

**FAIR OAKS AMERICAN RIVER GATEWAY
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

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Fair Oaks, California

September 2024

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Saturday October 19TH
11 A.M.

The Fair Oaks American River Gateway Neighborhood Association will hold its election of next year's directors and welcome all neighborhood residents for food, drinks, raffle prizes and more.

GET UP TO DATE NEWS!

Don't wait for the Annual Newsletter to find out what's going on in our beautiful community! There are several ways to stay informed and get involved.

Receive or share critical news:

<https://fo-gateway.org/contact/>

Let us know what's important to you:

<https://fo-gateway.org/survey/>

Pay annual voluntary dues or donate:

<https://fo-gateway.org/membership/>

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of August 31, 2024, FOARGNA had \$8,000 in its account.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF FOARGNA?

The purpose of this group is to protect the political, environmental, social, recreational, safety and quality of life interests of the residents of the neighborhood. We are organized:

a. To enhance the livability of the area by establishing and maintaining an open line of communication and liaison between the neighborhood, government agencies and other neighborhoods. b. To provide an open process by which all residents of the neighborhood may involve themselves in the affairs of the neighborhood. c. To perform all of the activities related to said purposes, to have and enjoy all of the powers granted and engage in any lawful activity for which corporations may be organized under California non-profit corporation law. d. To be organized exclusively for social welfare purposes. Notwithstanding any statement of purpose or powers aforesaid, this association shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of its specific and primary purpose.

MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

Time: 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. *

Date: 2nd Tuesday of every month *

Contact us at F.O.Gateway@gmail.com
if you would like to participate.

During meetings the board discusses old business, new business, current events, listens to public comments and decides which actions to take for the betterment of our community.

* Subject to change

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Justin Roberts

Vice President: Roslyn Eliaser *

Secretary: Roger Smith

Treasurer: Michael Faber

Director: Brenda Boston

Director: Maryse Normand

Director: Garry Osipov

Director: William Kavrik *

Director: David Ginsburg *

Director: Max Boyko *

Director: Vikki Walker *

* End of current two-year term

NEXTDOOR WEBSITE & APP

Did you know that FOARGNA is on the NextDoor App? We are part of the “Magnolia” and “Glenview” groups, which overlay most of the association’s territory, which is bounded by Fair Oaks Blvd. to the North, Sunrise Blvd. to the East, Southcliff to the West and the American River to the South. The NextDoor app’s mission is to connect neighbors, cultivate trusted connections and exchange helpful information. For some, this app provides “real-time” safety information and for others, “genuine” neighborhood connections. We will be using the app to post events and more. To join us, go to “groups” and lookup “Fair Oaks American River Gateway Neighborhood Association.”

FAIR OAKS WATER DISTRICT

WHAT’S HAPPENING WITH THE FAIR OAKS WATER DISTRICT? Some important matters are on the ballot this November beyond the presidential race. For instance, in Fair Oaks, voters will decide on the future direction of the Fair Oaks Water District (FOWD). This issue that may not be widely known.

The FOWD board consists of five members, three of whom are up for election this November, while efforts are underway to recall the other two.

Signs supporting the re-election of Sarkovich, Marx, and Dolby, who back the current Water District Board, are...

FAIR OAKS WATER DISTRICT (cont.)

visible in the neighborhood. There are also calls to "RECALL AND REPLACE" the board, with the message of reversing the recent 25% rate increase.

The Fair Oaks Water District still has the lowest water rates in the region, is debt-free, and has saved enough money through judicious management to fund necessary repairs and future projects and to deliver clean water efficiently. They argue that the debate over the current board is less about water rates and more about control over a piece of industrial property across from the Water District headquarters. The property is used by the FOWD as the maintenance yard for all of Fair Oaks. This property was previously the subject of a proposal to move the yard out of Fair Oaks so that the property it can be developed into a parking lot for nearby restaurants. This proposal was rejected by the board because moving the yard out of Fair Oaks would be expensive and effect the level and timeliness and efficiency of service from FOWD. The recall effort followed this decision.

We encourage residents to explore both sides of the issue before voting.

*--Your neighbors,
Clara Jewell & Michael Faber*

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

The Pointe is a 1.36-acre parcel of undeveloped land located on the hilltop at the south-west corner of Fair Oaks Blvd and Sunrise Blvd. Since 2007, the owner, Michael P Allen, has been trying to develop the site. He has submitted project plans to the Fair Oaks Community Planning Advisory Council (CPAC) for approval on at least four prior occasions. FOARGNA was formed to oppose the first proposal for a multi-office building and restaurant complex for the reasons of safety, traffic, and preservation of the rural atmosphere of our neighborhood. FOARGNA has been monitoring the development plans and opposing when we deemed proper.

The October 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 issues of this newsletter contain the history of the various development plans for The Pointe and is available on FOARGNA's website under the 'news' tab. Finally on June 28, 2021, the Sacramento County Planning Commission Project Review gave final approval to a development plan that was acceptable to FOARGNA.

In August 2021 a For Sale sign went up on the property. In September 2023 after two years with vary little interest, a new sales agent, Colliers Properties, listed the property as approved...

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS (cont.)

for a 26 unit apartment complex consisting of five 2-story buildings with an asking price of \$895,000. Another year has passed by with little interest. This is a difficult property to develop and has been on the market for three years. FOARGA will continue to monitor to make sure our concerns and values are addressed.

Magnolia Hill, located on the south side of Magnolia Ave. about 250 feet west of the intersection of Magnolia Ave and New York Ave., consisted of two contiguous land parcels totaling 2.26 acres. A 2018 proposal (named Magnolia Hill) was not approved by CPAC.

The property was sold to a new developer in 2020 who proposed to divide the property into four lots with a remainder property containing the existing fixer residence being used as a rental. This proposal was approved by CPAC in November 2020 and then by Sacramento County Subdivision Review and authorized for four estate-sized lots with a remainder fixer residence.

In 2022, Magnolia Hill was sold to another developer who recently sold the fixer residence to a Magnolia Ave neighbor. The neighbor is in the...

process of a complete remodel.

The current owner of Magnolia Hill is amending his plan to combine two lots, so now Magnolia Hill concise of three lots approved for homes. There has been no construction activity this last year and the neighbor is still working on the complete remodel of the fixer house.

AUTOMATIC MEMBERSHIP

FOARGNA membership includes all residences within the boundaries below:



All members have one vote each at any annual or special meeting.

MEMBERSHIP CONFIRMATION

To become an active member please fill out and return the form below or complete our online form at: <http://fo-gateway.org/membership/>

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

\$20.00 annual membership dues and donations are optional

Mail to: Attn: Justin Roberts (FOARGNA), 3949 Oranewood Dr., Fair Oaks, CA 95628