A Letter to the Community

January 2008

Well, it’s hard to believe that it was only a year ago that we kicked off the City’s 50th Anniversary Celebrations with the City’s very own entry in the 2007 Tournament of Roses Parade. Earlier this month, the City returned once again to the streets of Pasadena to show off our civic pride and tremendous sense of community spirit. As if two Rose Floats in the span of one year wasn’t enough, the flurry of activity that occurred between them was truly amazing, and a wonderful tribute to the City’s rich history.

Since its incorporation, Santa Fe Springs has always been “The Place To Be.” The City’s Golden Anniversary Year of 2007 proved that Santa Fe Springs was also “The Place To Celebrate”... and celebrate we did... in “golden” fashion. Of special note was the star-studded 50th Anniversary Parade and Community Carnival in May. We on the City Council want to thank you for helping make our 50th Anniversary truly one for the ages.

Literally hundreds of our residents volunteered and thousands attended the multitude of events that occurred throughout the year. Each one of you is a living testament to that which makes Santa Fe Springs such a unique place... as much as society has changed around us over the last 50 years, the people of Santa Fe Springs are still the same... hardworking, dedicated to their family and friends, and committed to making Santa Fe Springs the best community it can be. Please enjoy this Special Anniversary Edition, which reflects back on the past year. May the New Year bring you health and prosperity.

Your Santa Fe Springs City Council
Santa Fe Springs Was The Place To Celebrate!

A Year of Golden Memories

January 2007

2007 Tournament of Roses Parade Float
Thanks to over 800 community volunteers, “Our Hometown” made a stunning impression in Pasadena.

February

Golden Couples
11 couples were honored for celebrating wedding anniversaries of 50 years or more at the Sister City Sweetheart Dance.

City Employer Luncheon
Over 50 City of Santa Fe Springs employees and retirees were thanked for serving the community.

March

Golf Tournament
190 50th Anniversary tournament participants and sponsors enjoyed a beautiful day of golf at the Montebello Golf Course.

April

Ballot of the Bands
Local bands took to the stage to show-off their musical talents.

May

Historical DVD
SFS Chamber releases “Santa Fe Springs, A City with Vision.”

Retire & Firefighters Reunion
170 attendees enjoyed the opportunity to share memories and reconnect with former co-workers.

Community Recognition Dinner
Over 100 community members gathered to celebrate “golden” anniversaries - 50 year residents, businesses, and marriages.

June

Kanani Club Car Show
Classic cars and a “Kids Zone” entertained over 2,000 attendees.

City Incorporation Reception
Over 250 community members participated in celebrating the City’s day of incorporation.

July

Battle of the Bands
Local bands took to the stage to show-off their musical talents.

Stargaze - Joan Sebastian
2,200 community members enjoyed this outdoor concert.

Stargaze - War & The O’Jays
2,100 members of the community enjoyed this concert under the stars.

Public Works Open House
Event had over 900 in attendance, including many families in the community.

August

Harvest Fair & Penny Carnival
Close to 1,000 participants, including many children, enjoyed crafts and “old-fashion” carnival games.

September

Stargaze - John Sebastian
2,200 community members enjoyed this outdoor concert.

Stargaze - Brian McKnight
& Boys II Men
Close to 1,000 people enjoyed this high-energy concert.

November

Community Portrait
SFS Community Portrait by Judith Smith Trasport was unveiled at the 2006 Winterfest.

December

First Night Celebration
This beautiful holiday event was attended by over 4,000 community members and Santa Claus to kick-off the holiday season.

Winterfest
Over 800 community members gathered to celebrate “golden” anniversaries - 50 year residents, businesses, and marriages.

Rio Hondo Symphony Pops Concert - Featuring Suzanne Coppers
Over 1,000 people in attendance.

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Miss Santa Fe Springs Pageant
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5th of July Celebration
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