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ASSOCIATION

# Fall Newsletter 2025

*www.oldfig.org*

## Annual Fig Garden Dinner

Sunday, September 28, 5 pm

**This year's dinner is *just* \$50!**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Hello, Neighbors!

Summer is almost behind us. The kids and grandkids are back in school. We are now going to begin laying out our plans for Fall, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

As a board, we are continuing our work on important neighborhood issues. A major one is our beautiful Deodora Christmas Tree Lane trees. They need water! Please, please, please, **water the trees** that are in your front or side yards. With our hot weather and the age of the trees, they need more care than ever before. Consider soaking them once a month on a low flow of water with your garden hoses.

Also, **PLEASE DO NOT** cut down any street trees that are in front or the sides of your homes. The trees in the County right of way belong to the County and may not be cut down without a permit from the Public Works Department at the County of Fresno. Each street within Old Fig is lined with specific trees, which gives the area a park-like character. If any trees along the streets need to be removed, make sure they are replaced with the

same species. A list of street trees can be found on-line at Oldfig.org. Please help preserve our special trees! And not only on Van Ness, but the trees on each and every street within Old Fig.

And, do not forget to join us for the Fall Dinner which is coming up on Sunday, September 28. We are having a **Very Special Discounted Price of ONLY \$50** so that we can attract more members and neighbors to attend! This is a big drop from the previous year's price of \$70 while offering a similar menu. This is the deal of the year as you'll get a wonderful dinner provided by the Fig Garden Swim and Racquet Club's chefs as well as drinks, and the special opportunity to meet and talk with your County representatives, staff, and our Law Enforcement team from the Sheriff's Office and CHP. The reservation form is in this newsletter. Send in your reservations and mark your calendar!

Another topic critical to our neighborhood is traffic speed. Cars are traveling through our neighborhood at speeds higher than the residential neighborhood speed limit. Please be aware of your speed as you drive. Throughout most of Old Fig, the residential **neighborhood speed limit is 25 mph**, with just a few



FGHOA President Angie Hyatt was joined at last year's Annual Dinner by CHP Commander Austin Matulonis and Fresno County Sheriff John Zanon

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exceptions, such as Van Ness currently at 30 mph, as well as Gettysburg and Ashlan, while Maroa is 35 mph. We are working with the County on installing more speed limit signs in our area, so drivers are reminded of the safe speed they need to maintain on roads they are sharing with pedestrians, bicyclists, joggers, neighbors walking their dogs and pushing baby carriages.

Finally, we have to discuss being an involved member of our Old Fig neighborhood, which means helping take part in its care and preservation. It also hopefully means joining as a paid member of Fig Garden Home Owners Association. Our dues are voluntary and are only \$90 per year, or \$7.50 a month—much less than what almost any others pay for their home owners associations! I could continue and say it is only 25 cents per day, but then I would sound like a TV commercial! The dues go solely towards advancing the interests of Old Fig so that you and your neighbors will enjoy our quality of life well into the future!

To date, since this year’s Spring Newsletter, we have around 300 paid members. We send about 1800 newsletters in the expanded Old Fig Area (including the County areas west of Palm and east of Maroa). Our hope is to grow the number of paid members. Dues paying members are able to vote in special elections, such as electing three board members each spring, and any other topic that requires a vote at the spring meeting. You must be a dues paying member for the year prior to the meeting in order to vote. Please consider becoming a dues paying member. You can make your payment on Venmo at: @fig-garden-HOA or by sending a check to FGHOA at P.O. Box 5796 Fresno CA 93755.

Hope to see you at the Fall dinner!!

Respectfully,  
*Angie Hyatt,*  
FGHOA President

## OLD FIG E-ALERT

The Old Fig E-Alert is a great way to get timely updates on current events, meeting agendas, safety issues, and also the monthly Crime Stats provided by our Sheriff’s Deputies assigned to the Police Protection District. Sign up on the **Oldfig.org** site, or e-mail Mike Chen at **mikechenfgha@gmail.com** to add your e-mail to the E-Alert mailing list. We have around 50% participation and are hoping for 100% neighbor participation in our E-Alert system within the next year. If you know of a neighbor who is not on the E-Alert system, encourage them to join. It is free of charge.

## USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Sheriff’s Dispatch	600-3111 (for emergencies call 911)
Fresno Humane Animal Services	600-7387 (PETS)
Fresno County Code Enforcement	600-4550
24-Hour Domestic Violence Help	233-4357 (HELP)
Building Permit Info	600-4540
City of Fresno Water Division	621-5300, 621-5480
Fig Garden Fire Station (non-emergency)	621-4320 (for emergencies call 911)
Fresno County Library Information	600-7323 (READ)
Fresno County Public Health	600-3200, 600-6449
Graffiti Abatement	600-8107
Fresno County Road Maintenance	600-4840

# ANNUAL DINNER



## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

**5:00 - 8:30pm**

**FIG GARDEN SWIM & RACQUET CLUB  
4722 N. MAROA AVE.**

Encourage neighbors and friends to attend this celebration of Old Fig.

Catering by Fig Garden Swim and Racquet Club

**Social Hour starts at 5 pm • Dinner served at 6 pm**

Fresno County officials and law enforcement serving our area  
will attend the dinner and answer your questions

**Special price this year:**

**\$50 ~~\$70~~ per person**

Includes dinner, wine/beer/drinks and dessert

**RSVP by September 20**

by sending your check in the envelope provided in this  
Newsletter or by Venmo through @Fig-Garden-HOA or the  
QR link at right:



**Questions? Contact Angie Hyatt @ 559.287.9961**

*Casual Attire | Adults only*



## Message from our District 2 County Supervisor



County Supervisor Garry Bredefeld meets with Old Fig neighbors at last year's Annual Dinner.

### Dear Old Fig Neighbors,

It's a privilege to represent one of the most unique and cherished neighborhoods in Fresno County. I've always believed that the government must work for the people—and that means protecting your safety, your property, and your quality of life.

Since taking office, I've authored and passed three major ordinances to address growing problems that have gone ignored for far too long in Fresno County. We're now cracking down on copper wire and catalytic converter theft—crimes that have drained resources, endangered public infrastructure, and punished law-abiding residents. We also passed an ordinance targeting illegal dog breeding, putting an end to the abuse of animals and easing the burden on our overcrowded shelters.

With the open lines of communication between my office and Old Fig, I have heard your concerns and understand how important it is to keep the “Garden” a peaceful and safe place to live. That is why my office is actively working with the appropriate departments to ensure this historic neighborhood maintains its vibrant charm where families can thrive in harmony. Your safety and the character of this community must and will be preserved.

You elected me to fight for you—and I'm doing exactly that. Thank you for continuing to stay engaged with my office and helping us protect what makes your community so special.

Wishing you and your loved ones a wonderful Fall season.

Sincerely,,

**Garry Bredefeld**

Fresno County Supervisor, District 2

# Old Fig Garden Home Sales for January 1–June 30, 2025

*By Angie Hyatt*

First and Second Quarter sales in Old Fig were down just slightly in number, actually 7 fewer sales overall for the 6-month period, compared to the second half of 2024.

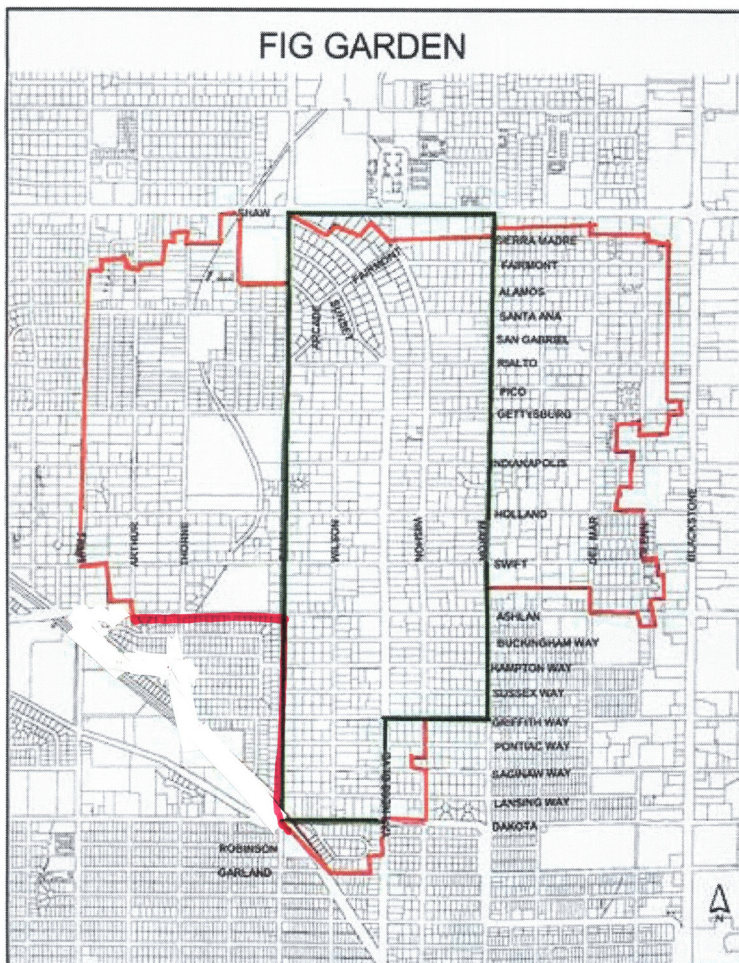
So far 2025 interest rates remained stable, averaging in the high 6% range.

The neighborhood is divided into three areas. On the west side of the neighborhood the borders are Palm to Fruit and Shaw

to Ashlan. The middle section is Shaw to Lansing (South of Lansing is the City of Fresno, although Circle Drive is included in our map, and Palm to Maroa. (minus a small area of homes south of Griffith and east of Wishon to Maroa, which are in the City of Fresno, but again considered to be a part of expanded Old Fig.) The third section is Shaw to Ashlan and Maroa to almost Blackstone.

Now for the 2025 statistics from Jan 1–June 30 thru June 30th 2025:

	<u># of Sales</u>	<u>Median Sales Price</u>	<u>Avg. Sq. Ft Cost</u>
Palm to Maroa and Shaw to Lansing /Circle Dr:	12	\$727,500	\$317.00
Shaw to Ashlan and Palm to Fruit	5	\$375,000	\$205.00
Shaw to Ashlan and Maroa to Blackstone	6	\$425,000	\$249.00



All areas combined:

The highest price home sold was \$2,500,000

The lowest home/condo price was \$200,000

The highest s.f. cost was at \$594.00

The lowest s.f. cost was \$169.00

Homes sold for an average of 95.50% of their asking prices.





## CHRISTMAS TREE LANE

*Dan Gallagher*

Christmas Tree Lane will open for our 103rd year on Tuesday December 2, 2025, and run through Christmas night on the 25th. Driving down the Lane has been a part of our community for over a century and The Fig Garden Home Owners Association will continue to ensure this community-enjoyed treasure continues for generations.

We will, however, be suspending our Walk Only Nights this year. The popularity and growth of these two Walk Nights has taken on a life of its own and has made it nearly impossible for our small group to put on the event in a way that ensures the safety of the 35,000

people who attend, as well as of our neighborhood. Safety is our utmost concern and responsibility, and the size of these events has become much too large for us to manage effectively. To provide and ensure a safe Walk Night experience, our small group would need to transfer these nights to a larger organization better suited to running this large event. It is with very heavy hearts that we've made this decision, but our commitment to our neighborhood and the greater Fresno community is unchanged as we work to fill the Lane with lights and the spirit of Christmas for the 103rd time.

### FIG GARDEN HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION OFFICERS & DIRECTORS FOR 2025

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## THANK YOU FOR SPONSORING OLD FIG!

Please join the Fig Garden Home Owners Association. We work to protect and strengthen our unique neighborhood. The dues are \$90/year. Please mail your check payable to:

**FGHOA**

**PO BOX 5796, Fresno CA 93755**

Unlike most homeowners groups, our dues are voluntary and we depend on the generosity of our fellow neighbors. Dues money goes to pay fees associated with filing documents that protect the quality of life and integrity of the neighborhood, printing and mailing newsletters to keep you informed, and running the [www.oldfig.org](http://www.oldfig.org) web site.

Dues can also be paid through Venmo by clicking this QR code or by searching for Fig Garden HOA



**Please list your name(s) and address in the "What is this for" box** so we can correctly update your membership for the upcoming year. You can also make the payment "private" if you do not want it visible to others.