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Pedaling Forward by Giving Back

Two Wheels, Three Generations, One Mission
by Tim Meraz



Bicycles have been woven into my life since growing up in Santa Ana in the 50s and 60s. Our house sat right next to the Santa Ana River Trail, and my first bike—a metallic blue Schwinn Sting Ray I got for Christmas—opened up a new world. It gave me independence, mobility, and a sense of freedom I'd never felt before.

My father, Salvador, was the real reason I fell in love with bikes. He worked as a bicycle mechanic at Henry's Bike Shop in downtown Santa Ana while attending Santa Ana High School and living in the Logan Barrio. He learned everything about bicycles from his grandfather, Rafael, and since their family didn't have a car, bikes were their main transportation. As I grew older and became interested in racing and building bikes, my dad passed down those skills—how to straighten a bent wheel, lace spokes, replace bearings, and adjust brakes. At the time, I just wanted to go faster, but later I realized those lessons taught me patience, craftsmanship, and the importance of trying again when something doesn't go right. After a long, rewarding career in advertising, I wanted my retirement to be meaningful. That's when I discovered The Bicycle Tree, a nonprofit shop on 17th Street near Greenleaf. Stepping inside felt like "bike heaven"—rows of bikes, salvaged parts, wheels hanging from the ceiling, and a workshop buzzing with people learning and teaching repair. Project Director Paul Nagel's passion for making transportation accessible reminded me why bikes matter so much. See more about The Bicycle Tree in this issue on page 13.



Rafael Meraz



Salvador Meraz



James, Salvador & Tim Meraz



Tim Meraz

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President's Message

by Craig Kalthoff-Patti



Season's Greetings, Floral Park!

On behalf of the Historic Floral Park Neighborhood Association Board, I wish you and your loved ones a very happy holiday season. It's truly wonderful to watch our neighborhood transform this time of year—decorations popping up, creative displays, and neighbors chatting about the latest festive touches. Whether you're the first to hang lights or prefer a more subtle approach, every style adds to the charm of our community.

I like to think of this season as a "choose your own adventure." Celebrate big or take things slow—whatever brings you joy. A few tips to help make the holidays smoother and more enjoyable:

1. Keep track of events—on paper or digitally—to stay ahead of the busy schedule.
2. Accept help when it's offered; shared contributions make gatherings more fun and less stressful.
3. Make time for self-care: stroll through the neighborhood to enjoy the lights, listen to your favorite music, or simply rest. Your body and mind will thank you.

Our FPNA Social Committee has done an incredible job creating opportunities for neighbors to connect all year, especially during the holidays. Be sure to stop by the Tree Lighting at Sarah Mae Downie Park on November 30th, and join us for snow, cookie decorating, and letters to Santa at the Floral Park Holiday Party on December 13th. And if you're looking for a deeper sense of belonging, consider joining one of our volunteer committees—our events shine because of the people who give their time.

Wishing you a wonderful November, December, and January. I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming holiday events—and again in 2026!

TIS THE SEASON OF GIVING

The holiday season is a perfect time to reflect on the services and community traditions that make Floral Park such a special place.

Our neighborhood benefits from your generosity through:

- Neighborhood Beautification
- Scholarships
- Home Tour
- Historical District Designation
- Floral Park Newsletter
- Charity Donations
- Events & Activities that bring us together...

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Floral Park's Historic Designation Celebration

by Julie Humphreys

On October 26, 2025, FPNA celebrated the completion of the nearly 18-year effort to obtain designation as a Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places. On that day, nearly 100 neighbors and civil leaders gathered at Sarah Mae Downie Park to celebrate this wonderful achievement for our neighborhood. There were barbershop singers, treats and lemonade, and a few speeches, as well as the surprise presentation of a Certificate of Recognition by the City of Santa Ana.

This achievement was a long-term, multi-stepped effort that began in the late 2000s when FPNA formed a Historic Resources Committee. When the idea to hire a professional historian to take on the arduous application process proved to be too costly (bids neighbored \$50,000), enthusiastic and talented volunteers within the neighborhood took it on themselves. However, managing daily life got in the way of the time-consuming tasks required by the application. A partnership with the Architectural Department of Orange Coast College was then entered but, despite our appreciation for their efforts, the project was again not completed.

As more time passed, we accepted the fact that paid professional help was needed. Enter Santa Ana Historian, Dylan Almendral, who was hired to undertake the laborious process of completing the required research, photographs and documents (including title histories and architectural write-ups) as well as extensive documentation of the historical development of Floral Park, the unique characteristics, famous people, prominent architects, social and historical development and cultural significance of our neighborhood -- literally hundreds of pages. (As part of that process, Dylan commissioned a video of the neighborhood via drone which can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RLB2lc9Pwll&t=403s>).

With the application finally completed, approval was obtained fairly easily by a supportive State Historic Resources Commission. More exacting with their requirements, National Park Service approval was not so easily obtained. After many revisions and reviews (around three or four) which took months each time, we finally got all our Ts crossed and Is dotted and -- drum roll please -- in February 2023 we were thrilled to achieve designation of "Floral Park Historic District" on the National Register of Historic Places!

Who knew it would then take another 2 ½ years of dedicated stewardship by Historic Resources Committee Chair, Beverly Schauwecker, and many other neighbors, community leaders and Santa Ana public employees persevering through the lengthy funding, design, planning, approval and construction of the monuments. Finally, in October of this year, the installation was complete and the long-overdue, much-deserved celebration was scheduled. The two historic monuments may be viewed on Flower Street (one just south of N. Park Boulevard and the other just north of 17th Street), as well as a historic marker installed inside Sarah Mae Downie Park.

What does this mean? Floral Park Historic District consists of 179.71 acres with 636 total historic resources (homes). 554 (87%) are considered contributive to the Historic District and 82 (13%) are found to be non-contributive. We are the largest historic district in the City of Santa Ana and the second largest in the county (old Towne Orange with 1300 homes is the largest in both the county and the state). Our historic district has been afforded some preservation protections under the National Park Service of the Department of the Interior. We are so very pleased to have obtained this recognition as a unique and special neighborhood worthy of national recognition and historic preservation!

Floral Park Neighborhood would like to extend its gratitude to Dylan Almendral for his professionalism and dedication in seeing this unexpectedly lengthy process through to the very end.



We are immensely grateful for all the support received from within our FPNA membership. Additionally, a huge thank you to the members of the FPNA Historic Resources Committee over the past 17-plus years, including Gene Andres, Craig Benedetti, Betsy Benton*, Richard Chiarini, Phil Chinn, Sandy de Angelis, Ramin and Jen Faiz, Gary and Julie Humphreys, Rob Johnson, David Michael Madigan, Wally McCloud, Blair O'Callaghan, Lea Pascoe*, Jim Perez, Don Payne*, Ed Power*, Leah Schmidt, Kevin Shuler, Mike Vrtel, Leeta Wilhite, Ed Murashie, Wayne Suraci, Merle Craig, Ann Salisbury, Beverly and Erwin Schauwecker, Janelle and Mark McLoughlin, and Jim Taft.

We are also immensely grateful to the following who helped us along the way: Hally Sobleske, City of Santa Ana; Planning Department, City of Santa Ana; Rose Anne Kings, Orange Coast College; J. J. Crowley, Orange Coast College; History Room, Santa Ana Library; Orange County Archives; and Tim Rush, Historian.

*Deceased



Ghosts, Ghouls and Good Neighbors:

Walk of Frights Highlights

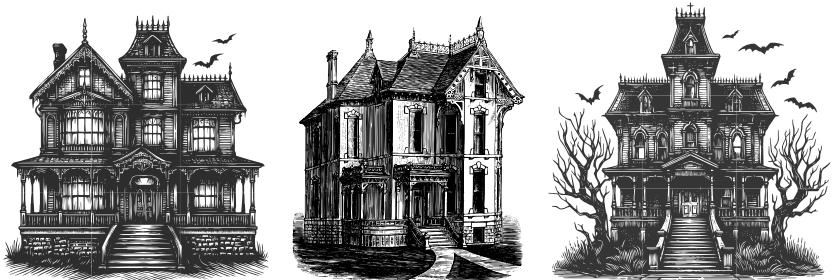
by Mason Nakamura

On Wednesday, October 29th, neighbors and friends traversed the neighborhood to see the amazing Halloween decorations and sample snacks and drinks at our many drink/snack stations.

Attendees were also treated to a performance of the musical number "Time Warp" performed by Floral Park neighbors in honor of the 50th anniversary of the cult-classic movie, the "Rocky Horror Picture Show."

There were many spectacular displays throughout the neighborhood. The winners of the Halloween Decorating Contest are:

- Best in Show - 2116 N. Ross St.
- Most Original - 2015 N. Flower St.
- Scariest Display - 2489 Riverside Dr.
- Best Use of Special Effects - 2208 N Greenleaf St.
- Most Theatrical - 2210 N. Greenleaf St.
- Best Use of Skeletons - 2411 North Park Blvd.
- Honorable Mention - 2329 Riverside Dr.
- Honorable Mention - 2409 North Park Blvd.



Thank you to the Floral Park neighbors who decorated their homes and those who have graciously volunteered to host a drink/snack station for the Walk of Frights!

Best in Show



Honorable Mention



Best Use of Skeletons



Time Warp



Honorable Mention



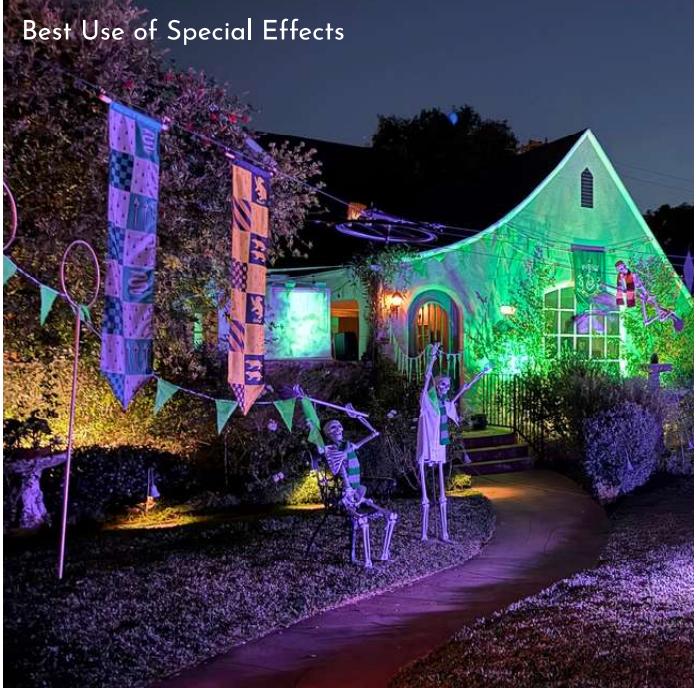
Scariest



Most Original



Best Use of Special Effects



Most Theatrical



Kids Corner



Note from the Editor:

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



Finneas & Flora's Floral Park

by Stephanie Miles



I've Got Curb Appeal

by Diana Christoffersen

Our committee has been happily busy perusing the 'hood this fall season and we're pleased to present these homes as well-deserved recipients of the monthly "I've Got Curb Appeal" recognition. Congratulations to all and thank you for keeping our neighborhood such a beautiful and special place.

2011 N. Ross Street (October Winner)

This one-story Spanish colonial bungalow is always meticulous. A perfect cottage garden grown both on the outside perimeter and interior of a walled courtyard is actively tended by the homeowners. Care in selection of plant material is obvious and many are individually labeled. Carefully placed stones offer space and contrast to plantings. The roof of this 1927 home is striking orange and black terracotta tiles original to a ship that sailed between Paris and the Netherlands. Arto tiles adorn the front porch and a collage set in a high alcove depicts a colorful parrot.



902 W. Riviera (October Winner)

Although technically a West Floral Park home, we've adopted this charming 1938 single-story ranch. Wrapping the corner of Flower Street and W. Riviera Drive, a flowing lawn, clipped hedges, topiaries, copious white roses and hydrangeas are framed by a wide-slat picket fence, all perfectly complimenting the red brick and horizontal sided white home. Scalloped black canvas awnings and carriage-house influenced garage doors further emphasize the traditional style and charm of the home.



2212 N. Ross Street (November Winner)

A recent refresh to this Spanish style home includes a new area of interest that breaks up the lawn and showcases plantings within a newly added bed that includes three varieties of lantana, as well as lavender, African daisies and true geraniums. A massive deodar cedar is carpeted with fresh mulch and defined edging. It was shared that plans are in the works for the creation of a Zen garden towards the right of the property... we can't wait to see the final result.



2311 N. Heliotrope Drive (November Winner)

Completely revamped in 2023, this garden is intended as a wildlife habitat and features a dry riverbed created using a variety of shapes and sizes of small boulders and stones framed by a nicely maintained pepper tree and California wildflowers. The terracotta colored randomly-shaped pavers leading to the front entry perfectly compliment the home's red brick façade while the soft sage siding blends with the naturalistic landscaping. Vibrant green shutters and door add a visual pop.



Fall and Holiday Fun in Floral Park

by Brian Stoddart and Rochelle Landry

The Annual Fall Concert brought our community together for a truly memorable night under the stars. With 55 tables sold and an estimated attendance of more than 500 neighbors, the evening was filled with laughter, friendship, and fantastic entertainment.

The crowd enjoyed the entertainment from "The Smooth Sounds of Santana," setting the perfect mood for dancing and relaxation. Adding to the excitement, the talented Orange County High School of the Arts Folklórico Dancers graced the stage with their vibrant costumes and captivating performances, dazzling the audience with energy and color. It was a night that perfectly captured the spirit of Floral Park—neighbors connecting, dancing, and celebrating together. A heartfelt thank you to all who attended, and to the volunteers and sponsors who helped make this wonderful event possible!



The 10th Annual Spooktacular:

A Frightfully Fun Tradition!

Floral Park's 10th Annual Spooktacular, held on September 25th, was a hauntingly good time for neighbors of all ages! The event featured trick-or-treating, a festive pumpkin patch, and plenty of games and activities to delight the kids. This year's highlight was the adorable puppy petting zoo, which brought smiles to faces young and old.



Holiday Celebration - Saturday, December 13th from 4:30-7:30, (New Location) North Park and Riverside. This annual event will feature snow and sledding for the kids, crafts, horse-drawn carriage rides and, of course, a special visit from Santa himself! Warm up with friends and neighbors as you enjoy the magic of the holidays in the heart of Floral Park.

This festive gathering is a highlight of the season and a joyful reminder of what makes our neighborhood so special – community, connection, and celebration. We can't wait to see you there!

Menorah Lighting December 17th

Join a celebration of Hanukkah at the Katz residence, 1919 N. Heliotrope Drive, from 6:30 to 8:30 where you'll experience heart-touching music, a reading from the Torah and lighting of the menorah at this magical tradition.

Walk of Lights December 22nd

Walk of Lights has quickly become a holiday favorite in Floral Park and this year will be like no other. Come walk the neighborhood to see the best decorated homes and enjoy snacks and drinks along the way.

Floral Park Shenanigans

she-nan-i-gans /SHə'nanəgənz/

noun - Playful or mischievous behavior; high-spirited antics.



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.

Celebrating Community, Friendship & a Dash of Mischief

by Jess Carr

There's a very special spot where West Floral Park meets Floral Park—a magical "neutral zone" where neighbors share what can only be described as dual citizenship. This place is known far and wide (or at least within a few blocks) as Pub 2330. The Grand Opening was July 4th 2019.

At Pub 2330, shenanigans aren't just welcome—they're the house specialty. The pub "opens" whenever the sign is out front. If you see it up... well, it's on. Just follow the laughter.

Your fearless tour guides for these nightly adventures? Matt and Lisa Speer—hosts, ringmasters, mayhem coordinators. All you have to do is show up with a beverage, maybe a snack, and a willingness to laugh until your cheeks hurt.

Specialty Shenanigans

Matt and Lisa don't stop at casual fun—they curate events. One of the most beloved is their tribute to the Swedish celebration of Midsummer (Midsommar). (Important note: not the movie. Definitely not the movie.)

What began in June 2020 has grown into a summer solstice celebration of more than 50 neighbors, complete with food, drinks, laughter, and yes—an honest-to-goodness maypole, which they keep on standby like normal people keep umbrellas.

Serious Business: The Game of Kubb

No Midsummer party is complete without Kubb—a Swedish yard game that's equal parts bowling, horseshoes, and mild frustration. The goal? Knock down all the wooden blocks on the opposite side before toppling the "king" in the middle. Sounds easy... until you try it. (Pro tip: set your beverage down first.)

The Spirit of Lagom

The Swedes have a word, lagom, meaning "not too much, not too little—just right." That philosophy beautifully sums up Matt and Lisa. Their gatherings strike the perfect balance of fun, community, and pure neighborhood joy. If you haven't experienced Pub 2330 yet, keep an eye out for the sign. Adventure awaits!



Neighbors That Own a Real “Slice” of Life

by Trace Weatherford

There's a new status symbol in Floral Park backyards, and it's not what you might expect. Forget swimming pools or elaborate outdoor kitchens—the latest must-have item drawing neighbors together is the outdoor pizza oven. And once one appears on your street, it's only a matter of time before pizza parties become the neighborhood norm.



The Gateway to Gathering

Helen Jones of N. Park didn't even want a pizza oven. "I wanted a fireplace entertaining area," she explains, "but we saw a pizza oven while shopping for the fireplace and that was it. Never looked back." That spontaneous decision nine years ago transformed her backyard into a fantastic spot that's hosted a number of great gatherings.

What makes outdoor pizza ovens so appealing isn't just the food—it's the experience they create. "Everyone loves a pizza party, and it's such a great way to entertain," Helen says. "A pizza, a cocktail and some great music spells the perfect evening!" The beauty of pizza as entertainment lies in its universal appeal and interactive nature. Guests can customize their own creations, watch the cooking process unfold, and enjoy piping-hot results in minutes. Unlike traditional grilling, where the chef is often isolated at the barbecue, pizza-making becomes a communal activity that keeps everyone engaged and tummies happily full.



The DIY Revolution

For another Floral Park resident, Jonathan Rosenberger, who goes by "Red," the pizza oven represented creative freedom. "I love pizza, and I wanted to make my own," he says. "Also, it's the freedom to try new things that you wouldn't necessarily be able to get in a restaurant."

Red took his passion a step further during the 2020 Covid lockdown by building his own wood-burning oven from steel and firebricks. The result? A large, heavy creation mounted on casters that rolls around his backyard. His homemade oven sparked such enthusiasm that he eventually added a portable Ooni to his collection to allow for even more people to enjoy the pies.

The Learning Curve That's Worth It

Both Helen and Red emphasize that mastering the outdoor pizza oven is more journey than destination. "It's a process. It's more art than science and a bit of a learning curve," Helen admits. "I'm still experimenting after all this time." But here's the secret: even the learning phase is enjoyable. "We love how easy it is to use and how forgiving the process is," Helen notes. "Even a bad pizza is pretty terrific." Red echoes this sentiment with practical advice: "After a few times you'll perfect your own way of doing it. Watch YouTube videos. But most of all—just...buy the oven, have friends over, make yummy pizza. It's really not hard."

Red points out that cost used to be a major obstacle, but "now you can buy portable outdoor pizza ovens for a very reasonable price." Helen found her authentic Italian oven at Home Depot, proving that quality options exist at mainstream retailers. Meanwhile, brands like Ooni have made pizza ovens portable, affordable, and beginner-friendly, eliminating the intimidation factor that once kept people on the sidelines.

But really the best part of owning an outdoor pizza oven is becoming the neighborhood's unofficial pizza ambassador. Helen enthusiastically offers: "I'm happy to be anyone's pizza mentor!" Red similarly encourages potential buyers: "If you have questions, don't forget to ask your pizza friend Red!"

The Floral Park community spirit transforms a cooking appliance into a social catalyst. When neighbors invest in pizza ovens, streets become more connected, friendships deepen, and spontaneous gatherings become commonplace.

Both Helen and Red have the same advice for anyone considering the plunge: don't overthink it. "If you're thinking of trying one, don't hesitate or be intimidated—it's very doable. And a lot of fun," Helen advises. The outdoor pizza oven isn't just about making delicious pizza at home—it's about creating moments with the people around you. And in a world that often feels disconnected, that's a recipe worth sharing.



The Bicycle Tree in Santa Ana is Orange County's only non-profit community bicycle center.

We always have a great selection of vintage and lightly used bikes, as well as new and used bike parts and accessories. Our friendly staff and volunteer mechanics are on site four days a week to help you repair your bike with as much or little assistance as you need. You can use our extensive set of bike tools to perform almost any repair.

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Editor's Note:

The Bicycle Tree is a volunteer-powered nonprofit working together to make OC a better place to be a bicyclist. They do this is by helping bicyclists fix their own bikes, teaching bike repair, maintenance, and other bike-related subjects in their classes, advocating locally for bike-friendly infrastructure, donating bikes to those in need, a variety of fun activities including group rides and their Wrench & Ride bike education program

Locals Only

Important PSA (Pizza Service Announcement) by Summer Taylor Martinez



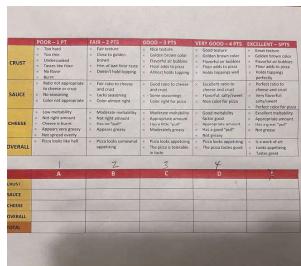
DTSA was once a pizza desert. A barren city where choices were limited to chains lacking character, or delivery from the next town over. But no more! New York style pizza has arrived in our quaint downtown, ending our pizza drought. Family owned establishments and small businesses like Loosies Pizza and Santos Pizza in DTSA, and Nizaros Pizza and Grill and Maxis Pizzeria skirting DTSA, have transformed this desert into our own pizza oasis.

But which to choose? A group of neighbors recently gathered to answer that question. Let me tell you, they took this seriously. Each of these pizzas was rated for the quality of its crust, sauce, cheese, and overall experience in a blind tasting. Two types of pizzas were tasted: pepperoni and cheese. This allowed the judges to really focus on the true character of each pie. Two of the pizzas featured cup and char pepperoni (IYKYK). The others chose more traditional pepperoni. One of the sauces was a bit sweeter and more herbaceous, while the others had more of a balance of crust, cheese and sauce.

Voting was not easy, and not unanimous. One judge noted, "I haven't had a pizza I didn't like! I would eat all four of these!" But the group took on the challenge: To attempt to distinguish between these amazing pies, slices were tasted, second helpings were had, votes were tallied, and the winner was... SANTOS PIZZA.

Scoring a total of 92 points, Santos was a favorite for its sweet and herbaceous sauce. Coming in a close second with 86.05 points was... LOOSIES PIZZA. Loosies was recognized for its great crust, and perfect balance of cheese and sauce. Hot on Loosies heels, with 85 points, was NIZARIOS PIZZA & GRILL, which was also recognized for great balance. Rounding out the group, MAXIS PIZZERIA scored a respectable 61 points, which scored well on cheese to sauce ratio, but suffered from the choice of pepperoni and less texture in its crust.

So which should you choose? If you're feeling saucy, Santos is your best bet. Feeling cheezy? You can't go wrong with Loosies or Nizaros. Shopping near Costa Mesa and in desperate need of a pie? Maxis will scratch that itch. Honestly, you can't go wrong with any of these great pies. Try them all and see if you agree with the judges!



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sleigh, and, of course, Santa himself!

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2026 Floral Park Home and Garden Tour

by Wendy Currin and Sandy DeAngelis

Floral Park Home and Garden Tour 2026: Volunteer Spotlight

The Floral Park Home and Garden Tour returns April 25-26, 2026, and we need your help to make it extraordinary. We're seeking homeowners and garden enthusiasts north of Santa Clara who are willing to share their homes and gardens with neighbors and visitors. Volunteering is at the heart of our neighborhood, our event's success—and it directly fuels all we do for our community.

Why volunteering matters:

- Your time directly supports year-round community events like Freedom Fest, Fall Concert, Holiday Celebration, etc.
- Your involvement helps fund scholarships for the year, ensuring opportunities for local students and families

Scholarships are \$2000 each and awarded by school (\$38,000)

Santa Ana High School (4x)

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Segerstrom High School (2x)

Middle College High School (4x)

Orange County School of The Arts (3x)

Valley High School (2x)

Santa Ana College (2x)

- By volunteering, you become a partner in maintaining the unique, welcoming spirit that makes Floral Park special.

In appreciation, stipends are available:

- Owners of homes and gardens receive four complimentary tickets
- \$1,500 for participating homes
 - Plus a one-hour consultation with an interior designer
 - Plus a commemorative plaque
- \$750 for gardens
 - Plus a commemorative laser-etched stone

Ready to help or know someone who would be a great fit? Please contact Sandy DeAngelis or Wendy Currin at hometour@floralpark.com as soon as possible. Let's come together to keep Floral Park shining for years to come!

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Floral Park Community Market Update

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2219 N Flower Street	2,056 SF	\$620	\$1,275,000	SOLD
413 W Santa Clara Avenue	1,565 SF	\$814	\$1,275,000	SOLD
*2327 Bonnie Brae	1,812 SF	\$717	\$1,299,950	PENDING
2014 N Flower Street	1,729 SF	\$751	\$1,300,000	SOLD
*2336 N Riverside Drive	1,752 SF	\$913	\$1,600,000	SOLD
*2042 N Ross Street	2,862 SF	\$648	\$1,855,000	SOLD
*2020 N Victoria Drive	3,945 SF	\$887	\$3,500,000	SOLD

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