subject to change in accordance with government guidelines, so look for up-to-date details in eblasts and at FloralPark.com/calendar. Locations and dates not listed are yet to be determined.

APRIL 2020

FPNA Board Meeting 4/20, 7 p.m.

MAY 2020

Cinco de Mayo Party 5/3, 3-7 p.m.

FPNA Board Meeting 5/18, 7 p.m.

Board Elections.....

JUNE 2020

Yard Sale Weekend 6/6 & 7

FPNA Board Meeting 6/16, 7 p.m.

General Meeting (Scholarships, Charity & Legacy Awards).....

Freedom Fest 6/27, 3-7 p.m., Heliotrope

JULY 2020

FPNA Board Meeting 7/20, 7 p.m.

AUGUST 2020

FPNA Board Meeting 8/18, 7 p.m.

Summer Concert 8/22, 5-6 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 2020

Yard Sale Weekend 9/5 & 6

FPNA Board Meeting 9/22, 7 p.m.

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