

PARK SANTIAGO NEWS

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Quadrant Rep. Elections March 2

PSNA's election for Quadrant Representatives has been postponed till our next general meeting: Weds., March 2, 7 p.m., at Santiago Park's Lawn Bowling Clubhouse. PSNA's executive board asked the 2010 quad reps if they could stay onboard till then, and most agreed to do so. (At least two or three will not run for re-election, however, so please consider running even if it appears there are no openings in your quadrant.) Please join us at the March meeting if you'd like to be a candidate.

You may be wondering what a Quadrant Representative is. First off, our neighborhood's quadrants are divided by Santiago and Santa Clara streets, which split PSNA into four portions. The portion in the northeast corner of our neighborhood, for example (as you might have guessed) is the Northeast quadrant. Each quadrant can have up to three neighbors who represent them at PSNA meetings. Quad Reps are also in charge of surveys and communication in their quadrant. They're voting members of the PSNA board and are needed to help make decisions at our business meetings, held at least once every two months on the first Wednesday of the month.

If you're new to the neighborhood, the Lawn Bowling Clubhouse is most easily accessed by PSNA residents at the northernmost end of Valencia Street at Santiago Park. In addition to elections, our agenda for the March meeting tentatively includes a speaker from Bower's Museum. A full agenda will be posted to residents via electronic media.

THE ANNUAL PARK SANTIAGO EASTER EGG HUNT- FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

✦ SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH - 9:00 A.M. UNTIL 12:00 P.M.

✦ Lawn Bowling Clubhouse on Valencia (at Santiago Park)

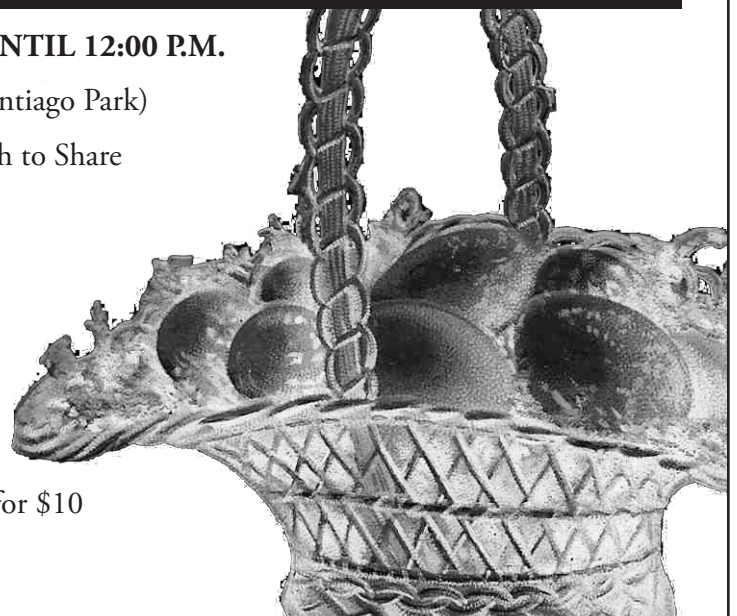
✦ Please Bring a Potluck Breakfast/Brunch Dish to Share
(Labeled with Name of Dish & Family)

✦ Bring 12 Eggs to Hide per Child
(plastic eggs filled with candy or small toys)

✦ Bring 12 Eggs to Donate to Charity

✦ Cost: \$2 per child up to a maximum of
\$10 per family

✦ Raffle Tickets will be sold for \$1 each or 15 for \$10
for Fabulous Easter Raffle Prizes!!!!



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NEW WEBSITE

Until further notice, PSNA will be using a website provided by the City of Santa Ana for general communication:

http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Park_Santiago/home

This website is currently being updated, and its administration will be shared by several residents. Please contact any executive board officer if you'd like to assist in this effort.

Remember, you can also get PSNA information between meetings and newsletters by signing up for PSNA e-news and/or Facebook. Please check the electronic-media contacts section of this newsletter for more information.

FERAL CATS

Did you know this is the season for new kittens and mating? An average litter is 2-5 kittens but can include up to ten. After mating, a cat's gestation period averages 65 days. A female cat can deliver a litter as early as six months of age and become pregnant as soon as 48 hours after delivering a litter. A female cat and her descendents can become 420,000 within seven years! There is not enough room in animal shelters to care for them.

Many stray cats are roaming in our neighborhood. PSNA board members are receiving inquiries from neighbors asking what they can do as more and more feral cats are causing increasing inconveniences and damage to their property. Early in the year, an animal shelter attendant said there was an increase in animals being brought to the shelter and they attributed it to our economy and abandonment by owners who could no longer afford them. The Register recently stated that there are now fewer animals being brought to the shelter but also fewer adoptions and more being euthanized.

We hope residents will respect our neighborhood and neighbors' property by discouraging an increase in the feral cat population. Wild cats can spread disease and parasites to our domestic animals, including worms, lice, fleas and even rabies. Let's not encourage their loitering in our neighborhood by giving them food. There are many natural sources available to them.

One humane way to reduce the feral cat population is to trap the animals and have them spayed or neutered before releasing them. For additional tips on controlling feral cats, including where to buy or rent traps, contact Orange County Animal Care at 714-935-6848.



(Photo: Troy Snow, Freelance Photographer Kanab, Utah)

Ways to Get Involved and Meet Your Neighbors

Not everyone can make it to Wednesday night board meetings, but there are plenty of ways to get involved in PSNA and meet your neighbors, such as:

- **RESIDENT CASEY DePERSIS IS ORGANIZING OUR HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE AND EVENT-VOLUNTEER SIGN UPS.** Our next event will be PSNA's Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch. Please contact Casey if you'd like to help with this or other events, including our annual July 4th parade, Halloween party, concert in the park, Christmas party, progressive dinner; or perhaps you have ideas for other social events you'd like to help organize. Casey can be reached at psna.casey@yahoo.com or 714-836-4666.

- **JOIN A COMMITTEE:** Contacts for committees we've organized or are trying to organize are listed in the contacts section of our newsletter. Additional committees we're working on include a Website/Communications Committee, Community Watch, and Elections and Bylaws. To join the E&B Committee, please contact any executive board member. If you'd like to help organize the other committees mentioned, contact PSNA President Béa Tiritilli at beapsna@att.net or 714-532-2714.



PSNA General Meeting Minutes Summary for Jan. 5, 2011

1. Copies of last month's meeting minutes and the 2007 By-Laws were made available.

2. Candice Vance gave the treasurer's report. The Association took in \$1,351.75, expended \$538.80 and our current balance stands as \$4,272.66.

3. Our 1st speaker was Scott Kutner, Dist. Mgr. of Santa Ana's Community Development Agency, Neighborhood Development Division. Scott spoke about the proposed Senior housing expansion on Memory Lane. This project has not been approved and he said the City was unhappy with the plans as submitted. Their primary complaint is the façade. The City wants something much more modern. Scott also said the proposed hi-rise will need to redistribute their EIR report for comments because of how much time has passed since originally submitted. He said we would have plenty of opportunity to give input.

4. Our 2nd speakers were Barry and Todd Cottle. They own C&C Development from Tustin (c-cdev.com). C&C develops affordable housing communities. They are acquiring the remnant parcel adjacent to the 5 Fwy., at Spurgeon and 22nd. This project will consist of three 4 BR, 1,800 Sq. Ft. single-family houses. Quite a bit of discussion took place with numerous concerns being raised.

◀ *Proposed affordable housing development near 22nd St. and Spurgeon, adjacent to the 5 freeway.*

5. Due to the small turnout and no quad reps in attendance, at Bobbie Rooker's suggestion, we tabled quad rep nominations.

6. There was discussion about preferences for timing of general meetings. While no clear directive was established, the general sentiment was the Board would meet monthly (and be open to all residents) and general meetings would be held quarterly.

Prepared by Mike Simon, Secretary

Bylaws Revisions

If you read your neighborhood newsletter or follow PSNA e-news regularly, you may be wondering why we haven't yet elected our 2011 Quadrant Representatives. The short answer is that our association's bylaws need to be streamlined to prevent election delays in the future.

If you're concerned with the way your neighborhood association is governed, you may wish to join the committee to revise our bylaws. Please contact any executive board officer if you'd like to be part of the draft revision process. No revisions will be considered final until after a vote at a general PSNA meeting. The Bylaws Committee will post proposed revisions electronically at least 45 days before the election to revise the bylaws (date to be determined). We'll keep residents informed about this and other issues in any manner possible, including PSNA e-news and Facebook. If you don't have computer access, you may request a paper copy of current and proposed bylaws by contacting any board member by phone or in person.

A Beneficial Meeting Held With the City

While the issue of losing vehicle and pedestrian access at Fairhaven had largely been decided, despite 73% of Park Santiago residents being opposed, Don Cribb, a Park Santiago resident and a member of the City of Santa Ana Environment and Traffic Advisory Committee, was able to take advantage of our recent Board elections and arrange a hastily called meeting with the Mayor and other City staff to revisit some of our concerns.

On January 12th a meeting was held at City Hall. In attendance were newly elected PSNA President, Béa Tiritilli, her husband Gerald, who was recently appointed to the Santa Ana Parks & Recreation Committee, Mayor Pulido, George Alvarez, City Engineer, Don Cribb and Jill Arthur, City Council Services Manager and Government Liaison.

The Mayor, who also sits on the OCTA Board, and the other City staff, listened to the PSNA concerns along with suggestions that Park Santiago deserved additional mitigation considerations given the closing of the Fairhaven crossing and impending signalization of the Santa Clara/Aspen & Lincoln intersection.



Mayor Pulido agreed to support:

- a) Taller privacy walls for some of the homes west of Lincoln, near the park that back up to the tracks along Larchmont.
- b) A pedestrian trail connecting the east and west sides of the tracks at Fairhaven. This would entail creating a pathway along the west side of the tracks down to the path along Santiago Creek. There is already a path in place on the east side of the tracks.
- c) Park-like landscaping on the closed portion of Lincoln (from Park Lane to Fairhaven)
- d) Enhanced landscaping, including trees and native plants on the western portion of Santa Clara as it approaches Lincoln Ave. from Grand Ave.

Our heartfelt thanks go to Don and all others that attended this meeting. We hope that the Mayor's position with OCTA will help find the necessary funding for these projects.

We would be remiss if we failed to also thank Isabel Reed, Bobbie Rooker and the many other members, past and present, of the Quiet Zone Committee. Thanks to everyone's hard work in this collaborative effort, and we hope to make the most of this less than desirable situation.

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Please help support PSNA with your 2010 Membership donations. Just fill out the coupon and mail it to the address listed below. Your donations help sponsor events, newsletters and projects. Thank you for your help.

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Park Santiago Neighborhood Association (PSNA) is a Santa Ana neighborhood of 1,175 homes bordered by 17th Street, the Santa Ana Freeway, Main Street, Santiago Park and Lincoln Street. Our neighborhood's goals are to preserve and enhance the integrity and quality of the neighborhood and to foster effective communications. The work of PSNA is facilitated by an elected board of volunteers and various volunteer committees.