



FISHER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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April 2023 Yard of the Month
1226 West River Lane

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GENERAL MEETING — APRIL 26

Join us on **Wednesday, April 26** at **6:30 pm** in the **Jack Fisher Park log cabin** for our spring general meeting.

Main Topics:

- Elect a New Neighborhood Association President
- Update about Planned Santiago Creek Improvements
- Hear More about Upcoming Events for 2023
- Open Garden Day Raffle

We have an opening on our neighborhood association board for President. The President leads our organization, and represents us with the city and other neighborhoods. We are looking for a motivated individual who would like to take on a leadership role. In addition, we are looking for an organized individual to fill our open Secretary role, too. We meet monthly to discuss ways to improve the neighborhood and increase community involvement. If interested, please attend to throw your hat in the ring.

OPEN GARDEN DAY WILL BLOOM AGAIN ON MAY 13

We are thrilled that three Fisher Park households have graciously offered to open their gardens, along with five others from West Floral Park.

In addition to a diverse lineup of beautiful gardens, anyone may visit the Promenade on Westwood Avenue with plenty of unique shopping opportunities, information booths, educational seminars, and culinary demonstrations. Plus, the return of the vintage car show along with a new birdhouse art display and silent auction!

Tickets are now on sale for \$20 each person when purchased in advance, or \$25 if purchased on May 13.

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! Learn more at the website.



PANCAKES IN THE PARK — JUNE 17

Date: Saturday, June 17

Time: 9 am to 11 am

Where: Jack Fisher Park

RSVP: Required before June 16

Cost: Free, but a suggested contribution of \$10 cash per person

We're excited to bring back this popular event! We've found a vendor to make personalized gourmet mini pancakes. In addition, we will serve sausage, juice, and coffee, along with games and crafts for the kids.

The Neighborhood Association will cover the cost of this event but some contributions would be greatly appreciated, though not mandatory.

RSVP before June 16 at FisherParkNA.com/pancakes or scan the QR code to the right. Spaces are VERY limited. Only those who RSVP may participate.



CROP EXCHANGE DATES FOR 2023

Dates: May 20, June 24, July 15, August 19, September 16

Times: 11 am to noon

Where: Jack Fisher Park

Cost: Free

Our "Crop Exchange" will be here again before you know it! Returning for our third year, we will host a monthly gathering from May through September on a Saturday, 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!



MORRISON PARK CAR SHOW — MAY 21

Our friends with the Morrison Park Neighborhood Association are hosting their third annual classic car show on Sunday, May 21.

Classic Cars Wanted!

Do you have a classic car or know someone who does, and would be interested in showing off? Event organizers are hoping to secure between 50-75 vehicles to be displayed. If you do, please reach out at MPNASantaAna@gmail.com.

Attend the Event

Located around Morrison Park itself, this family-friendly event will happen the Sunday before Memorial Day from **10 am to 2 pm** on **May 21**. They plan to have a food truck available and the park is open for picnics. Bring the family (and the dogs) for a stroll with some beautiful sights.





FISHER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY

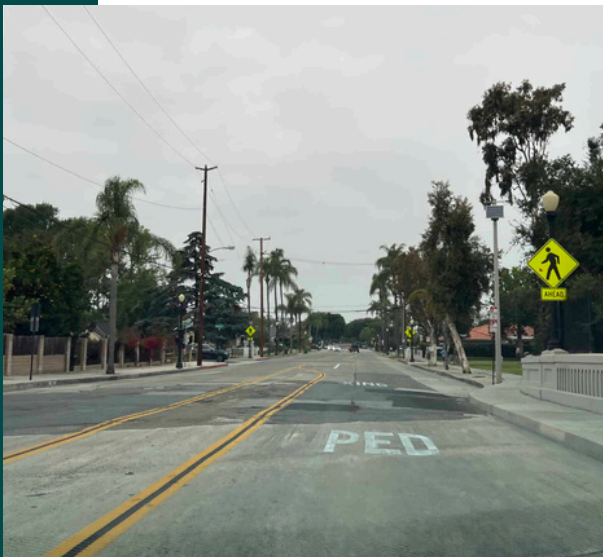
Written by Erica Moir

Photo of J. Herbert Brownell Architecture Offices

Story #7 - 1950s Architects Find Fisher Park

As Sharon Road and River Lane were beginning to see families purchase lots and start to plan their dream homes, young architects were able to experiment. In the Spring of 1961, J. Herbert Brownell together with several other prominent local Modernist architects participated in the fifth annual "Architectural Home Tour" sponsored by the "Women's Architectural League of Orange County" right here in Fisher Park.

There's a lot more to read on this story, plus the previous six history articles by visiting fisherparkna.com/history or scan the QR code.



FISHER PARK TRAFFIC COMMITTEE WORK & PROGRESS STATUS

Our Summer 2022 newsletter gave an overview of Fisher Park traffic issues and a brief history of Fisher Park Neighborhood Association's efforts to make improvements. Here's a brief recap:

Two years ago, a Fisher Park resident on Flower Street asked for the Association's help with a request to the City of Santa Ana for additional trees on Flower Street. She also asked for help to make our section of Flower Street safer because motorists tended to speed in this area 24/7. The City representative she spoke with indicated there was sufficient room for landscaped medians similar to those on Flower Street in Floral Park. The intent was to help calm traffic by making this part of Flower look and feel more like a residential street than a commercial street. Hopefully motorists would slow down. The Association agreed to help.

This is just a brief intro into this informative update written by Les Hall, so read more at FisherParkNA.com/traffic.



SAVING SANTIAGO CREEK

Our last newsletter contained an article about a public meeting on January 26 put on by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). We indicated the meeting would be about a proposal for Santiago Creek Improvements based on the notification residents living near the Creek had received. The proposal was not well received by the approximately 100 residents who attended in person or by Zoom. They definitely did not see the USACE proposal as an "improvement."

This project was authorized by Congress based on recommendations made in 1988 and its goal is to reduce flood risks in the event of a 100-year flood. Much of the work has already been completed, except for the final part involving Santiago Creek from the Villa Park Dam, past the 5 Freeway to the Santa Ana River. The January 26 meeting mainly focused on proposed changes to Santiago Creek from the 5 Freeway to the Santa Ana River.

Read for the full story written by Les Hall at FisherParkNA.com/creek.

OUR FINANCES FROM 2022 / TREASURER'S REPORT

Fisher Park NA has \$10,348.34 in the bank. Great news for now but some concerns for the future. Some 2022 expense and income details:

- In 2022, we spent about \$125 for each newsletter, \$130 for our website, and almost \$1,000 for signs and sign stickers advertising meetings and events.
- Our Valentine's Day event and Holiday Party cost about \$75 each.
- The July 4th parade (mainly giveaways and prizes) and the Popsicle Party cost about \$500 each.
- Pancakes in the Park usually breaks even because we charge or ask for donations.
- In 2022, we received about \$4,500 from Open Garden Day. However, we may not be guaranteed to receive a share of the profits like we have in the past, as they are now a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and may have more rules to receive a share.
- For other income, we received \$750 in contributions in 2022. This year, we have collected about \$120 so far.

Want to contribute to our operations? Join one of our events on the right to speak with a board member! We'd love to hear from you!

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:

What do you love about living in Fisher Park?

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...

- 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-September so please email info@fisherparkna.com if interested.
- 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 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!

Q2 PLANNED EVENTS

April 26

General Meeting

May 13

Open Garden Day

May 20

Crop Exchange #1

May 21

Morrison Park Classic Car Show

June 3 and 4

City-wide Garage Sale Weekend

June 17

Pancakes in the Park

June 24

Crop Exchange #2

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

2023 BOARD

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