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GENERAL MEETING — APRIL 21

Join us virtually on Wednesday, April 21 at 7:00 pm for the JFPNA general meeting. This will be our third virtual meeting as we continue to stay safe at home.

Main Topics:

- Landscape architect, Ryan Martin from Jonquil Road, joins to share tips and tricks for getting your garden or yard ready for spring
- Learn more about planned pandemic-friendly neighborhood activities happening over the next few months

Get started by visiting fisherparkna.com/general, or by scanning the QR code to the right. Make sure your device has Zoom installed in advance and, don't be shy, turn on your camera so we can all see each other!

Mark your calendars today!



OPEN GARDEN DAY IS RETURNING, JUNE 19

After being canceled last year due to the pandemic, the joint committee from West Floral Park and Fisher Park is busy putting together all the details for Open Garden Day to return.

This year it will be hosted on June 19, just about a month later than usual. It will include new health and safety protocols such as mask wearing and limited capacities. Attendees can expect the same overall experience with between 8-10 beautiful gardens. Some elements, such as the trolley and the Garden Bazaar, will not happen but details are being sorted over the next few months.

Tickets go on sale starting May 1. Join the mailing list at OpenGardenDay.com to be among the first notified. Simply scan the QR code to the right to visit the website.

There's also a need for help with docents and volunteers! Free tickets are provided for working half of the event!



IT'S TIME TO SPRUCE UP OUR YARDS!

In late March, the City of Santa Ana announced the first-ever **Neighborhood Block Beautification Contest**, designed to encourage and promote community involvement in keeping Santa Ana a beautiful place to live, work and play.

Each winning block will receive two elegantly designed signs (pictured), commemorating the neighborhood block's community pride. And, each participating property of a winning block will receive one \$100 gift card.

The deadline to apply is May 21 so now's the time to connect with your adjacent neighbors to formulate a game plan to start sprucing up your yard! We would love to see Fisher Park among the winners!

For more details and to download contest materials, visit www.santa-ana.org/pw/blockbeautification.



EXCITED FOR SPRING TO START?

It's time to get warm season flowers and veggies in the ground. Tropical plants like avocado also do well when planted now. Don't be shy pruning and caging rampant tomatoes and thinning buds on fruit trees while you still can. Many roses and other ornamentals will bloom longer if deadheaded or pruned back. Investing in a fresh layer of mulch saves you time weeding and protects plants from water and temperature stress over the summer.

Want to listen to a radio program of monthly to-do's and get more gardening information? Visit UC Master Gardeners of Orange County at mgorange.ucanr.edu or scan the QR code to the right with your smartphone's camera.



FIRST CROP EXCHANGE EVENT FOR 2021

As we teased in our winter newsletter, our "Crop Exchange" will be here before you know it! This will be a monthly series going from June through October.

Our first gathering will happen on **June 12** from **11 am until noon** at **Jack Fisher Park**, hopefully at or near the picnic table nearest to Flower Street. Mark your calendars now! Our early July newsletter will list remaining 2021 dates.

If you have any extra food from your garden, simply bring it over and trade with (or give it away to) your neighbors. If you want to participate, now's the time to start planting!

In order to be as safe as possible, we'll be requesting masks to be worn by all participants, and remind everyone to continue washing their hands and any items traded.





FISHER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY

Written by Erica Moir

*Special thanks to Christopher & Lynn Casey for sharing their home's history
Photo of Sharon Lindsay, the young girl that Sharon Road was named after*

Story #2 - The Breaking of Ground

Everyone in Orange County has heard of the McFadden's, but did you know that the Sharon and River Lane Loop is connected to the family? The brothers James McFadden and Robert McFadden moved to California from New York and built Newport Wharf and Landing back in 1888. They also created the Santa Ana and Newport Railway to move goods in and out of the port and the emerging townsite of Santa Ana and James Irvine's ranch.

There's *a lot more* to read for this second story, plus see the first article in the series, by visiting fisherparkna.com/history or by scanning the QR code with your smartphone's camera..



IT'S MOSQUITO SEASON AGAIN!

Written by Les Hall

As warmer weather creeps up on us, so do the **Aedes aegypti** mosquitoes. If we all take these simple steps to limit mosquitoes, we'll all have a more enjoyable summer:

- Find any container (outside AND inside) that has or could have standing water, and dump it out, turn it over, move it, etc. These mosquitoes can breed hundreds of eggs in as little as a thimble-full of water. So don't forget potted plant bases, toys, dog dishes, etc.
- Clean out rain gutters and underground landscaping drains.
- Use BTI in bird baths, ponds, and fountains.
- Flush or run water weekly in toilets and drains that aren't regularly used.

Those are just highlights about how to keep mosquitoes at bay. Visit fisherparkna.com/mosquito or scan the QR code with your smartphone.



BICYCLE SAFETY TIPS

Written by Rick Collins

Cycling has become one of the most popular activities for people in these isolated times. Bicycle sales are skyrocketing and bike shops can hardly keep bikes in stock.

With that growth in sales and activity, there are more bikes and cyclists on the road and therefore more potential injury. That potential can be reduced dramatically if we all follow some simple techniques and wear good personal protective equipment.

That is just a tease for much more detail about being safe while riding your bike in the neighborhood. Read the whole story at fisherparkna.com/bikes or by scanning the QR code with your smartphone.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING - MAY 5

Did you know we have a neighborhood watch for Fisher Park? Since it has been somewhat dormant over the last year, join Nancy and Rick Collins via Zoom on **May 5 at 7:00 pm** with representatives from the Santa Ana Police Department as we hold our first neighborhood watch meeting since 2017.

Crime prevention solutions and resources will be provided as well as opportunities to ask questions. Learn how to make your home more secure, watch out for each other and the neighborhood, and report activities that raise your suspicions to the police department. Be the extra eyes and ears for reporting crime and helping neighbors!

More details about our neighborhood watch can be found at fisherparkna.com/watch, along with details about how to connect via Zoom. Scan the QR code to learn more!



CONTRIBUTE TO THE ASSOCIATION

As metrics continue to improve with the pandemic, the JFPNA board is looking forward to making our community even stronger. We're eager to safely have neighborhood events and activities while being respectful of health guidelines and safety practices. To do so, we need your help with being engaged! Sign up for email notifications, join our private Facebook group, and check out the activities we have scheduled.

If you are so kind as to contribute financially, checks may be sent to **1211 West River Lane** written out to **Fisher Park Neighborhood Association**, or dropped off at a scheduled association event. Entirely voluntary, we recommend at least \$20 per household per year, but any amount is welcomed.

Even better, we've made it more convenient to contribute by PayPal via our website. Just scan the QR code to get started or visit fisherparkna.com/contribute.



THIS AND THAT...

- Many thanks to those who volunteered to keep an eye on the three dumpsters for Dumpster Day on March 13; Gary and Patty on Sharon Road, Salomeh Kingston on Jonquil Road, and Marcela Rodriguez on Memory Lane
- We will likely have our next Dumpster Day in mid-September and would love a volunteer from each of the three areas of the neighborhood to keep watch. If you would like to help, send us a message at [FisherParkNA.com/contact](https://fisherparkna.com/contact).
- Did you know that our neighborhood association has bylaws? They are fairly out of date so we are starting to modernize them to get with the times. If you have ideas or suggestions, please go to [FisherParkNA.com/contact](https://fisherparkna.com/contact) to start a conversation. We'll bring them into a future general meeting for a formal vote.
- We're still looking for an organized individual to join our board as Secretary. Come to our April 21 general meeting to volunteer!
- We are looking for more neighborhood history stories to continue the series on the previous page. If you have interesting info about the neighborhood or your property, reach out at [FisherParkNA.com/contact](https://fisherparkna.com/contact).
- Join our mailing list at [FisherParkNA.com/register](https://fisherparkna.com/register) to receive email notifications for upcoming activities and updates.

PLANNED EVENTS

April 21

General Meeting - Virtual!

May 5

Neighborhood Watch - Virtual!

June 12

Crop Exchange Activity

June 19

Open Garden Day

July 4

Independence Day Activity

For all events, learn more at fisherparkna.com/events for more details as we get closer.

LOOKING FOR IDEAS

Do you have suggestions for pandemic-friendly activities and events that we can try out? Reach out to us at fisherparkna.com/contact so we collaborate!

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