



FISHER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE & PRIZES — JULY 4

Join us for the highly anticipated and always-popular Fisher Park Neighborhood Association's annual July 4 parade! 🇺🇸

- 🚒 Start gathering at **11:00 am** at the **intersection of West River Lane and Sharon Road** as we prepare for the parade to begin. We'll march with pride, led by a fire truck from the OC Fire Authority (pending an emergency call, of course).
- 🏆 Dress up in your best red, white, and blue attire and bring your creatively decorated bikes, wagons, and scooters. Our esteemed judges will be on the lookout for the most outstanding decorations, and winners will receive a fabulous prize: delicious In-N-Out Burger gift cards!
- 🎵 Don't forget to bring your portable speakers and play patriotic music as we create a vibrant atmosphere throughout the parade.
- 🇺🇸 Let's make Fisher Park shine brighter than ever by decorating our front yards with patriotic symbols, especially if you live along the parade route!

Get ready for an day of community, camaraderie, and shared American spirit! This is your chance to meet your neighbors, celebrate together, and make lasting memories.

GENERAL MEETING — JULY 19

Don't miss the upcoming Fisher Park Neighborhood Association quarterly general meeting! On **Wednesday, July 19, 2023**, at **6:30 pm**, we'll be gathering at the **Jack Fisher Park log cabin** for an informative and engaging session. Here's what's planned for the meeting:

- 🚧 The Public Works Agency will share essential details about the Well #32 construction project commencing in July. Discover how this project will impact our neighborhood and get insights into timelines and potential implications.
- 🏡 Get the latest update on the Flower Street and Memory Lane street improvements from the Public Works Agency. Stay informed about these developments that affect our community.
- 🌳 The Parks & Recreation Department will provide valuable information on the latest happenings in our city parks, including improvements to Santiago Park.

Join us to stay informed, meet new neighbors, and have your say in shaping the future of Fisher Park. We're planning to organize at least one neighborhood event every month, and your suggestions are crucial in making them even better!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL — AUGUST 9

Back by popular demand, we are thrilled to announce the much-anticipated Ice Cream Social! Prepare for another unforgettable evening of community connection as we indulge in delightful treats. 🍦

- 📅 **Date:** Wednesday, August 9
- 🕒 **Time:** 6:30 pm
- 📍 **Location:** Jack Fisher Park (Outdoor space behind the log cabin)
- 💰 **Cost:** Free!

Gather with your neighbors, savor gourmet popsicles, and stay informed about the latest neighborhood happenings. We value your input, so come ready to share your ideas for future events and help make our community even better!

Limited spots are available, RSVP in advance is **required**, and only those who RSVP will be allowed to attend. 🎟️ Secure your spot by visiting [FisherParkNA.com/icecream](https://fisherparkna.com/icecream) before Monday, August 7, at 11:59 pm. 🍦



DUMPSTER DAY — SEPTEMBER 9

Get ready to declutter and reclaim your space! Join us for another convenient Dumpster Day on Saturday, September 9, 2023. It's the perfect opportunity to purge unwanted items and free up your garage.

- 📅 **Date:** Saturday, September 9, 2023
- 🕒 **Time:** 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon (approximate)
- 📍 **Locations:**
 - 🏠 514 West Memory Lane
 - 🏠 924 West River Lane
 - 🏠 2526 North Baker Street
 - 🏠 518 West Jonquil Road

Dumpsters are usually dropped off between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m., but be sure to arrive early as they fill up quickly.

🏠 For a complete list of permitted and restricted items, visit [FisherParkNA.com/dumpster](https://fisherparkna.com/dumpster). 🏠



CROP EXCHANGE CONTINUES

Don't miss out on the remaining dates of our Crop Exchange series! We've already had two fantastic gatherings, and there are three more opportunities.

- 📅 **Remaining Dates:** July 15, August 19, September 16
- 🕒 **Time:** 11 am to noon
- 📍 **Location:** Jack Fisher Park (near the sidewalk on Flower Street)
- 💰 **Cost:** Free!

Got an abundance of garden goodies? It's time to spread the love with our incredible neighborhood. Bring your surplus—whether it's mouthwatering produce, vibrant blooms, or fragrant herbs. The Fisher Park Crop Exchange is all about discovering the hidden treasures our community has to offer.

Don't miss this opportunity to connect with your community. See you there! 🌱 🍅 🍎





TREES OF FISHER PARK

Written by Les Hall with Input from Tom Larson

Santa Ana, a proud Tree City USA member for over 20 years, boasts an urban forest of 60,000 trees benefiting all residents. The mature trees in North Santa Ana are especially vital to this urban oasis, with West Floral Park's sycamores, Floral Park's oak trees, and Morrison Park's blooming jacarandas adding distinct charm. Fisher Park stands out as an arboretum, showcasing diverse trees from around the world alongside California natives. Their incredible beauty often goes unnoticed in our daily lives.

Join us in appreciating these captivating trees and protecting them. Fisher Park is privileged to have Tom Larson, an esteemed tree expert, as a resident. 🌳 Explore the full story by Tom Larson and Les Hall at FisherParkNA.com/trees 🌳 to learn about Tom's propagation of tree cuttings from Manzanar's pear trees and the "Survivor Tree" from the 9/11 attack. Discover the remarkable stories behind Santa Ana's trees and their profound impact on our community.



SAVING SANTIAGO CREEK (CONTINUED)

A public meeting was held on May 3 by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) regarding Santiago Creek. More residents attended compared to the previous meeting in January. Congressman Lou Correa, Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento, and Mayor Pro Tem Jessie Lopez were also present. However, the residents and political representatives remained unconvinced by the USACE's proposed flood control plan. They expressed their intention to advocate for an amended plan that prioritizes natural habitat protection, cost-effectiveness, and resident support. The Fisher Park Neighborhood Association is actively collaborating with elected representatives and organizations to ensure the preservation of trees and wildlife habitat along Santiago Creek. Your individual comments to these representatives, including **Lou Correa**, **Vicente Sarmiento**, **Jessie Lopez**, **Avelino Valencia**, and **Tom Umberg** are essential. Share your support for protecting the creek's natural beauty and ecosystem. 🗣️ Find additional information in the Spring 2023 Neighborhood News or visit FisherParkNA.com/creek. Together, we can save Santiago Creek. 🌿



OPEN GARDEN DAY THANK YOU!

The West Floral Park and Fisher Park neighborhoods hosted another highly successful Open Garden Day on May 13. Just like the previous six years, it attracted the highest attendance yet! 🌸🌻🌺

Of the 8 gardens featured, 3 were located in Fisher Park. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the homeowners who generously opened their gardens for hundreds of attendees to explore:





- 🏡 Garden #1: **Tim Winger & Alex Fitch** on West Jonquil Road
- 🏡 Garden #2: **Jim & Tonya Skurzynoski** on West River Lane
- 🏡 Garden #8: **Eric & Carol Alderete** on West River Lane

Mark your calendars for the return of Open Garden Day on May 11, 2024.

We are determined to showcase Fisher Park with an impressive array of gardens. If you are interested in hosting your garden or volunteering for the day, please contact us at OpenGardenDay.com/contact.

FOSTER A VIBRANT NEIGHBORHOOD: JOIN TODAY!

We need your help to make our neighborhood thrive! Here's how you can get involved:

-  Help distribute newsletters and flyers to keep our community informed and engaged.
-  Become a neighborhood ambassador—spread the word.
-  Host a delightful gathering in your backyard or front yard to bring neighbors together.
-  Sign up to host for a possible Wine Walk event in October—we are looking for homes next to each other to make it a more convenient and safe experience.

By participating in these activities, you'll play a crucial role in building a stronger and more connected community. Let's create lasting friendships, forge bonds, and make our neighborhood an even better place to live!

If you're interested in any of these opportunities, please reach out to us at info@fisherparkna.com. We'd love to hear from you and discuss how you can contribute to our community's growth.

QUESTION OF THE QUARTER

We're very interested in hearing more from you about your opinions related to the neighborhood. As part of our ongoing newsletter feature, we present a single question on the back page, providing an opportunity for you to share your thoughts about the neighborhood.

Your participation takes just a minute but yields invaluable feedback that helps us better understand community perspectives. All responses are anonymous.





This quarter, we want to know: **"As a neighborhood association, what should be our top priority or area of focus?"**

To contribute your ideas,  visit [FisherParkNA.com/question](https://fisherparkna.com/question) or scan the QR code with your smartphone's camera app. 

Your input directly shapes our neighborhood's path forward. Join us in actively shaping our community's future.



THIS AND THAT...

-  A huge thank you to Nancy Collins on Acacia, Marcela Rodriguez on Memory and Paul Sanford on River for watching three dumpsters provided by the City of Santa Ana for our neighborhood Dumpster Day in March. We'd love more help for the next Dumpster Day in mid-March so please email info@fisherparkna.com if interested.
-  This mosquito season might be a bad one after all the rains. If you have a birdbath, fountain or pond, ask about products containing BTI. BTI will kill mosquito larvae without harming people, pets, birds, fish or even other insects like dragonflies.
-  Do you have the MySantaAna app on your smartphone? It's a convenient way to report eyesores in the neighborhood like graffiti, potholes, illegal dumping, sidewalk issues, and much more to the City of Santa Ana directly!
-  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 via email at info@fisherparkna.com 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!

Q3 PLANNED EVENTS

July 4

Independence Day Parade

July 15

Crop Exchange #3

July 19

General Meeting

August 9

Ice Cream Social

August 15

Crop Exchange #4

September 2 and 3

City-wide Garage Sale Weekend

September 9

Dumpster Day

September 16

Crop Exchange #5

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

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