Historic PARK

A Legacy of Friendship and Family on Santa Clara Avenue

Three Generations, Two Homes, One Special Bond

by Sue Stewart

In 1935, Rose (M.D.) and Charles Druitt built their family home at 529 W. Santa Clara Avenue, with help from their 15-year-old son Bill, who took part in planning its design. Just a few years later, in 1942, Nan and Frank Curran moved in next door at 533 W. Santa Clara Avenue with their two children, Dwight and Cecelia. Their family quickly grew to include Denny and Nicki. In 1946, Bill Druitt married Mary Ingram, and the couple settled into 529, where they raised their children, Sue and Craig.

The next generation took root in 1980, when Sue (Druitt) and her husband Jim Stewart moved into the Druitt family home with their two children, Connie and Thomas. Following the passing of her parents in 1996, Nicki Curran purchased the home at 533, keeping it in the family.

In 2021, the legacy of close-knit neighbors continued when Sheila Segurson—daughter of Cecelia (Curran) and Jim Segurson, and granddaughter of Nan and Frank—became the newest homeowner at 533 W. Santa Clara.

Over nearly nine decades, these two homes have remained a shared thread in the story of Floral Park—reminding us that some of the strongest roots grow just next door.



Sheila Segurson



Nicki Curran



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Rose & Charles Druitt



Sue (Druitt) & Jim Stewart



Nan & Frank Curran



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Editor's Notes

by Jess Carr

Hiya Neighbors!

My biggest hope for this Newsletter is that it feels like ours—by neighbors, for neighbors, and about neighbors. So tell me—what do you want to see? What do you want to read about? In this issue we're trying out two new ideas: a Kid's Corner (to get our younger neighbors involved) and a little section I call Shenanigans (because we all have them so why not share?). Love it? Hate it? Got a better idea? I'm all ears!

Our neighborhood has always run on 100% volunteer power. It's not just about showing up to the fun stuff—it's about pitching in to make it all happen. The more hands helping, the lighter the lift for everyone.

Our biggest event is the Home Tour and it's what makes so much possible—scholarships, community grants, replanting trees, sprucing up entrance gardens, vintage streetlights, the list goes on and on, and of course all the fun gatherings we love. But the committee needs help, and we'd love some fresh energy.

Right now need:

- Docent Coordinator It is not terribly hard but it can feel like herding cats. There are lots of people who will help you thru the process. And who knows, you might be that person that has a new idea and streamlines it! I got us on SignUpGenius and it has lightened the load tremendously for the position. So who wants to step up? Get a friend and the 2 or 3 of you can git 'er done.
- Communications Director Again a pretty simple job with an awesome mentor. If you can write an email you already have half the job mastered! You would basically be assisting Mason and learning the ropes.

So...who's in? Bring a friend, share the load, and let's keep this neighborhood as amazing as it is.

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Floral Park's 2025 Most Beautiful Yard Award

and the award goes to...

by Diana Christoffersen

In late May, the City of Santa Ana chose 1919 N. Heliotrope Drive as Floral Park's 2025 Most Beautiful Yard. Congratulations Jeffrey and Susan Katz! An unexpected aesthetic in the Southern California climate, Jeff and Suzee took inspiration for the garden from their love of the Grand Californian Hotel and the lush forests of the Pacific Northwest. Fortuitously, their acquaintance with a landscape architect whose background includes installations at Disneyland resulted in the development of a design to realize their vision perfectly.

Using a mature sycamore tree that dominates the property as backbone, the design incorporates serene waterfalls and a meandering stream visible from three vantages, the street, the front entry of the home, and Jeff's home office. The plantings are primarily shade loving and thrive in the understory of the sycamore's sweeping branches. After dark, the entire garden is enchantingly lit by lovely craftsman-style lanterns, in-ground spotlights that emphasize focal points and the beautiful branch structure of the sycamore, and roofline lighting that can be color customized bulb-by-bulb. The recent repaint of the home itself further enhances the stylistic Pacific Northwest design. A well-deserved recognition.

Also to be congratulated for their nominations and consideration by the City for this award are Alexander and Nena Niessen who have created a lush English garden at 2031 N. Ross, and Jessica Carr and Joy Ridout at 2341 Bonnie Brae featuring an authentic desert landscape.











Jazz: Floral Park's Soundtrack

by Summer Taylor Martinez



So often we enjoy the visual vibrance of Floral Park, the historic and stately homes, mature trees, manicured gardens.... but have you ever thought about what melodies would have entertained those who built this community? It was likely Jazz, given much of Floral Park was built during the Jazz Age. The Jazz Age, spanning the 1920s and early 1930s, was a time of dazzling change, creative energy, and cultural transformation in America. It was a time of economic prosperity, social change, and a break from tradition... a time when America first learned to swing, and the world danced along.

Swinging back to that transformative time, Floral Park once again hosted "Jazz at the George," under the shady pines of a historic home. The event, held at the beautifully restored George House, brought together music lovers from across our community. The George provided a picturesque backdrop for the evening, which began with neighbors picnicking and mingling prior to the show. This year's featured artists included a Santa Ana native, Tony Guerrero with his Quintet. It also featured vocalist (and amazing siffleur, or whistler) Lia Booth. Returning percussionist Matt Johnson, brother of the George owners and gracious hosts Patrick Johnson & Denise Ryan, joined the quintet. Guerrero shared that he grew up in Santa Ana, attending Saddleback High School, where his musical career was nurtured and his passion for the industry was ignited. As the music started, there was a collective tapping of toes in time to the tunes.

Sipping my sangria under the pines, enjoying the soulful rhythms and energetic solos, it struck me how very lucky I am to live, and to have grown up, in this city. A vibrant city, developed through the Jazz Age, which celebrates history, culture, creative arts, and diversity- a trend which continues today.

It's worth remembering the Jazz Age, and the creative energy that vibrated the foundation of our historic homes and our community. For me, "Jazz at the George" was more than just a concert—it was a celebration of community, history, and the joy of music. Next time you stroll through our neighborhood, consider tuning in to the historic sounds of the 1920s & 1930s, and maybe you'll find yourself swinging along with the history all around you.







Floral Park Freedom Fest:

A Sparkling 4th of July Celebration

By Brian Stoddart



On Saturday, June 28th, the heart of Floral Park came alive with the sights and sounds of patriotic celebration as neighbors gathered for the annual Freedom Fest. This cherished event, hosted in honor of Independence Day, brought together over 600 residents and friends for an unforgettable day of community spirit, music, and tradition.

The festivities kicked off with the ever-popular Bike Parade, where children and adults alike proudly rode through the neighborhood streets, their bikes festooned with red, white, and blue decorations. Laughter, cheering, and the joyful ringing of bike bells set the tone for the day.

As the sun settled in, the crowd gathered for a moving Patriotic Ceremony, led by long-time neighbor George Will, whose words reminded us all of the meaning behind the celebration. The highlight of the ceremony was a stirring rendition of the National Anthem, beautifully performed by neighbor Mary Pero, which drew heartfelt applause from all in attendance.

This event has exploded in popularity over the years due in no small part to the volunteer stewardship of one Suzee Katz. Much of its success is due to her tireless efforts. The evening continued with lively music from local favorites The Reef Brothers, who kept spirits high and the dance floor full. From classic rock to Americana hits, their performance was the soundtrack to a night filled with dancing, laughter, and community connection. Other activities for the afternoon included a Watermelon Eating contest, face painting, and the ever-popular Cake Walk. Many thanks to Rochelle Landry and her band of volunteers for making that activity so enjoyable that dozens of kids and adults participated while many more gathered to watch the sweet treat shenanigans. A special shout-out also goes to Sandy De Angelis of Seven Gables Real Estate and Eddie Quillares Jr. of State Farm Insurance for sponsoring beverage stations, and Kevin Shuler (and Brian Stoddart) of Neighbors Real Estate Partners for providing the Ice Cream truck.

The Floral Park Neighborhood Association is a volunteer-run organization and thus plays a vital role in fostering community spirit by organizing events like Freedom Fest. These events cannot happen without our amazing volunteers... so drum-roll please...a HUGE shout-out to EACH and EVERY one of you!







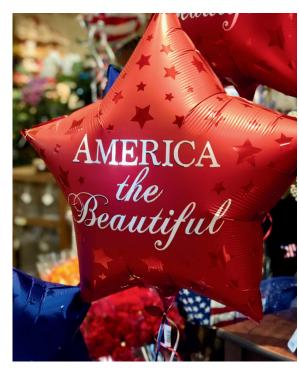












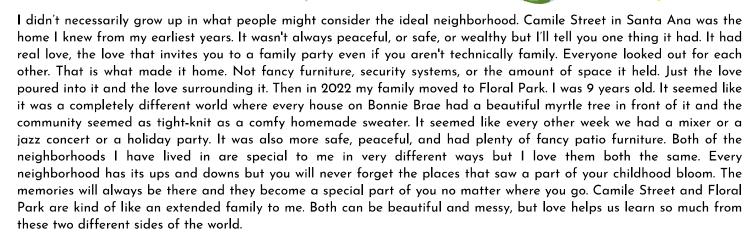


Note from the Editor: We are trying something new. I have enlisted the help of Stephanie Miles to create a space where kids can be involved in the Newsletter. She has created a comic strip for us and we have our first writer!

Calling all young Floral Park writers! Would you like to help us bring great content to Kids Corner? We are looking for articles, poems, and creative journalism that follow the theme of Floral Park and explore what it is like to be a kid living in this special neighborhood. What do you love about living here? What are your favorite experiences or events? We're open to anything you want to share and your voice is important to us! Please submit your work to the email below and contact me for any questions. Stephanie Miles at stephaniemiles919@gmail.com

Two Sides of The World

by Seylah Miles, Age 12





I've Got Curb Appeal

by Diana Christoffersen, Di Willis and Kevin Islas

A big congratulations to our winning homeowners for their beautiful gardens. Your hard work adds color, charm, and inspiration to our neighborhood. Keep growing—you might be next!

2222 N. Ross Street (July Winner)

This garden featured primarily lawn, with the recent redesign adding planted perimeter beds and gravel pathways. Two short columns announce the approach to the front entry and are complimented by a bench and old-world pots. These pots, with a lovely patina, are placed on repeat parallel to the public walkways. A raised vegetable bed with climbing trellis personalizes the space and a small center lawn softens the overall design.



2402 North Park Boulevard (July Winner)

Freshly painted with rich colors, this classic mid-century bungalow deserves notice. The existing raised stonework foundation beds that artfully wind along both exposed sides of the home have been replanted with a striking array of textures and colors -- lime and rich dark green mingle with tinges of burgundy -- and with a goal of being waterwise. A concrete privacy wall and "tower" masking the original chimney add interest and a contemporary flare.



2144 N Greenleaf Street (August Winner)

This one-story 1929 Roger-Morrison house, blends English Revival charm with strong curb appeal. Its T-shaped plan and steep, cross gabled roof with rolled-edge shingles create a picturesque asymmetry. Mature trees frame the property, while thoughtfully placed small sculptures enhance the garden, decomposed granite giving depth, complement the home's timeless character. A diagonal corner entryway adds depth and visual interest. The clean stucco finish lets the rich textures and details shine.



2311 N Riverside Drive (August Winner)

This unaltered 1925 Colonial Revival Spencer-Collin's house, stands with timeless elegance, featuring classic brick construction and a gambrel, side-gabled roof clad in asphalt shingles. The first floor is anchored by a wide, welcoming porch, alongside a prominent picture window that floods the interior with natural light. Curb appeal is elevated by beautifully manicured hedges and a fountain that frame the home, adding charm and sophistication. The lush landscaping, with its tidy greenery and thoughtful symmetry, draws attention to the home's architectural details while offering a polished, stately presence from the street.







The Birds of Floral Park Are Living in Style

By Jess Carr and Stacey Olson

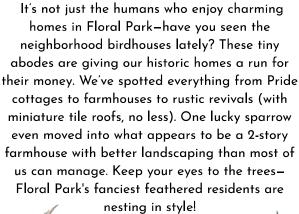




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Floral Park Shenanigans

she·nan·i·gans /SHəˈnanəgənz/ noun - Playful or mischievous behavior; high-spirited antics.



We're the kind who wave with a cheerful "Hi, Neighbor!" and genuinely enjoy spending time together. That's what makes this place so special—and why I thought it was time we started celebrating our shared shenanigans.

Send me a quick recap of your neighborhood shenanigans (to newsletter@floralpark.com)—with a photo if you've got one —and let's keep the fun going. After all, this is who we are…mischief, magic, and a whole lot of memories.

Trace is going to kick things off for us.

A Star-Spangled Scramble: The Inaugural 4th of July Golf Cart Poker Run by Trace Weatherford

During a small get-together in June, it was casually mentioned how much fun it would be if we planned some kind of Golf Cart Poker Run. "So many of us have golf carts!" Folks agreed. And thus after some planning, on the morning of Friday July 4th, a handful of neighbors met at Jess Carr and Joy Ridout's house (Bonnie Brae) and the Inaugural 4th of July Golf Cart Poker Run was born!

Here were the basics: Participants decorated their golf carts! We met at a designated starting point and each participant gave a \$5 donation. Wendy Currlin (Flower St.) gave us the lowdown; things like we all caravan together for safety, have a person at the front and back to watch / direct traffic, spend 15-20 min max at each house, etc. Then we piled into our decked-out vehicles and set off for some cruising and card collecting

Five houses agreed to be "card stops". Each stop served a small beverage and small nibble and participants drew a single playing card. The goal, much like in traditional poker, was to collect the best possible five-card hand by the end of the run. The effort, creativity and hospitality these hosts showed - from a Banana Bread Old-Fashion to a tray of thick-cut smoked brown sugar and peppered bacon - everything was CHEF'S KISS!

So a special shout-out must go to:

- Summer and Alex Martinez (N. Ross)
- Stacey and Neal Olson (N. Greenleaf)
- Suzee & Jeff Katz (N. Heliotrope)
- Wendy & Charlie Currlin (N. Flower)
- Trace Weatherford & Jonathan Rosenberger (N. Park)

It was, hands-down, a fantastic time. The real joy wasn't just in the potential winning hand but in the journey itself: the camaraderie, shared laughter, and the unique way it brought friends and neighbors together.

Once all the card stops were visited, we gathered back at Jess & Joy's house to compare everyone's hand and determine a winner (cue drumroll)... congrats Chela! We are already thinking of ways to take it up a notch next year – hmm...maybe a prize for best decorated golf cart? Or the most patriotic?



























Neighborhood Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2025

Board Meeting General Meeting Fall Concert

DATE

Tuesday, September 9 Thursday, September 11 Saturday, September 27

OCTOBER 2025

Board Meeting Garden Swap Halloween SPOOKtacular Walk of Fright

DATE

Tuesday, October 14 Sunday, October 19 Sunday, October 26 Wednesday, October 29

NOVEMBER 2025

Garden Swap Board Meeting General Meeting

DATE

Sunday, November 9 Tuesday, November 11 Thursday, November 13

DECEMBER 2025

Holiday Event Menorah Lighting Walk of Lights

DATE

Saturday, December 13 Saturday, December 20 Monday, December 22

FPNA Security Advisory



Recently, our Floral Park neighborhood has experienced numerous auto break-ins resulting in significant loss of personal property as well as extensive auto damage. These break-ins have generally occurred after midnight, during early morning hours. In addition to auto break-ins, there have been numerous reports of other undesirable activities and suspicious non-neighbors moving through our neighborhood during these after-dark hours.

The FPNA Board has reengaged the services of the private security firm, Officers Inc., to continue patrolling our neighborhood during after-dark hours for an extended period of time. We believe this to be a necessary next step to continue to curb illegal activities and protect our property/privacy based upon the results of the first 30 days of patrol services.

Therefore, please be aware of an increased Santa Ana police presence in our neighborhood as well as that of a private security firm patrolling between the hours of 11:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m.

You can reach the City of Santa Ana non-emergency dispatcher at 714 834-4211. The private security service dispatcher can also be reached at (562) 881-4003 between the hours of 11:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. while they are patrolling Floral Park.

Locals Only BBQ Buzz



by The Mystery Diner and an Eager Eater

Gee's

Barbecue, BBQ, 'Que, we all love it and we have an outstanding spot right here in Santa Ana. Gee's Barbecue at 2603 S. Main Street operates from a walk-up window behind a taco shop. Open Friday from 5 to 8, and Saturday and Sunday noon to sell-out, lines form 30 minutes prior to opening and they do sell out. Be assured, though, that the wait is worth it for delish slow smoked brisket, dino ribs, house-made sausages, turkey and an array of sides. Easy street parking and picnic table seating.

Beales Texas BBQ

The owner and Chef is NOT from Texas, but rather a Santa Ana native. What? Beale's is located at 100 S. Main Street and is open every day at 11:30 until 9:00 most days with weekends open until midnight. The brisket is Texas legit. The collard greens are perfection and the ranch style beans have that Tex-Mex feel. There is outdoor seating and a large parking lot with plenty of parking. (It's in the Original Mike's location)



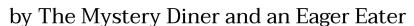








Rise & Grind





Hidden House is lodged in an old brick warehouse, is a local gem with a trendy industrial feel. Their in-house roasted coffees, as well as both hot and cold specialty drinks, are well executed and a nice selection of pastries and heartier breakfast items are available. Spacious indoor seating and a pleasant dog-friendly patio make it equally appropriate for a quiet break or a group gathering. Designated spots are located in the adjacent parking lot. Located at 511 E. Santa Ana Boulevard, hours are 7 to 5 daily.

61Hundred Bread

Located at 728 N Poinsettia St is open Thursday thru Sunday 8 to 1 or until sold out. Where do I start? The best thing hands down is actually 2 things: The Ube Cruffin and the Japanese Milk Bread. I don't even like bread or pastry and I am obsessed! You have got to try them. The downside is that it is street parking and it can be challenging to find a spot and that there can be long lines on the weekends. Always best to roll out early, get your goodies and then cuddle up with them at home. Trust me. You will not regret visiting this place.













Charity and Scholarship 2025

By Mason Nakamura

A message from Outgoing Sponsorship Chair, Stephanie Miles

"I've never heard of a neighborhood doing that before!"

"What kind of neighborhood does this?"

"Wow, that's an amazing neighborhood!"

These were all exclamations and comments I heard while chairing the Sponsorship Committee these past several years. Sometimes it came from a charity staff-person while dropping off a check, or the grateful parent of a high school scholarship recipient. It has been a true honor to serve on the board and I have been so inspired by the hidden heroes who have volunteered and worked tirelessly, from the scholarship application reviewers team to the many people involved in the Home and Garden Tour, the Beer and Wine Garden, and the Opening Night Gala. Thank you for the opportunity to serve and help steward the fruits of all your labor. I know that next year Sponsorship will continue to thrive under great new leadership as we build on this year's progress and I can't wait to hear more stories of how these funds have made an impact on our community

At our Scholarship and Charity Awards presentation on June 14, 2025, Floral Park was honored to present nineteen \$2000 Scholarship awards to the following Santa Ana high school and Santa Ana College students! For further information on this year's scholarship recipients and charities, please visit our website www.floralpark.com/giving-back/ or use the QR code.



Community Grant Projects

Floral Park was able to fund 4 community grant projects.

#1 ALSA Assisteens Book Fest \$5,000

The Assisteens is a youth mentorship program through the Santa Ana Assistance League. They were able to buy quality books and supplies for a hugely successful book fair which was hosted in March.

#2 Santa Ana High School Girls Wrestling \$5,000

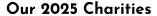
This grant was written by our very own Floral Park resident Alicia Serratos, a student in the Santa Ana High School wrestling program where her parents coach and her siblings also compete. Funds are being used to upgrade the Girl's Wrestling room and purchase muchneeded sports equipment.

#3 Healing Heroes \$5,000

Healing Heroes is an ongoing program with Soul Rapha to connect Santa Ana College nursing and medical students to seniors in our community. These students gain the opportunity to serve while also gaining career literacy in healthcare.

#4 The HIVE Youth Program \$1,000

This amazing program was given funds for the improvement, expansion and beautification of their current outdoor community garden space. The HIVE provides a safe space for children for after school homework help, play, and community.



This year, Floral Park was also honored to present eight \$2000 awards to each of the following charities:

·Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society ·OCCTAC (Orange County Children's Therapeutic Arts Center)

·The HIVE Youth Program

·The Center OC

·Olive Crest – Survivors of Human Trafficking Initiative

·Kidworks

·CSUF Grand Central Arts Center in Santa Ana ·The Dragon Kim Foundation





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Floral Park Community Market Update

THE FOLLOWING IS 2025 LOCAL HOUSING ACTIVITY YEAR TO DATE

Address	Square Ft.	\$\$/Sq. Ft.	Sales Price
1719 N Flower Street	2,261 SF	\$553	\$1,250,000
2332 N Riverside Drive	2,204 SF	\$666	\$1,468,000
*2336 N Riverside Drive	1,752 SF	\$913	\$1,600,000
*2042 N Ross Street	2,862 SF	\$648	\$1,855,000
*2105 N Heliotrope Drive	2,285 SF	\$799	IN ESCROW
*2003 N Victoria Drive	4,042 SF	\$742	\$3,000,000
*2020 N Victoria Drive	3,945 SF	\$887	\$3,500,000

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