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Floral Park Home & Garden Tour Celebrates 20th Year!



Sandy DeAngelis
Home & Garden Tour
Director

Believe it or not, long-time residents, Floral Park will conduct its 20th Home and Garden Tour. I don't know about you but it's incredible to me that we've been doing this that long. But, it's been a great ride so far.

However, I must tell you that we have come dangerously close to having to cancel the Tour this year because we only had two homes volunteered as of the first week of February. An e-mail blast went out alerting the community that we

were in dire need of some folks to step up to the plate. Frankly, I was pessimistic.

But, it appears at this writing we'll be able to pull it off. While every year I thank all of those who make the Tour possible, I believe we ALL owe the folks who've volunteered their homes this year a very, very special note of gratitude. They truly are serving you, residents of Floral Park.

The Tour is scheduled for April 28th and 29th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We are featuring homes North of Santa Clara, and we have some spectacular and very special homes and gardens to share. We are all feeling a "financial pinch" in these economic times, so please give a great deal of appreciation to those neighbors who make this tour possible -- the home and garden owners!! They have stepped up to make this a successful and fun event in spite of the times because they love and appreciate the neighborhood and all the things we do here.

Let's face it, there are many reasons you can raise as to why you wouldn't want to go to the perceived trouble of getting your home ready for 2,000 visitors. But, I can tell you from personal experience it is well worth it.

So, as you visit the homes this year and realize who has come to your rescue, please extend your thanks to them for helping us continue what is one of the grandest traditions in Orange County. Remember, it was the Home Tour that brought us the title of USA's Neighborhood of the Year in 2005.

So, with that in mind, please know that April is fast approaching and there is much to celebrate. First is two decades of increasing success. We've generated by now hundreds of thousands of dollars in proceeds to fund scholarships, charitable donations, and neighborhood beautification.

Second, the Home Tour marks the full advent of spring in all its glory. And, with thousands of visitors on the way, it's time to get busy with preparing our yards ready for them. Let's make their "Day in the Park" as wonderful as possible when they stroll through our streets and enjoy the unique place we call home.

Many of those visitors will be our friends and neighbors, but they'll also have come from far and wide to "stop and smell the roses," so to speak.

As a reminder, we give away five \$1,000 college scholarships to deserving Santa Ana seniors and one for a Santa Ana College student for transfer. About 25% of our entire proceeds go to local charities and worthy causes.

Vendors and classic cars will be located on North Park Blvd, as is the custom when we are North.

And, remind anyone you know who will be coming that we have a special arrangement to park in the Rancho Santiago Community College District parking lot at Broadway and Santa Clara. It's an easy stroll to the ticket booth at Benton and North Park.

So now, as the date fast approaches, what can you do to help? Fluff up and tidy your front yard, invite all your friends at work to your own social gatherings in the neighborhood and make a day or even a weekend of it.

As always, docents are needed, so please consider spending three hours sharing a beautiful home or garden and receive a home tour ticket in exchange as our appreciation.

Food will be available for purchase.

Come, invite others, and take a moment to appreciate this wonderful place that we are so happy to call home!





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Letter from the Editors ...

*"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."
(Elizabeth Andrew)*

This newsletter is heavily dependent upon the faithful volunteer contributors who send ideas, write articles, send photos, and provide support in so many ways. Many thanks to the following neighbors and friends who contributed to this issue:

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Springtime is beautiful in Floral Park. We hope you get outside and join the walkers and cyclists and enjoy the neighborhood!

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Garage Sales - Garage sales in Santa Ana are limited to the first full weekend of the months of March, June, September and December.

Com-Link - Meets the fourth Thursday of the month in the SAPD Community Room, 60 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana (visit www.ci.santa-ana.ca.us/ for agenda and directions).

Calendar

2012

March

- 13 - FPNA Board Meeting, 7 p.m., 2415 Riverside Dr.
- 21 - FPNA General Meeting, 7 p.m., Cal State Fullerton Grand Central Art Center, 125 N. Broadway, Downtown Santa Ana
- 25 - Neighborhood Quarterly Mixer, 3-6 p.m., 2006 N. Victoria Dr.

April

- 10 - FPNA Board Meeting, 7 p.m., 2112 N. Ross St.
- 11 - Sponsorship Meeting, 7 p.m., 2112 N. Ross St.
- 14 - Dumpster Day (Locations: 2121 N. Victoria Dr., 2108 N., Greenleaf St., 1816 N. Heliotrope Dr., 2360 N. Park Blvd., 2415 Riverside Dr.)
- 28-29 - Floral Park Home & Garden Tour, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

May

- 8 - FPNA Board Meeting, 7 p.m., 2121 N. Victoria Dr.

June

- 3 - Quarterly Neighborhood Mixer, 3-6 p.m., 2012 N. Ross St.
- 10 - FPNA General Meeting, 2121 N. Victoria Dr., 3-6 p.m.
- 12 - FPNA Board Meeting, 7 p.m., 2473 Riverside Dr.
- 30 - Floral Park Freedom Fest

July

- 10 - FPNA Board Meeting, 7 p.m., 2341 Bonnie Brae

August

- 14 - FPNA Board Meeting, 7 p.m., 2301 N. Flower
- 25 - Multi-Neighborhood Concert in the Park, Morrison Park

September

- 9 - Quarterly Neighborhood Mixer, 3-6 p.m., 2341 Bonnie Brae
- 11 - FPNA Board Meeting, 7 p.m., 2112 N. Ross St.
- 19 - FPNA General Meeting

October

- 9 - FPNA Board Meeting, 7 p.m., 2120 N. Heliotrope Dr.
- 20 - Floral Park Chili Cook-Off

November

- 10 - FPNA Turkey Day Golf Scramble
- 13 - FPNA Board Meeting, 7 p.m., 2473 Riverside Dr.
- 14 - FPNA General Meeting & Elections

December

- 11 - FPNA Board Transition Meeting, 7 p.m., 2121 N. Victoria Dr.
- 9 - Quarterly Neighborhood Mixer, 3-6 p.m., location tbd
- 16 - Floral Park Holiday Party

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PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

by Mark McLoughlin



Mark McLoughlin
FPNA President

Recently we had friends visiting from New York who quickly became captivated with our neighborhood: no snow, our sidewalks, homes with great architecture, and Norm's \$5.99 breakfast special.

Walking our neighborhood with them was like seeing it through a new set of eyes. They were amazed at how many homes had done away with lawns and had ornamental, drought tolerant landscaping, vegetable gardens, and even vineyards in front of their homes. Yes, my buddy teased me for living in a neighborhood that was such a trendsetter, but I knew he was just jealous because of the 74-degree weather that day!

When I started to say words like "Floral Park had unique charm," he asked if that was because so many folks would be sitting out in the front yards having coffee in the mornings or playing with the kids in the front yard on the weekends. He started to count how many homes had chairs and benches in the front of their homes. He was mesmerized by the phenomenon of people using their front yards. I invited him back in our summer to see the folks porchin' on the warm evenings. Oh yes, by his calculations there are 150 homes with benches and chairs in the front yard or on the porch.

So, I put out this challenge to you. Count the actual number of homes in Floral Park that have chairs or benches in the front of the house. What address has a fairy princess chair in the front yard? My 5-year-old Godchild found this one. (Amy, don't give it away or you will have to show your total fairy garden backyard.) The prize? The largest box of See's candy personally paid for!



All fun aside, whether it's friends from out-of-state or just from another part of Orange County, I have so much pride talking about our neighborhood and the folks that volunteer to make it so unique.

We have such an exciting year in front of us. We had thirteen FPNA board members sitting at a huge dining table at this month's meeting making plans for the coming year.

Please volunteer to be docents at our annual Home & Garden Tour. This year we are celebrating our 20th year of the Tour. Thank you, Home Tour Committee!

This year we have two new neighbors who stepped forward to head the Social events for us. WOW! Please mark your calendars for an exciting new event: the Turkey Day Golf Scramble on November 10.

Since the FPNA is now a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, we have a committee updating the Standing Rules and the financial requirements for the IRS.

Our webmaster is updating the website at www.floral-park.com.

Yes, we need your help. It takes a village of volunteers. If you are unable to volunteer, we always appreciate your donations to keep our wheels moving.

I am always accessible at 714-469-4208. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as President of Floral Park.

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(Visit www.floral-park.com Home Tour page for contact details in the sample book.)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Floral Park General Meeting

March 21, 7 p.m.

Cal State Fullerton Grand Central Art Center
125 N. Broadway
Downtown Santa Ana
(see flyer insert in this newsletter for details)

Annual Dumpster /

***Goodwill**

Free E-Waste Disposal Day

April 14

Dumpsters: 7 - 11 a.m. (or until full)

***Goodwill Truck: 8 a.m. -noon**

Locations:

*2121 N. Victoria Dr.
2108 N. Greenleaf St.
1816 N. Heliotrope Dr.
2360 N. Park Blvd.
2415 Riverside Dr.

In addition to the dumpsters the neighborhood receives each year for neighborhood clean-up and disposal of household trash, Goodwill will have trucks on site for donations and electronic waste (E-waste).

Dumpsters are for household trash and large items not suitable for donation. They ARE NOT for hazardous waste (no paint, oil, tires) or E-waste (see list below).

The *Goodwill truck (at 2121 Victoria Dr. only) will accept donations of usable items, furniture, and E-Waste (LCD TVs and monitors, laptops, plasma screens, televisions, computer towers, printers, copiers, fax machines, PDAs, cell phones, phones, keyboards, mice, computer peripherals, stereo systems, calculators, DVD players/VCRs).

This is an excellent opportunity to clean out that closet or garage and do some spring cleaning! Come early as the service is on a first-come, first-served basis.

SPONSORSHIP

*by Julie Humphreys
1st Vice President*

One of the most rewarding things we do as a neighborhood is give back to our community. Thanks to the success of the annual FPNA Home Tour, we have been able to fund many sponsorship projects over the years, including: charitable contributions to worthy community organizations, scholarships for Santa Ana high school and college students, and donations to local schools. But our projects have not all been confined to monetary donations. We have also sponsored many neighborhood beautification projects and formed volunteer work parties to spruce up yards and local parks. Last Christmas, thanks to the generous donations of our neighbors, we donated five large bags of clothing and various personal care items to the residents at WISEPlace.

It's that time of year again to send the call out for neighbors to serve on this year's Sponsorship Committee. If you've previously served on the committee, you know how gratifying the experience is. If you are interested in getting more involved in the neighborhood, the Sponsorship Committee is a great place to start!

In the coming months, we will be reading the scholarship applications submitted by high school and college students. It is incredibly rewarding to read these submissions and learn of the interests and accomplishments of the students. We will also be fielding new proposals for sponsorship opportunities this year. New projects come to the committee by way of recommendations from committee members or by neighbors.

Our first meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 11th at 7 p.m. at 2112 N Ross St., and we will set the schedule for the rest of the year at that meeting. The committee is always looking for new members at any time. If you're interested in getting involved, please join us! If you have an idea for the committee, please email me at jphlegal@aol.com or call me, Julie Humphreys, at (714) 541-3452.

Minutes?

If you've missed a neighborhood general meeting and would like to obtain a copy of the minutes, you can request a copy to be mailed (or emailed) to you. Monthly board meeting minutes are also available on request. Just send your request with name, street address and/or email address to:

FPNA (Minutes)
P.O. Box 11366
Santa Ana, CA 92711-1366

or

email your request to azander@roadrunner.com

BEAUTIFICATION

by Janelle McLoughlin
2nd Vice President

Vintage Streetlight Outages Update

The street lighting system in Floral Park is antiquated and outdated. The system is a high voltage, low amperage series system that is unique and uncommon. This fact has resurfaced again and presented us with another challenge. The system currently uses one-of-a-kind incandescent lamps (bulbs) that, besides being very energy inefficient, need to be replaced annually. The cities of Los Angeles, Pasadena, and Long Beach have similar systems, all installed some 70-odd years ago.

Last year Philips Corporation, the last manufacturer of these lamps, ceased production without warning. Santa Ana City staff has been working diligently and cooperatively with the other cities and lighting suppliers to resolve the lamp issue. Last year the City developed a solution using hybrid conversion kits that could be retrofitted into the existing poles.

The conversion to the new hybrid had been started and halted due to product failure. That is the reason you can see a combination of pink lights and soft white lights on Broadway from Santa Clara to 19th. The soft white lights are the new ones.

Actually, all of Floral Park should have been completed by this time. Many of you have asked if this delay is due to a City financial problem or if it is really the failure of the product. The reality is it is a failure of the product!

In the meantime, Floral Park has experienced an unusual amount of outages with long delays in replacing the lamps (bulbs). If you have problems or delays in getting your lights replaced, keep reporting them to janellemcloughlin@gmail.com.

We continue to suggest you leave your porch lights on at night, especially if you have street lights out.

Moving forward for a solution, the City has a new sample installed in Floral Park at 2434 N. Heliotrope and in Wilshire Square at 1122, 1139, and 1146 S. Birch.

We are working on this problem and our goal is to keep our streets well lit with the same historic soft white light that will be energy efficient and reliable.



SOCIAL

by Cassie Shine & Jaime Simon
Social Co-Chairs

Hi Neighbors!

Our names are Jamie Simon and Cassie Shine. If you do not already know, we are the new Social Directors of Floral Park, and are very excited for what is in store for 2012. In addition to our annual favorites, like the Freedom Fest, Chili Cook Off and Floral Park Holiday party, we are also adding a new event to spice things up in 2012!

For all you golf fans, we are planning a Turkey Day Scramble on November 10! It will be a day of golf, food, drinks, and prizes!

We also welcome volunteers and/or committee members for these events. If you are interested in riding around in a golf cart for a morning, please let us know by emailing: fpnaevents@gmail.com

Below is the calendar of events for 2012 – be sure to mark your calendars! You will not want to miss any of these fun-filled events we can promise you that! As the events approach, you can find more information on the Floral Park website.

Saturday, June 30: Freedom Festival
Saturday, October 20: Chili Cook Off
Saturday, November 10: Turkey Day Scramble
Sunday, December 16: Holiday Party

Heart Stones Still Available



Due to popular demand, the Floral Park Neighborhood Association is continuing to offer the Heart Stones in Sarah May Downie Herb Garden for a donation of \$200 (up to 25 letters). The proceeds will be used for neighborhood beautification projects, including the Sarah May Downie Herb Garden.

The stones can display the name of your family, friends, pets, or they can be used as a loving memorial for a dear one.

Space is limited so please put your request in ASAP. The deadline for submission will remain open as space permits. The order form can be obtained online at www.floral-ark.com/documents/hearts.pdf. Please use a separate form for each heart being ordered.

If you have any questions, please email them to janellemcloughlin@gmail.com.

TREASURER

by Linda Nelessen

The FPNA started the 2012 calendar year with cash in our accounts totaling \$100,168.02. The budget for 2012 has been approved and below for your review is the budget versus actual through January 31, 2012 of our income and expenses.

Linda Nelessen, Treasurer

Floral Park Year-to-Date Budget Vs. Actual

	<u>2012 Budget</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>
GENERAL FUND:		
Beginning Funds as of 01/01/12	\$100,168.02	
Donations		
Investment Income	\$100.00	\$14.63
Membership Donations	\$10,000.00	\$350.00
Newsletter / Website	<u>\$6,725.00</u>	<u>\$3,165.00</u>
Subtotal	\$16,825.00	\$3,529.63
Expenses		
Administrative	\$6,000.00	\$851.90
Membership / New Neighbor	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
Newsletter / Website	<u>\$3,800.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Subtotal	\$12,300.00	\$851.90
General Fund Ending Balance	\$4,525.00	\$2,677.73
SPONSORSHIP FUND:		
Donations		
Home Tour	\$55,000.00	\$0.00
Expenses		
Home Tour	\$30,000.00	\$0.00
Social Events	\$10,500.00	\$0.00
Planned Sponsorship Commitments	\$3,500.00	\$1,789.40
Scholarships	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
Charities	<u>\$5,000.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Subtotal	\$54,000.00	\$1,789.40
Sponsorsip Fund Ending Balance	\$1,000.00	(\$1,789.40)
Total Unallocated IFunds	\$95,531.35	
FLORAL PARK ENDING BALANCE AS OF 01/31/12	<u>\$101,056.35</u>	

MEMBERSHIP

by Jessica Carr & Joy Ridout
Membership Co-Chairs

As you may know, by simply being a resident of Floral Park, you are automatically a member of the Floral Park Neighborhood Association. The Association provides a number of benefits to the residents of Floral Park. Those benefits include get-togethers like Freedom Fest and mixers, beautification projects such as streetlights and tree replacement, and providing a voice for the interests of the neighborhood to City Hall.

While the Association relies heavily on the time and efforts of its volunteers, it also requires the monetary contributions of its members to keep the neighborhood vibrant, attractive, and informed. Your contributions fund the operating expenses of the association such as printing, signs, stationery, insurance, storage, postage, general meetings, membership mixers, etc. Without your contributions, the neighborhood association cannot function.

While many people believe the Association is funded solely by the proceeds of the annual home tour, our bylaws mandate those funds can only be used for charitable purposes, social gatherings, and neighborhood beautification. The reality is that a minimum of 15% of the net income from the home tour is allocated to Santa Ana non-profit organizations. In addition, a minimum of two, but typically five, \$1000 scholarships are funded for Santa Ana high school and college students. Though money comes in from the home tour, that money cannot be used for the administration of the neighborhood association.

To continue to bring you the benefits that you enjoy, we need your donation. We understand that times remain tough for a number of people. If you are fortunate enough to be doing well, we would ask for a contribution of \$100 or more. If your budget is smaller, a donation of even \$10 will help us maintain the events and beautification projects you appreciate.

The Floral Park Neighborhood Association is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable organization. Contributions are deductible under state and federal law to the extent applicable (consult your tax professional for advice). Your donation, great or small, will be dedicated to the on-going improvement of the neighborhood.

If you would like to make your donation by check, you will find a donation slip below. If you prefer to make your contribution by credit card, you can do so at www.floral-park.com/membership.html.

Thank you in advance for your continued support,

Jessica Carr & Joy Ridout
Membership Co-Chairs

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Neighborhood Mixers are Back!

Come and meet your neighbors at our first
Neighborhood Mixer of 2012!
Bring a small dish that can serve 4-5.
Drinks provided by FPNA.

Sunday, March 25th
3-6 p.m.
2006 N. Victoria Drive

For more information and to RSVP, please call or email Jess and Joy.

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Are you new to the neighborhood?

Welcome! We are happy that you have chosen Floral Park as your new home. Whether you have come to raise a family, work at a new job, retire, or perhaps start a business, we hope you enjoy your new life in our beautiful neighborhood.

The FPNA would like to “officially” welcome you to the neighborhood with a welcome gift. If you moved here in the past six months and have not been contacted, please let us know your name and contact information. Contact 2012 Membership Co-Chairs Jessica Carr, (714) 325-0561, jcarr@jcarrinc.com or Joy Ridout, (714) 325-8232, joy@jcarrinc.com.

Out and About...



by

Ed Trotter
Resident "Foodie"

I was going to do this column about two items that I love: technology and food. After a visit to Santa Ana's newest culinary hotspot, The Playground, I had the food bit settled. My other piece was to be a primer on some of the best "apps" in the smartphone and pad world for foodies but that will have to wait.

After a couple of more trips to the restaurant, one for a background interview, I realized that I had landed in a place that reminded me of the early days of the computer technological revolution.

A little history would help. Jason Quinn, the 25-year-old proprietor of The Playground, is one creative, energetic, driven young man. A former chemistry major at UC Santa Barbara, Jason woke up to the realization one day that he was spending more of his parents' money on cookbooks than text books and he finally gave in.

"It's a curse," he commented in the interview. "Once you realize that's what you're going to do, it becomes an addiction."

I'm going to make a not-so-bold prediction. This is a star-studded career in the making. Do not, do not miss your chance to see "Jason Quinn: The Early Years." It's a show that will have a very long run, I promise.

Recall the early days of your own life combined with the exploding opportunities that both technology and expanding culinary worlds are providing. I felt like I was in the middle of the onset of the dot com boom. The place was absolutely buzzing with the heady days of a journey where all the possibilities are imaginable.

"So, why Santa Ana," I asked. "Where else did you consider?"

"This is our little corner of the world," he said. "We're a little weird; we care about food more than we care about the client." Now, that's not meant with any disrespect to his customers but, rather, means that his focus is on the food. He believes the clientele will follow. "We're here for people who are serious about food," he said.

Drawn by both the invitation of the Chase family, which owns much of the downtown Fourth Street area, and the artistic ambiance of the Artist's District, Jason decided that Santa Ana was perfect for his new venture, now all of four or five months old.

As part of the amazing rise of the gourmet food truck movement, he and a couple of other partners bought a used food truck a couple of years ago and refurbished it to become "The Lime Truck" a name taken from the color scheme used. It quickly developed almost a cult following.

Last year, in Season Two of The Great Food Truck Race on Food Network, the Lime Truck stole the show and drove off with the \$100,000 grand prize.

Naturally, one smallish food truck could not hold the talent of such a creative force.

He needed to open his own place. Now, located at the corner of Fourth and Spurgeon Streets, The Playground is perhaps the most aptly named restaurant in Orange County. The chefs are experimenters of the highest order. What will be on the menu on a given night is a direct outcome of what's the best that's available from his purveyors that morning.

He insists on fresh, carefully grown, and unusual-artisanal products with quality over regional origin. A demanding buyer, he nevertheless conducts business with his customers in a very casual, engaging manner. He reminds me very much of Jamie Oliver, the British chef who has done so much to bring great food to the masses.

My initial foray to The Playground was the first Wednesday of February for a wine-tasting group. Not a high-end, snobby bunch, this group moves around from place to place looking for a fun venue to share wines with one another and to enjoy some interesting food. And, it was my first time to join them.

We had about 20 attendees and a wide array of wine-tasting expertise. Since there is no corkage fee, we were welcomed into the place with open arms.

With a group like this, smaller dishes were ideal as pass-around was the theme of the evening. I'm not sure that I ordered a single thing but as they came by I certainly took my share. Hand-cut fries were seemingly pomme frites just out of Paris.

Brussels sprouts, typically not a crowd favorite, drew raves. Alas, Jason will only serve them in season, which begins anew in September. They've become almost a signature dish at The Playground.

The oyster mushroom grilled cheese defied description. St. John roasted bone marrow? You bet. Not to many people's taste but it is what makes many braised meats the outstanding contribution to the culinary arts they are.

Wagyu beef cheeks were divinely satisfying.



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The most popular item on the menu? Believe it or not, Jason's hamburger. We cut it up in smaller bits to make the rounds. Outstanding.

I loved the lemon garlic braised rabbit and had to bring a doggie bag of it home to Sandy who couldn't make it. Rabbit's her favorite. It's no wonder the Easter Bunny doesn't want to come down Victoria!

And, one other item I can recall was the king crab hot dog. Just let your imagination work there. Not cheap, but shared, it's a great experience.

I had the chance to chat with Jason quickly before I left but I knew this was the next column for the newsletter. This was definitely a Santa Ana jewel in the making. I made arrangements to meet up with him later and to come back for Sunday supper.

Sunday Suppers, what a great concept. French 75 used to have them and we enjoyed them tremendously. Figure that the chef is clearing the kitchen and you are the beneficiary.

Sunday evenings are by reservation only, with one per 15 minutes from 5 to 9 for a total of 16 per night. Portions appear to be the same for groups of two or four. But, our group of four had plenty to eat. This Sunday night Susan Hart, Lea Pascoe, Sandy and I had one decision to make: which of the three protein (meat) dishes would be the odd man out.

Our choices were U.S. Wagyu beef, a maple-flavored pork chop, or Jason's own recommendation of his fried chicken done the best way he can possibly make it, he said. We chose the former two but I promised myself it would be the fried chicken the next time I see it on the menu.



I must say if the fried chicken exceeded the quality of the beef and pork chop, then it is not only the best possible Jason can make but it must be the best possible that can be made. The meat was unbelievably moist having been cooked in a method that I took to be sous vide, a technique in which food in a sealed plastic bag is submerged in water at a temperature specific to the food. It's been around for 35 to 40 years and gets high praise from some of the world's most renowned chefs. Jason cites his study of chemistry at UCSB for helping him here.

But, after our single eliminating choice was made, the parade of produce proceeded. Seated at one of several long tables on fixed stools (you eat kind of family style here, interacting easily

with other patrons) we began our evening with an engaging platter of arugula salad with walnuts, blueberries and peeled white beets, delicious fried plantains, guacamole, and a scattering of black beans. Four successive plates followed: red cabbage with goat cheese; succulent sautéed corn kernels that blew Lea away; carrots; and an amazing dish that rivals mac and cheese, but this one was with cauliflower. I don't even like cauliflower and found this iron skillet creation over the moon. Rosemary bread accompanied it all.

And, the "protein"? Unbelievable. We all agreed that it was about as good as food gets.

Dessert was a selection of a brownie and hand-made cookies (Chinese tea, old-fashioned chocolate chip, and a bourbon-infused snickerdoodle). The price? A ridiculous \$30. Added on to that is a three-percent tip for the kitchen staff, bringing it to a whopping \$30.90. Gimme a break! What a deal.

And, as noted above, no corkage fee. I asked Jason about this, and his response was, "It's simple, I don't have much of a mark-up on my wines, so I'd rather have customers enjoy what they want." We had two outstanding French Rhone wines, a Gigondas and a Vacqueyras, brought right from home.

Although none of us had beer, I must bring attention to the amazing range of options in that respect. I noted that 15 draft beers, many local to include Bruery Loakal Red, TAPS Crystal Pils, and Bootleggers Black Phoenix, were on tap that evening. Many others are available in the bottle. Clearly a lot of care has been taken to bring a fascinating array of options.

So, again, let me tell you. Run, do not walk to downtown Santa Ana. This place is everything it's cracked up to be: original, creative, energetic, temporal, and totally with it. Don't miss it.

To read more, check out OC Weekly's magnificent and very recent article about Jason and The Playground. You can find it online at: <http://www.ocweekly.com/2012-02-17/food/the-playground-jason-quinn/>

The Floral Park Newsletter welcomes your ideas:

- Have you visited a local restaurant or venue you would like to recommend? If so, please send the contact info and a brief description of why you liked it.
- Do you know of a Floral Park neighbor or school-aged kid who is doing good things and could inspire others? If so, please send us their story or contact info. We'd love to feature them in an upcoming Floral Park Newsletter.
- If you've moved from Floral Park or are in touch with someone who has and would like to be featured in the "Where are they now?" column, please provide details and a high resolution (min 300 dpi) digital photo.

Please send your ideas and photos to fpnews@floral-park.com or leadesign@SBCGlobal.net. Thank you!

Neighborhood Notes ...

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MOFP ... A Neighbor's Perspective

When my husband, daughter and I moved to Floral Park back in 1996, it was answered prayer. We had always dreamed of living in this neighborhood and when we found our first house on Ross Street, we knew that this was where we were supposed to live. We were welcomed to the neighborhood by Janelle McLoughlin and Nancy Feldman. They greeted us with a basket of goodies, took our picture and posted it on the front of the neighborhood newsletter along with the story of why we chose Floral Park as our home. We immediately felt like celebrities!! It was as if we were living in the days of "Leave it to Beaver." We couldn't believe that in the hustle and bustle of Southern California stood a little neighborhood that was like travelling back in time to the days of "Father Knows Best."

Being from the Midwest, I felt right at home here. We immediately embraced this neighborhood. Being the mother of a young child, I was very anxious to make friends and find other children for my daughter Kaitlyn to play with. I spoke with Nancy Feldman and told her that I was interested in forming a mother's group and inquired how I might go about doing so. Nancy suggested that I put an ad in the neighborhood newsletter. At her suggestion, I did just that. Denny Patterson, Bonnie Casazza, Kristi Droulard, and Jill Lobe answered the call. We started out very small, but before you knew it, the word spread and the group began to grow by leaps and bounds. We decided on the name "Mothers of Floral Park" and thus our little neighborhood mother's group was born.

We wanted to bring that old-fashioned feel to the neighborhood by planning events for the kids like the Easter Egg Hunt, Harvest Fest, and Christmas Party. In order to put on these events, my husband Rob, Wally McLoud, and his father-in-law built a lemonade stand made out of old fence wood from the neighborhood. Tina Booth painted the cutest darn lemon tree on the front of the lemonade stand that was absolutely darling. We gathered lemons from the neighborhood trees and sold Floral Park Lemonade and homemade baked goods at the neighborhood Home Tour. With that money, we were able to put on the events without charging any money to attend.

Then came the philanthropic efforts. We wanted to give back to the neighborhood and wanted to support our local shelters. We started out small but over the years so many wonderful things were done for our community.

With all of this being said, I am just trying to put it all in a little nutshell for all of the new neighbors in the neighborhood that don't know the history of the "Mothers of Floral Park." I could go on and on about all of the wonderful things that this group has done, but I think I have said enough to give you an idea of the history.

When the group started, my daughter Kaitlyn was three years old; she is now 19. I had no idea that the group would last

this long, and I had no idea of all of the awesome things that this group would accomplish. I take no credit for the success of this group. All the credit goes to the mothers. They are the ones who kept the group going. I take my hat off to all of them, and I want to thank all of the mothers from the bottom of my heart for all of their hard work and dedication to this group.

As with everything in life, there comes change. Due to the major growth in the group the mothers have reached out to surrounding neighborhoods to join in helping put all of the events on and making sure the needs of the group are being met. With that being said, the group is moving in a new direction with new goals and new ideas. Therefore, the new MOFP board, with the support of the group, has decided to change the name from "Mothers of Floral Park" to "Families of Floral Park" which better suits their new direction.

So, our little neighborhood mother's group has grown up. For me personally it's a little sad, but then I have never been a big fan of change. It's difficult for me; I am a creature of habit. But I want to personally thank everyone for supporting the Mothers of Floral Park for all of these years, and I want to thank all of the mothers for all of their hard work and sacrifices in making the group what it is today! I wish nothing but the very best for the Families of Floral Park, and I am very excited for the group in its new journey.

God Bless!!

Judy Johnson

Orange County Grand Jury Update

by Helen Alberts

(Floral Park Resident and Member of the 2011-12 OC Grand Jury)

Having been on the 2011-2012 Orange County Grand Jury for the past six months and a member of the recruitment committee, I felt it necessary to let everyone know the results of our efforts to recruit for the 2012-2013 Grand Jury.

From all of District One, only six applications were sent into the Superior Court. Our jury tried to put a personal spin on recruitment by addressing all city council meetings in the 34 cities in Orange County and pitching organizations such as the Floral Park Neighborhood Association, American Legion, Lions Club, and many, many more. But what pulled in the most applications were The Orange County Register and Los Angeles Times ads. Altogether, 212 applications were received by the deadline of January 20, 2012.

We wanted to broaden the ethnic mix and succeeded in cracking that wall when two Asians and one Latino applied in District One.

Thank you for your support.

Pet Corner ...

by Toni Kimball

I know we all think our dogs are perfect angels; however, we seem to be having an influx of miscellaneous bad behavioral problems again. I've had many neighbors report these problems very recently, and they are becoming a nuisance as well as a walking hazard.



The **10 Commandments of Pet Etiquette - Be a Responsible Dog Owner** by Athena Andris sums it up nicely:

Pet etiquette is making sure others feel comfortable around our pets. And it's simple to do by making sure your dog is following these 10 Commandments:

- Thou shalt not - walk off my leash.
- Thou shalt not - leave my poop unscoped
- Thou shalt not - romp in my neighbor's garden
- I will remember to wear my collar and I.D.
- I will be kind to others who may approach
- Thou shalt not - go unless invited
- Thou shalt not - jump or hump on others
- Thou shalt not - jump on the host's furniture
- Thou shalt not - bark excessively
- Thou shalt not - beg for food or attention

(Article Source: <http://EzineArticles.com/2346989>)

I was also able to locate several related ordinances from the City of Santa Ana Municipal Code. All of these ordinances do have fines involved; however, I was unable to locate the actual amounts.

You may review these ordinances in full by visiting <http://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientID=14452&stateID=5&statename=California>. If you do not have access to the Internet, please contact me at 714-542-5953 and I'll be happy to print them out.

(Toni Kimball is the owner of *Fur & Feathers Pet Sitting Service*, www.fur2feathers.com.)

Reviews ...

Christine Ross and her husband (North Park Blvd.) recently discovered **free jazz concerts** taking place close to Floral Park every fourth Sunday of the month at Trinity Cristo Rey Lutheran Church, 902 S. Broadway, Santa Ana. "The church pastor is a former professional musician," Christine said. "The concerts are fabulous and free!" Each month they feature different and outstanding professional jazz artists who perform a two-hour concert. Trinity Cristo Rey sponsors this "free concert" open to the public to promote their TCR music academy and heighten music appreciation. A free will offering will be taken. Concessions will be sold during intermission. Coffee is free!

Next concert: March 25, 2012 - 6 p.m. For more information, call 714-542-0784.

Mike Albanese (North Park Blvd.) submitted this recommendation for **Chapter One** restaurant located downtown on the corner of 3rd and Broadway: "I had lunch there a couple of months ago. The location is great with street parking and a public parking garage adjacent. The interior is well-designed and sophisticated using interesting materials and a cool library theme. The service was attentive and friendly. I only had a chicken sandwich but it was surprisingly different than any other I've had. It came with a delicious coleslaw and both had mild but very tasty Moroccan spices. The menu was refreshingly unique and it was difficult to choose just one entree. The restaurant wasn't very crowded for lunch the weekday I was there. It may be more crowded after work hours. I hope so. This is a place we should all support so we don't lose it. Its definitely a step in the right direction in Santa Ana's path to culinary fulfillment."

Congratulations, Dr. Kieu!

Congratulations to Floral Park resident Dr. Quynh Kieu who, along with two of her colleagues, was awarded the Medical Staff Leadership Award by Fountain Valley Regional Hospital and Medical Center for her humanitarian efforts in Vietnam. A native of Vietnam, Dr. Kieu received the medical-staff leadership award for her work there. She has provided health care to at-risk children and families in poor, rural communities.

Project Vietnam, which Dr. Kieu established in 2007, sends a team of medical volunteers on yearly missions to some of the most remote locations in the country.

This summer, Dr. Kieu and her team traveled six hours, roundtrip, daily, crossing dirt roads and narrow bridges, to provide free medical care for children and families.

The team provided dental and medical treatment for up to 600 people a day and trained other health-care practitioners in the area.

The Grapevine

If you have personally used a service that might be useful to share with other neighbors, please send your submissions to: fpnews@floral-park.com with the subject, GRAPEVINE. Include the company (or person) name, phone number, what you had done and why you liked it. Remember, no self-promotion or promotion of businesses you have not legitimately used and were pleased with. The companies listed in the Grapevine are recommended by neighbors and not the FPNA or its Board. Users of the services shared below are personally responsible for checking references and licenses of the companies listed.

Air Conditioning/Heating

Sol Mechanical - Don Crane

Referred By: Kathy & Steve Cooper
(888) 602-4822, solmechanical@cox.net
We

had forced heating air conditioning put in our 1929 home for the first time. Don and crew were professional, on time, and did what they said they would do. We had no surprises. They are customer service oriented to the max!

Brrrr Air Conditioning and Heating - Robert Humphrey

Referred By: Joel Miller and Mark Schroepfer
714-746-6515, brrrrair@hotmail.com

We hired Brrrr Air Conditioning and Heating to install a new air conditioner and furnace in our home on Bonnie Brae. Robert and staff were professional, dependable, and reasonable, and cleaned up thoroughly at the conclusion of each day.

Cool Air Technologies - Bill McIntosh

Referred By: Stacey and Leslie Kato
714-501-9300, trish@cool-air-tech.com

Bill and his staff are honest, reliable and professional. We have used them for both heating and ac services and have very pleased.

Mick's Heating, Air Conditioning, Plumbing, Inc.

Mick Cotner
Referred By: Betsy Benton
714-550-9758

Mick replaced a heater and thermostat in just two hours. Three men—all performing the job in a very professional manner. Mick spoke plainly, gave me his best heater as advertised with no gimmicks, doing all the work on schedule. Great job, from a man who takes pride in his work.

Bee Removal

Adkins Bee Removal - Spencer Murphy & Javier

Referred By: Tom Pataca
949-254-6532, ADKINSOC@GMail.com
www.AdkinsBeeRemoval.com

10 years experience

We just had a bee hive removed that contained approximately 20,000 bees. Our concern was not to kill them. I called Adkins Bee Removal and all was a success. The bees were removed with the queen and taken to a beekeeper. We were able to keep the honey and it is the best I have tasted.

Cabinets & Countertops

C & M Kitchen Cabinets, Inc. - Jacques Boulanger

Referred By: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Chisholm
714-848-1010

Precise, professional, fair and a true pleasure to work with.

Cabinetry - Frank Biondi

Referred By: The Berkerys
562-424-8334
Interior workshop

Chair Caning

Chair Caning by Jerry

Referred By: Nancy St. Jacques & Bev Schauwecker
949-675-2559
Hand-weave, Pressed, Rush

Jean Van Couvering Chair Caning

Referred By: Herb and Judy Michel
714-546-5392

She is very reasonable and did a beautiful job on our antique dining room chair. She does not do the staining, but a refinisher did that step and we still saved money.

Child Care

After school care-Donna Oshaban

Referred by Michelle Donahue

714-558-1534

A Floral Park neighbor, Donna provides exceptional care; loving, encouraging and with a level of expectation for great and cooperative behavior-and she gets it! Her home is perfectly clean, she provides the best quality after school snacks and offers a wide variety of fun games and activities after homework is done. I pick up a happy 4th grader with home work done and a smile on her face. Picks up the kids at Santiago but would consider kids from other schools. 6 kids max-2 slots open. Part time optional.

Closet Design

Tailored Living - Scott Barnes

Referred By: Douglas Kraus
714-279-2402, Scott@TailoredLiving.com

Scott redesigned our closets to maximize space. He did a fantastic job installing lots of shelves, racks, drawers and rods and now our closets hold twice the items and are neatly organized. He provided a design (free with consult) and a quote that he stuck to. Very happy with the job and can recommend him highly.

Computer Service

My Computer Needs Repair (MCNR) - Bob Freeman

Referred By: Patricia Tornell
562-426-3106, mail@MCNR.net

I've worked with Bob personally and in my business for the past 25 years and would recommend him highly for all your computer needs. He's extremely knowledgeable and always able to solve those frustrating computer problems that plague us all from time to time. (3/12)

Contractors

Valley Custom Finish - Mike Ruisiewski

Referred By: Patricia Lockhart
714-767-4903

A Master Craftsman with over 33 years of experience, Mike will make your restoration creations a reality with his imaginative and quality craftsmanship. He installed and re-sized a door to fit the door frame and also explained what hinges look best on vintage doors.

Tyler Burns (TBCC) General Contractor

Referred By: Darlene Glenn-Wolff
714-270-6555

Tyler and his crew did quite a bit of building work for us. He was on-time, professional, courteous, kept within budget limits, and reasonably priced. His work product was outstanding.

Driveways

Systems Paving - David Hess

Referred By: Allan & Nancy St. Jacques
949-433-8353

Removed old cement and installed new Castle Cobble stone driveway in two days.

Electrician

MacFarlane Electric

Referred By: Betsy Benton
714-5439265

In Santa Ana since 1933. Jerry came out on emergency for me, and performed very professional service to the main electrical panel which was no longer to code. He has more than 30 yrs. in the profession, and many years working for MacFarlane. Jerry completed this task in two hours; a job that I had previously been quoted requiring a day's work costing hundreds more. I highly recommend this company to my neighbors.

C & D Electric - Corey Gonyez

Referred By: Susan Giampietro
714-240-4430

Certified journeyman electrician who helped w/lighting, etc.

Advanced Electrical & Lighting, Inc. - Hugo Rodriguez

Referred By: Mary Coleman
714-285-1700, 94-/219-0909; fax 714-285-1702

Has done excellent work both at our restaurant and home. He is very good at troubleshooting ... He is reasonable, licensed and bonded, member of the BBB and an all around nice guy. So easy to work with.

Lovell Electric

Referred By: Judy Michel
951-817-1637, CA Lic# 899295

Ron Lovell checked all our home wiring and installed two chandeliers. He is knowledgeable, prompt and his work is reasonably priced.

Fireplace & Chimney

Far West Construction - Russell Lutman, owner

Referred By: Herb and Judy Michel
714-776-1397, 714-803-1604

Russell specializes in fireplace and chimney repair. He repaired our 1926 firebox bricks and capped the chimney. Honest and easy to work with. Showed expertise with old masonry and fireplaces.

Flooring / Tile

Robert Tusko Tiling

Referred By: David Seigle
714-527-3167

Greg Galbraith (Tile Restoration)

Referred By: Herb and Judy Michel
714-926-3587

We were impressed with the careful, clean job he did restoring our Batchelder fireplace tile and front entrance tile. Very reasonable. He stays busy. Call well before you need him.

Sandra Terwilliger (Sam)

Referred By: Sandy DeAngelis
949-581-8088
Hardwood floor maintenance

Jim Schwanke Hardwood Flooring

Referred By: Mel & Kate Ladd / Mike and Cheryl Conradson
714-638-3300

Did a great job at repairing and refinishing our hardwood floors. (Ladd) Repaired and refinished all our hardwood floors. Very reasonable and honest. Finished floors are beautiful. (Conradson)

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Bill Markle

Referred By: Melanie Choi
949-422-1513
His tile and marble are great!

Bob's Shade & Linoleum

Referred By: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Chisholm
714-538-5322
Retro linoleum floor complete with new thresholds and baseboards. They are professional experts in their field.

Empire Carpets (Barbara Stowers)

Referred By: Patricia Lockhart
949-412-0918
I recently had my carpets replaced by Empire Carpets. The sales rep was professional, extremely helpful and very educated in the field of interior design. I would gladly recommend her.

Anaheim Hills Tile Supply

Referred By: Joel Miller and Mark Schroepfer
714-283-8522, Joe Ribble, Owner
We've purchased tile from Anaheim Hills Tile Supply on several separate occasions. His is a locally owned and operated business. We've always been impressed with his professionalism and reasonable prices and we couldn't recommend him more highly!

Rick Moore, Moore's Floors

Referred By: Joseph Gerda
714-622-4476
Rick Moore was the primary worker for Schwanke Flooring that I and many of our neighbors have used multiple times for both refinishing and installation of hardwood floors. His work was always excellent with reasonable prices and now he has his own business.

Golden Oaks Hardwood Flooring - Amir Makmachi

Referred By: Anne Etheridge
949-394-7881
Great wood floor guy!

Under Foot, Surface Restoration

Referred By: Krista and Frank Arellano
877-644-7688, www.underfootinc.com
Used a high-pressure steam cleaning process to clean and reseal our bathroom tile floors, steam-clean our back patio, front and back driveway, brick walk-way and the top of our slate bbq. I was so impressed by their professionalism and willingness to go the extra mile. They re-grouted parts of our bathroom floor, repaired a piece of loose slate in the backyard and even cleaned and resealed our bathroom countertops. This was all done in a half day and at an extremely reasonable price!

Joe Gonzales, B. Joseph Interiors

Referred By: Blake Anderson & Giovanna Piazza
714-526-3019
Joe is a rare combination of a knowledgeable, helpful and hard working artisan who is also easy to have around the house while the work is being done. Joe shows up when he says he's going to, does the work he says he's going to, charges what he says he's going to and then does more than he promised.

Furniture Restoration**Castelazo Cabinets - Roberto Castelazo**

Referred By: Toni & Dick Kimball
714-557-4854
Mr. Castelazo repaired two tables for us (both 75-100 years old). His work is fantastic. The oldest table had a leg sheared off and his replacement is undetectable. The other table had been refinished poorly by several people. Mr. Castelazo restored it to original condition!

ZEFERINO ANTIQUE RESTORATION & REFINISHING

Referred By: Mark & Janelle McLoughlin
714-401-5833
A master artisan, highest quality workmanship, knowledgeable of antiques and period correct repairs. Great attention to detail, fair and reasonable prices, and an excellent communicator. Zeferino refinished all our kitchen cabinets including building our center island and dishwasher front. Once we saw the quality of work we had him restore our dining room and bedroom furniture.

Handyman / Carpenter**Bill Miller**

Referred By: Anne Etheridge
714-832-9402
Extremely gifted carpenter and fabulous handyman.

First Rate Remodeling, Inc. (Robert Cline)

Referred By: Ken and Linda Mesesan
714-225-2458
We have worked with Robert since 2006. He has substantial experience that includes roofing, carpentry, finish carpentry, window repair, door hanging, architectural molding, concrete, plumbing and electrical. He's great to work with on any project scale. We highly recommend him!

Mr. Ramin Faiz (Floral Park Resident)

Referred By: Toni & Dick Kimball & Christine Switzer
949-302-3249, www.inhousearchitecture.com
Everyone is always looking for a wonderful, honest, dependable, reasonably priced, and a talented handyman. Mr. Ramin Faiz is the answer we have all been waiting for.

Home Theatre / Audio Visual

Video Sonics
Referred by Ron and Cindy Wilsie
714-281-0641, Wayne Nicklin

Housekeeping

Floral Park House Keeping
Referred by: Heather Morin
Cell: (714) 721-6510
Wonderful housekeeper available. Excellent, reliable, hardworking. English Speaking/bilingual. Juana is a very dear lady, she takes care (and walks) our dogs too along with cleaning our home for many years. Any business her way would be much appreciated.

Housekeeping - Cathy Mendez

Referred By: Leslie Kato
(714) 929-9436
Reliable and thorough. While she does speak English, it is best to talk with her husband on the phone.

Marcella & Edwin

Referred By: Douglas Kraus
562-469-8189
Been cleaning our house for 14 years. Very nice and totally trustworthy. Speak English, hard working, cleans under rugs, windows and will work to your satisfaction. Recommend highly.

Landscaping / Sprinklers / Trees**Greg McCollum Landscaping**

Referred By: Boe Boezinger
714-647-0174
Designed and implemented front garden landscaping. Great ideas, easy to work with.

Ladd Modern Irrigation

Referred By: Robin Romain
714-542-9733
Takes care of our whole water system.

VT Tree Service

Referred by: Guy and Lisa Elston
714-997-0903
Have done a beautiful job trimming our cedar tree twice. Certified arborists, professional crew.

Ron Nichka, Emerald Landscape Design

Referred By: Lynda Yana
626-824-1008
Completed redesign of Sara May Downie Park.

Vargas Tree Service

Referred by: Leah Schmidt
714-630-5337
I have had excellent service from them twice, along with Carolyn Urtel, my neighbor

Barbara Deed Garden Design

Referred By: Chuck & Julie Lake
949-786-4055, www.barbaradeedgardendesign.com
Barbara did a great job designing and rebuilding the landscaping for both our back and front yards. Her masonry and landscape contractors were excellent. She managed all the contractors and completed the project quickly.

Nick Dean Landscape Design

Referred By: Douglas Kraus
323-828-3858, nickdean@sobglobal.net, www.nickdeangardens.com
Designed our front and back yard. Very, very creative, easy to work with. Extremely pleased with the result and whole process. Nick's a great guy.

Greenland Landscaping (Victor Quinones)

Referred By: Sharon Evans
(626) 209-7661 or (866) 610-1531
Highly recommend. Put in large new beautiful lawn, fixed my old sprinkler system and did other planting and design. Reliable, finished on time. I shall use him again.

Lighting

Kona Lighting
Referred By: Judy Michel
714-828-0910
I was pleased with the service I received at Kona Lighting. They completely rewired one chandelier and did an excellent job of repairing two breaks on a second crystal chandelier.

Locksmith**Murray Willis**

Referred By: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Chisholm
714-394-2022
Locksmith with many years experience with doors. He is quick, fair and reasonably priced.

Orange County Locksmith Service

Referred By: Patricia Lockhart
714-634-2222 or 949-250-1234 (ask for Dave or Phil)
Dave was more knowledgeable than any other locksmiths I called in the yellow pages. When he came out he was a true pro. He assessed my needs as a Landlord and made everything just right for me.

Masonry**DMC Masonry**

Referred By: Ron and Cindy Wilsie
949-454-8386, Contact: Dave "Snowy" Collins

McCleary Masonry

Referred By: Megan Whitford
562-714-2324
Mark McCleary is a wonderful and talented masonry guy. He can basically do anything with stone: walls, facade, driveways, pathways, etc.

Tom Hohman Masonry

Referred By: Alex Hart & Mason Nakamura
info@tomhohmanmasonry.com, 714-785-5711
Tom did a great job for us on a backyard masonry project. He and his crew showed the utmost professionalism. The work was first rate, done on time, and the clean-up was meticulous. We highly recommend Tom Hohman Masonry.

Painting/Plaster**Y Kim's Painting**

Referred By: John & Linda Schulte, Mel & Kate Ladd
714-821-1014
Painted inside our home. He's meticulous and dependable!

Old Towne Painting - Rick Litchie

Referred By: The Berkerys, Mike & Cheryl Conradson, Jim & Karyn Cripps
714-285-1920
Exterior Painting and Color Consult.. (Berkeley)
Not just house painters "house artistry"! Meticulous in all details, prep and color consultation. Fantastic job! (Conradson)
Very responsible and reliable. GREAT JOB. Stained our new Kitchen

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Cabinets a Rustic Black-BEAUTIFUL. (Cripps)

Joe Maturino Plastering/Stuccoing

Referred By: David Seigle
714-883-7244
Plastering/stuccoing

Hillside Plastering

Referred By: Boe & Cathe Boezinger
714-569-0655

Ray Smith is a true artist. Wonderful work specializing in the unique challenges of vintage homes.

Patchwork's Plastering Company

Referred by: Karla & Rob Octavio
714-530-5119

Aston Hill is a true professional—reliable and honest, and a good communicator. Great attention to protect the vintage details in our home.

All Star Plastering

Referred By: Mel & Kate Ladd
714-618-2018

They really went the extra mile to get us the color and texture we wanted for our exterior stucco

www.historichousecolors.com

Recommended By: Anne Etheridge

For those who want assistance choosing historically and architecturally accurate house colors

Kevin's Painting

Referred By: Joseph Gerda
714-572-2360

Chose them based on their references (top rated company on Angies List) and very reasonable price. They were professional in all manner, were on time, and returned phone calls promptly.

Gogh Van Vincent Painting

Referred By: Mark Mittman
Ty, 714-350-5807

I have used Ty on the inside and soon outside of my home. His attention to detail and quality of work are second to none!

Nick Field

Referred By: Sara Chesters and Frank Barbaro
nickfield5@yahoo.com or cell: 714-743-1689

We used Nick Field, a local Santa Ana resident, for a complete inside and outside paint job when we moved into our new home. He did an awesome job and is especially good at decorative and detailed work and wallpapering, he was trained in England - a true pro.

Carlos Painting - Carlos Jacobo

Referred By: Anne Etheridge
714 492-3336

Carlos has painted numerous rooms inside my house. He also did exterior venetian plaster on the entire house (and it looks fabulous if I do say so myself). He is meticulous, honest, fairly priced and hardworking. I really can't say enough good things about him.

Piano Tuning

Jim Laiola

Referred By: Judy Michel
714-956-5638

Jim did an excellent job of tuning our piano. Jim tunes most of the pianos in the Orange County schools. He is prompt, efficient and pleasant to work with.

Plumbing

Dave Lambie, George Brazil Plumbing and Heating

Referred By: Joe Magaddino
1-800-Call-GEO

Major gravity furnace overhaul. Knowledgeable and did a great job. Tried several plumbing companies before but I found no one willing to do the job.

Bass & Sons Plumbing

Referred By: Beverley Schauwecker
714-534-5403

Very knowledgeable about "old" plumbing. I highly recommend them.

Southwest Plumbing (Steve Herold).

Referred By: Darlene Glenn-Wolff
714-288-9991 or cel 714-540-0090

I would highly recommend Steve. I have used his plumbing services, and he helped us out tremendously and professionally (fixing other plumber's work). He was also one of the team lead volunteers on the Fisher Park Build Day project.

(Enthusiastically seconded by Bill Daugherty & Kathryn Tarbell)

Archer Plumbing Inc. (Bob Carr)

Referred By: Sharon Evans
714-537-5679

I've used Bob for many years on both large and small jobs. Always returns calls promptly and shows up on time. I am always happy with his work and his cost is reasonable. (3/12)

Roofing

Weatherline Roofing (Ken LaRue)

Referred By: Sandy DeAngelis
714-748-9707

American Home Insulation

Ron Striewig
949-413-2371, Contact: Michael, Owner
Attic insulated - fast, courteous, clean and efficient.

Referred By:

Solar

Heritage Solar, Inc.

Referred By: Kevin Barber and Stacey Clinesmith
949-677-9470, dennis@heritagesolar.com
www.heritagesolar.com

Dennis did a complete solar installation on our house about two years ago and now our average electric bill is \$75 a YEAR! We were so please with the service and their professionalism!

Security

Jay Dyer, Intruder Detection Services

Referred By: Judy Michel
714-776-5373

We had Jay install an alarm and fire protection system several years ago. It continues to work beautifully and trouble free. Jay is personable and easy to work with.

Swimming Pool

Perfection Pool - Brad Young

Referred By: Sandy DeAngelis
714-904-3230

Pool maintenance

Allmark Pools - Mark

Referred By: Rob & Judy Johnson
562-587-1418

Did a fabulous job on our pool!

Jonathon Pools

Referred By: Chuck & Julie Lake
714-396-1091

Jonathon refurbished our 50-yr old pool to look like new. He replaced old equipment, installed new plumbing, improved overall circulation in the pool which has eliminated persistent algae problems, patched plaster, and acid washed our tile. He was on schedule, courteous, and a pleasure to work with.

The Pool Doctor

Referred By: Douglas Kraus
714-944-8738

Cleaned and sanded down my plaster pool to look like new. Also did deck-o-seal around brick. Very reasonable, nice guy and did great work. The Pool doctor knows his stuff on pool repair. (3/12)

Windows / Window Washing

Awning By Russ, Owner Russ Rinner

Referred By: Jessica Carr & Joy Ridout
714.525.RUSS

Fast service, great pricing. Highly recommend.

Window Restoration & Repair

Referred by: Karla & Rob Octavio
562-493-1590

Scott and his team did a great job of repairing some original windows, and replacing others with exact replicas (but better glass!). Excellent attention to vintage details and restoration. Very professional, on time, great communication.

Home Craftsman Inc.

Jim Crawford, Owner/Installer

Referred by: Chuck and Julie Lake
714-404-2518, windows4@gmail.com

Jim did a great job for us, replacing aluminum sliders with wood case-ment windows on our entire second story. The entire house looks much better and more in tune with the style and its original construction period. Jim also hung several interior and exterior doors, including a difficult Dutch door.

Sure-fit Mobile Screen Shop

Referred by: Wanda & Gil Marrero
800-737-2733 or 714-953-4401

Installed normal screens and the "disappearing screens" to our home. Family owned and operated since 1986.

Eddy's Window Washing

Referred by: Judy Johnson
714-321-4801

West Coast Screen & Glass

Referred By: Allan St. Jacques
714- 633-6232

Called one day, arrived the next, and did a quick and efficient job of replacing four small windows

Rembrandt Windows - Blair O'Callaghan, owner

Referred by: Wally McCloud & Denny Patterson
<http://www.rembrandtwindows.com/index.html>

714-968-6538 office

In an attempt to clean our windows, Denny promptly dropped our custom made, 1924, arched/hinged window from the second story. Blair and his skilled team of craftsmen repaired the window to its original state in a most timely and expert manner. We highly recommend them.

A Clear Choice

Referred By: Darlene Glenn-Wolff
1-877-33-CLEAR

Our neighbors have been using this company for years and that is how we started using them. We have used them for four years and been very happy with both the windows and the carpet cleaning services.

BJ's Window Cleaning

Referred By: Anne Etheridge
714-730-9200

I have been using Joanie at BJ's for years. She's fabulous ... very thorough, good clean up.

American Window Cleaning (Mark Rimmel)

Referred By: Sharon Evans
714-554-1197, cell 714-654-8069

Best window washers I have ever had, by far. So professional, trustworthy, perfect clean-up, and very reasonable in price.

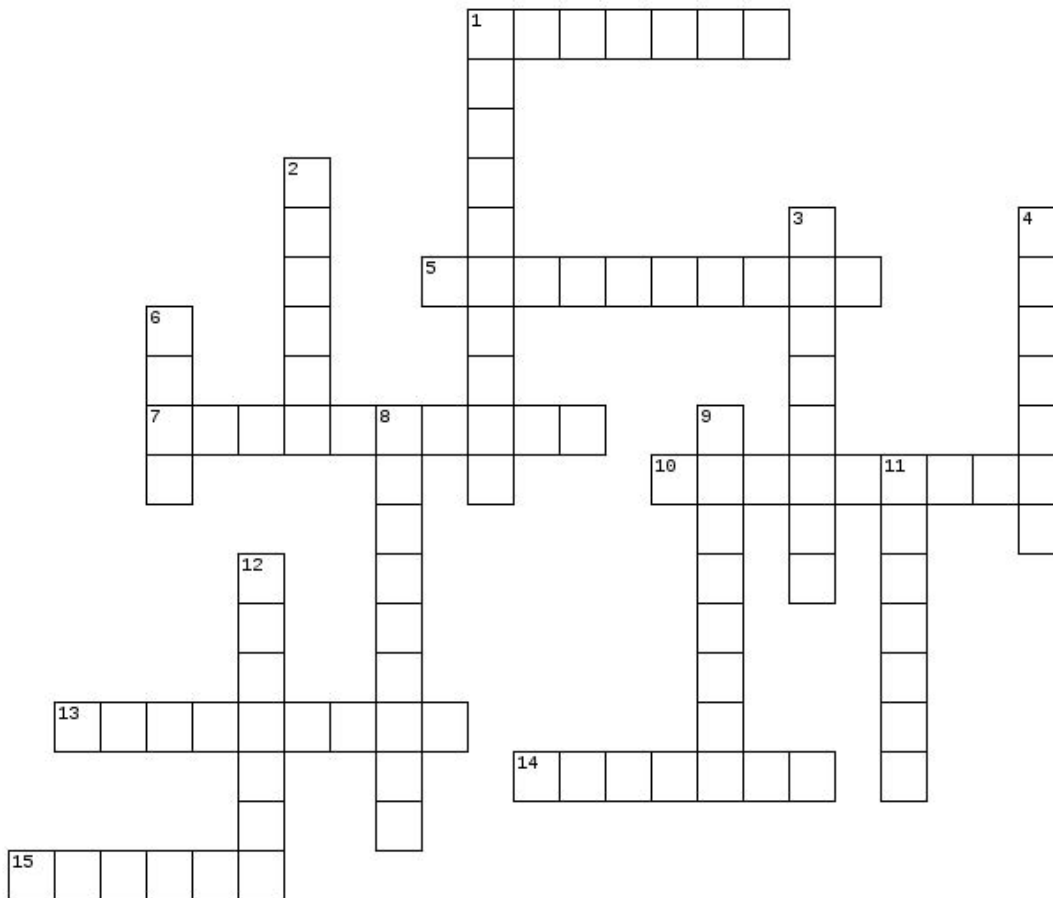
Yoga (In-Home)

Yoga in your Home (Diana Markessinis, RYT 500)

Referred By: Giovanna Piazza
DianaMarkessinis@gmail.com

Diana is a knowledgeable, patient and very encouraging yoga teacher. Though she can teach at any level, she's perfect for newbies or people (like me) who are newly returned to yoga. Diana teaches yoga at Soul At Home (owned by our very own neighbors David and Simon) but she also teaches private in-home lessons for individuals, couples, families (with children) or small groups of adults. Diana's coaching is a great way to begin!

Floral Park Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. Popular mode of transportation in Floral Park introduced in the 19th century.
5. The Maharajah of Indore built his 18th home on this Floral Park street.
7. A street in Floral Park that is also a city in Northern California, founded in 1777.
10. "I'm gonna lay down my burdens, down by the _____."
13. A short story by Flannery O'Connor and a street in Floral Park.
14. An exceptionally fine wine from the crop of a good year.
15. Co-founder of the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society.

Down

1. "Pleasing on the eye" + "slope or hill" (Scottish)
2. Name of Floral Park's historic "castle house."
3. He started his town with 24 blocks of about 10 lots each.
4. An underground bed or layer of permeable rock, sediment, or soil that yields water.
6. The surame of the first family to settle in what was to become Santa Ana.
8. The main stem of Santiago creek rises in what national forest?
9. Street that shares its name with a city in British Columbia.
11. Surname of the family living at 2305 N. Heliotrope Dr.
12. Name of historic house on Bonnie Brae.

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