



# FISHER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

SUMMER 2022



April 2022 Yard of the Month:  
924 West River Lane

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## INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE & PRIZES - JULY 4

Mark your calendar for our ever-popular annual Independence Day parade. There will be prizes to be handed out for the best decorated, too!

The parade will line up at **11 a.m.** and be led by a fire truck from the Orange County Fire Authority (pending an emergency call, of course!). Everyone is invited to take part as we march around the Sharon/River loop showing off our American spirit!

Don your red, white, and blue outfits, and showcase your patriotic style on your decorated bikes, wagons, and scooters. We will give away In-N-Out Burger gift cards to the best decorated (people and vehicles), plus we'll have ice pops available to enjoy. It will be a great chance to rub elbows with your neighbors, and get a good mile walk under our belts. We hope you will all be there!

Don't forget to show your spirit by bringing out your patriotic decorations to "plus up" your front yard in preparation for our parade. Put out your American flags. Plant some yard signs. Dust off any bunting or pinwheels. We would love to see the entire neighborhood flooded with red, white, and blue!

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL - JULY 20

**Date:** Wednesday, July 20

**Time:** 6:30 pm

**Where:** Jack Fisher Park

**Cost:** FREE but RSVP strongly encouraged



Join us on **Wednesday, July 20 at 6:30 pm** in the **Jack Fisher Park log cabin** to celebrate summer with an ice cream social in lieu of our usual quarterly meeting.

Have a gourmet popsicle from Front Porch Pops, meet and mingle with your neighbors, hear what's going on in the neighborhood, and share your ideas about future meetings and events. We are eager to get everyone involved so this is the best place to learn more and provide suggestions for how to make our area even better!

While there is no cost, we strongly encourage you to RSVP in advance to ensure we have ordered enough pops. Supplies will be limited so RSVP at least two days in advance. Go to **FisherParkNA.com/icecream** (or scan the QR code) to register.

## MOVIE IN THE PARK — AUGUST 27

**Date:** Saturday, August 27

**Time:** 7:30 pm

**Where:** Jack Fisher Park

**Cost:** FREE

Come to Jack Fisher Park on **August 27** as we screen Disney's *Encanto* for our summer movie showing, which won our Question of the Quarter by overwhelming demand.

We plan to start the movie at dusk (approximately 7:30 p.m.) so be sure to arrive a bit early to get situated and have some time to socialize with others prior to the movie starting.

We recommend bringing a comfy chair or blanket and, of course, some snacks to munch on.

Mark your calendar so you don't miss out!



## DUMPSTER DAY — SEPTEMBER 17

Clutter building up in your garage? We've arranged another Dumpster Day on **Saturday, September 17** and it's the perfect time to purge.

Locations:

- 1239 Sharon Road
- 2602 Acacia Place

Dumpsters are usually dropped off between 7 am and 8 am but they fill up fast and typically are picked up by noon.

Check out [FisherParkNA.com/dumpster](https://fisherparkna.com/dumpster) for more specifics about what is allowed or restricted, or scan the QR to the right.

If you would like to host the next Dumpster Day in mid March, please reach out at [FisherParkNA.com/contact](https://fisherparkna.com/contact).



## CROP EXCHANGE CONTINUES

**Dates:** July 9 & 30, August 13, September 10

**Times:** 11 am to noon

**Where:** Jack Fisher Park

**Cost:** Free

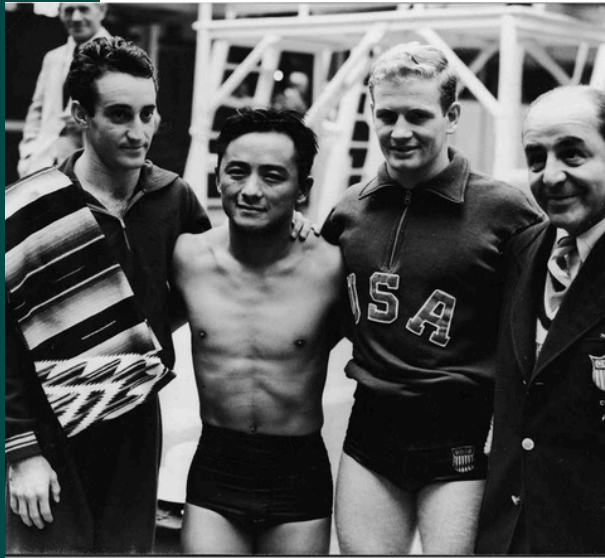
If you have any extra yields from your garden, whether food or floral, simply bring them over and trade with (or give away to) your neighbors. This event is free and all are welcome to attend.

These gatherings will happen from **11 am** until **noon** at **Jack Fisher Park** right off the sidewalk. Even if you don't have anything, come say hello to those volunteering.

We hope to see you there.







## FISHER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY

*Written by Erica Moir*

*Special thanks to the Bussard family*

*Photo of Dr. Sammy Lee winning Olympic Gold in 1948*

### Story #6 - A Pool Made for an Olympian

Santa Ana is where Dr. Sammy Lee would set up his ear, nose and throat practice of 35 years. This is also where his Fisher Park home's custom diving pool would allow him to inspire and mentor young divers. He coached the U.S. diving team for the 1960 Olympics including double gold medalist Bob Webster. Later, he'd coach the Olympic gold medalist Greg Louganis, who lived with the Lee family before winning his first metal at age 16 in the 1976 Olympics. Dr. Lee would serve as an ambassador to the Olympics under three presidents.



To continue reading this article, check out [fisherparkna.com/history](https://fisherparkna.com/history) or scan this QR code.



## COYOTES REPORTS ARE ON THE RISE

Coyote sightings and attacks on pets seem to be escalating in recent months. Our proximity to Santiago Creek means that our area has easy sources of food, such as trash cans and outdoor pet food, which draws smaller rodents that coyotes feed on.

Coyotes are naturally fearful of humans, but they lose caution and fear when they can easily get to human food and garbage. They are known to scale perimeter walls and fences, easily leaping an 8-foot fence or wall, and have been spotted climbing even higher! Keeping trash locked up, pets inside (especially at night), dogs on leashes, pet food indoors, and fences in good repair are important tips to follow.

You can report aggressive coyote behaviors by calling (714) 245-8792. Please leave a detailed message with your contact information and a description of the situation. If someone is hurt or bitten by a coyote, a California Fish and Wildlife unit will be dispatched to trap, euthanize, and test the animal. They can be reached at (858) 467-4201.



## OPEN GARDEN DAY THANK YOU

The West Floral Park and Fisher Park neighborhoods hosted yet another extremely successful Open Garden Day on May 7. Just like last year, it was again the highest attended year!

Four out of the nine gardens were in Fisher Park. We wanted to extend a special thank you to the homeowners who graciously opened their gardens for the hundreds of attendees to tour that day:

- Garden #1 - Marcela Rodriguez on Memory Lane
- Garden #2 - Virginia Witmer on Memory Lane
- Garden #3 - Paul Sanford & Jeff Lemay on River Lane
- Garden #10 - Ricardo & Andrea Gonzalez on River Lane

Open Garden Day will return on May 13, 2023. We want to make sure that Fisher Park is proudly represented with as many gardens as possible. If you have interest in hosting your garden, or volunteering for the day, please reach out via [OpenGardenDay.com/contact](https://OpenGardenDay.com/contact).

## NEW FISHER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC COMMITTEE (HISTORY AND BACKGROUND)

Prior to the May 25, 2022 special meeting hosted by the neighborhood association with Santa Ana Public Works Agency, most Fisher Park Neighborhood residents weren't aware of all of the neighborhood traffic issues that exist, as well as the status of ongoing efforts to improve them. The City of Santa Ana also apparently wasn't aware of the extent of our neighborhood's frustration with traffic problems that have existed for a long time but didn't seem to be moving towards any improvement.

As an output from that meeting, the neighborhood association has set up a traffic committee to continue to drive results. We are looking for help to ensure diversity in our voices as we represent our neighborhood with the City of Santa Ana.

To learn more about the history and background of this issue, and to show interest in joining the committee, continue reading at [FisherParkNA.com/traffic](https://fisherparkna.com/traffic) for a great article written by Les Hall on our association board and sign up today!



## QUESTION OF THE QUARTER

We're very interested in hearing more from you about your opinions related to the neighborhood. We have begun 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 want to understand the best time to schedule our quarterly general meetings to maximize participation. When is the best day and time that works for you?**

Visit [FisherParkNA.com/question](https://fisherparkna.com/question) to answer, or just scan the QR code with your smartphone's camera app.



## THIS AND THAT...

- Still have your Waste Management trash carts? Our neighborhood was scheduled for swap out on April 25 and the rest on June 20. There's a form available at [republicservices.com/municipality/santa-ana-ca](https://republicservices.com/municipality/santa-ana-ca) to request a swap out if they missed you during your scheduled day. Or call (844) 737-8254.
- 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](https://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](https://fisherparkna.com/contact) to send us a message.
- How are we doing communicating neighborhood news and events? Share your thoughts at [FisherParkNA.com/survey](https://fisherparkna.com/survey) and let us know!

## PLANNED EVENTS

**July 4**

Independence Day Activities

**July 9 & 30, August 13,**

**September 10**

Crop Exchange

**July 20**

Ice Cream Social

**August 27**

Movie in the Park (Disney's *Encanto*)

**September 17**

Dumpster Day

For all events, learn more at [FisherParkNA.com/events](https://fisherparkna.com/events) for more details as we get closer.

Want us to tell you about upcoming events via email? Sign up for notifications at [FisherParkNA.com/register](https://fisherparkna.com/register).

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