



FISHER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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719 West Jonquil Road

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GENERAL MEETING — APRIL 13

Join us on **Wednesday, April 13** at **6:30 pm** in the **Jack Fisher Park log cabin** (or via Zoom for those who wish to remain home) for our spring general meeting.

Hear what's going on in Fisher Park, meet new neighbors, and add input with your own ideas about future meetings and events. We are planning to host several neighborhood events each month so this is the best place to learn more and provide suggestions for how to make them even better!

Main Topics:

- The latest about construction at Main Place Mall
- Public Works presentation about permit parking study and the recently approved solid waste contract
- Raffle to win tickets to Open Garden Day on May 7

Go to **FisherParkNA.com/general** for the latest, along with Zoom information, or scan the QR code to the right. Mark your calendars today!



OPEN GARDEN DAY WILL BLOOM AGAIN ON MAY 7

After a wildly successful return last year, the joint committee from West Floral Park and Fisher Park is busy putting together all the details for Open Garden Day in 2022.

This year it will return for the Saturday of Mother's Day Weekend on **May 7**. Attendees can expect the same overall experience with 10 beautiful gardens to tour (thank you to our five Fisher Park households participating this year!), vendors, information booths, educational demonstrations, food trucks and more.

Tickets are now on sale for \$20 each person when purchased in advance or \$25 if purchased on May 7.

Simply scan the QR code to the right to visit the website, or go directly to **OpenGardenDay.com**.

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



PANCAKES IN THE PARK — JUNE 18

Date: Saturday, June 18

Time: 9 am to 11 am

Where: Jack Fisher Park

Cost: \$5/adults and \$3/children before June 11

Join us for breakfast on Saturday, June 18 at 9 a.m. as we serve pancakes, sausage, juice, and coffee. We will offer games for the kids, as well as crafts.

Get the "early bird" discount! Starting June 11, adults will pay \$6 each and children \$4 each.

Tickets may be purchased now at FisherParkNA.com/pancakes or scan the QR code to the right.



CROP EXCHANGE RETURNS

Dates: April 30, May 14, May 28, June 11, June 25

Times: 11 am to noon

Where: Jack Fisher Park

Cost: Free

Our "Crop Exchange" will be here again before you know it! This will be a regular series going from April through September, subject to change.

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!

These gatherings will happen 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 2022 dates.



THANK YOU TO OUR LOVE BIRDS!

On the Sunday, February 13, we hosted our first Valentine's Day activity! It was such a beautiful day and everyone that attended was so grateful to be part of the event. We appreciate everyone who attended!

We estimated about 30 people attended. There were plenty of fun arts and crafts, plus a last minute addition of face and arm painting from Maria Gonzalez, who lives nearby in Floral Park and some may remember from our Family Fair at the Park last July. In addition, each mother and daughter received a beautiful red rose!

There are lots of other events planned for the rest of the year, so keep your eyes open for the next fun activity. While we will feature many of them in this newsletter, definitely make sure to subscribe to our email communications at FisherParkNA.com/register.

We're also always looking for more fun event ideas and help, too!





FISHER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY

Written by Erica Moir

Special thanks to the Bussard family

Photo of 1015 West River Lane

Story #5 - A Very Unique Home

In 1948 as Sharon and River Lane were just being installed, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Crawford began to build one of the most unique home constructions in the neighborhood. Their design at 1015 West River Lane is a pristine example of a California Ranch style home built using a U-shaped footprint, but it's the building materials and construction quality that set this residence apart from the typical Ranch style residence you see sprinkled across Southern California neighborhoods.

There's *more* to read for this fifth story, plus see the earlier articles in the series, by visiting fisherparkna.com/history.



SPRING GARDENING TIPS

Provided by UC Master Gardeners of Orange County

Here are some tips to elevate your garden for Open Garden Day and ensure you have bounty to share with the block during the Crop Exchange:

- **Water.** Adjust sprinkler settings and monitor them regularly. If you see run off, opt for shorter duration, more frequent watering intervals or something needs repair
- **Mulch.** A fresh layer of mulch is the equivalent of vacuuming the house before guests come over. It also suppresses weeds, keeps the soil cooler, and improves the efficiency of your sprinkler system.
- **Fertilize.** As plants come out of dormancy and begin to grow, apply fertilizer. But don't over do it. Too much fertilizer can cause problems, so always follow the label.
- **Pests.** Pests can be more difficult to manage if their population grows unchecked. Keep an eye out for problems. Need help? Check out the UC IPM website or email the Master Gardener Hotline at ucceocmg hotline@ucanr.edu.
- **Plant and Repot.** Now is the time to wrap up planting cool season vegetables and move onto warmer season crops. And if you need to be sure you will have a pop of color during Open Garden Day, you have our permission to splurge on new potted plants.

Our website has a bit more detail for each of these items so check out FisherParkNA.com/gardentips to read more.



INVASIVE SPECIES THREATEN OUR TREES

One of the cherished features of our neighborhood is our big, beautiful trees. Unfortunately, there are invasive tree pests encroaching on Orange County and some threaten the oaks and sycamores that line our streets.

Recently, one of the Santa Ana Public Works Arborists identified an infestation of **Goldspotted Oak Borer** in an oak tree in Floral Park. Treatment options are being considered, but it is unlikely they will alleviate the broader threat. To help act against this problem, we should all learn more about the Goldspotted Oak Borer and other tree pests, including **Invasive Shot Hole Borers** that have also been found in Santa Ana.

Follow the QR code to the right, or visit ucanr.edu/sites/gsobinfo/ to find out more about the Goldspotted Oak Borer.



LATEST UPDATES FROM PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY

As teased in the last newsletter, new lighted pedestrian crosswalk signs were recently installed at Jack Fisher Park on Flower Street and has already substantially improved safety when crossing. If you haven't used it yet, **we recommend giving it a try!**

In addition, there are other topics we felt would be of interest to the neighborhood:

- There will be a study starting soon to re-evaluate the parking permit program which hasn't changed for over 30 years. While our neighborhood isn't affected much, they are asking us to help them solicit input. This can be done at our upcoming April 13 general meeting or by emailing permitparking@santa-ana.org.
- As some may know, Waste Management will be changed to Republic Services on July 1. The City has an extensive communication plan but attending our April 13 general meeting will be a great opportunity to learn more and to ask questions.
- A special meeting will happen on **May 25 at 6:30 pm** at the Jack Fisher Park log cabin to discuss input on how to improve our side of Flower Street (such as possible landscaping, medians and other improvements). We invite any interested neighbors to partake in the discussion! RSVP at FisherParkNA.com/flower.

QUESTION OF THE QUARTER

We're very interested in hearing more from you about your opinions related to the neighborhood. We will begin a regular feature of our newsletter where we ask a single question here on the back page where all you need to do is select or type an answer. It will take no more than a minute of your time and the feedback will be so valuable as we try to understand everyone's thoughts. All answers will be anonymous, too.

This quarter's question:

**We are planning another Movie Day, hopefully in August.
What movie would you like to see?**

Visit FisherParkNA.com/question to answer, or just scan the QR code with your smartphone's camera app.

Select your favorite from the list before June 15 so we have time to arrange logistics with the City of Santa Ana.



THIS AND THAT...

- Huge thank you to the neighbors who helped us with Dumpster Day on March 13. We are always looking for more volunteers to host for our next Dumpster Day, likely in mid-September. It's a great opportunity to get rid of junk from a late summer project.
- If you are so kind as to contribute to the Neighborhood Association 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 at FisherParkNA.com/contribute.
- If you have any ideas for neighborhood events or activities, we're always eager to plan and coordinate something fun! Don't hesitate to reach out by visiting FisherParkNA.com/contact to send us a message.
- How are we doing communicating neighborhood news and events? Share your thoughts at FisherParkNA.com/survey and let us know!

PLANNED EVENTS

April 13

General Meeting

April 30, May 14 & 28, June 11 & 25

Crop Exchange

May 7

Open Garden Day

May 25

Flower Street Improvements Discussion with Public Works

June 18

Pancakes in the Park

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

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