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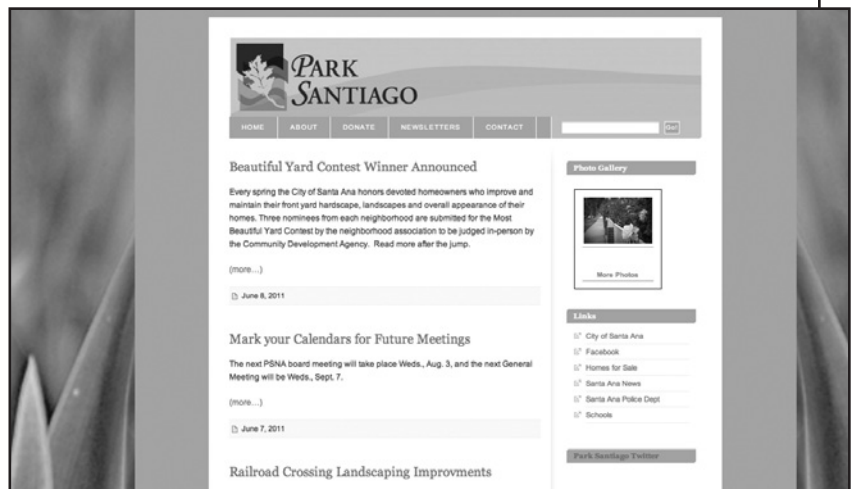
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PSNA WEBSITE GOES LIVE!

The official new Park Santiago Website, www.park-santiago.com, is now online thanks to a brand new Park Santiago resident, Terry Gonzalez with coordination efforts of Candice Vance, PSNA treasurer. Terry and her husband Joey are both talented graphic artists who volunteered their web know-how and design talents with great results.

The site features postings of all the latest news of the neighborhood, PSNA contacts, most current newsletters, photo galleries, an easy way to donate to the PSNA via Paypal, and important community links. If you have news items of relevance to the neighborhood, or would like to contribute articles about your experiences living in Park Santiago either past or present, please contact Terry Gonzalez at terrygonzalez@me.com, or info@terrygdesign.com

Terry and Joey, welcome to the neighborhood and many thanks for your contribution to keep our residents informed and bring us all a little closer together.



Garage Sale Weekends FYI

June's garage sale weekend has come and gone with many residents participating. It was a gorgeous, warm weekend to put out your wares, hunt for bargains, meet neighbors or make some mad money. To keep the city free of perpetual garage sales with signs posted everywhere all of the time, the City of Santa Ana permits garage sales on selected weekends. Here are the guidelines to garage sale weekends from The Community Preservation Committee of PSNA.

- 1 - Correct week-end for the garage sale?** First full weekend of March, June, September and December.
- 2 - Check the city website** for the rules and regulations: www.santa-ana.org/pba/Garage-YardSales.asp.
- 3 - Signs may be posted one week in advance.**
- 4 - Signs must be taken down** one day after the last date of your sale.
- 5 - Your residence must be cleaned up** of all traces of Garage Sale items, trash etc.

including anything that may have blown over into your neighbors yard or across the street.

Have fun this summer and get ready for September's sale!

We have a beautiful neighborhood, let's all work together to keep it that way.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in community preservation.

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Search Park Santiago Homeowners

Most Beautiful Yard Contest

Every spring the City of Santa Ana honors devoted homeowners who improve and maintain front yard hardscape, landscapes and overall appearance of their homes. Three nominees from each neighborhood are submitted for the Most Beautiful Yard Contest by the homeowners' association to be judged in-person by the Community Development Agency.

The 2011 Park Santiago nominees were:

- 607 20th Street; *owner Jeff Level,*
- 2335 Oakmont Street; *owners Kevin and Melanie Butler*
- 2420 Valencia Street; *owners Steve and Nadine Wareham.*



The winners were Steve and Nadine Wareham, for their newly installed, English garden-inspired front yard with, a wide, gently curving walk, courtyard, steps and front porch deck, all made of multi-colored San Juan Cobblestone. The perimeter of the yard is defined by stone pilasters which are set back three feet from the city sidewalk

to allow ample space for a multitude of textural, colorful ground covers. Low African boxwood hedges pruned in gently swooping shapes serve a low “fence” between the pilasters rather than solid masonry or pickets. Beyond the pilasters are two zones, a lawn surround by planting beds and a low stone seat wall that creates privacy for the patio adjacent to the home. Two Forest Pansy Red gum trees planted at slight inward angles flank the cobblestone walkway forming an arching “cathedral” affect to frame the steeply pitched roof gables of their Tudor home. Steve and Nadine designed and installed the yard themselves and wish to thank their gracious neighbors for their patience during the prolonged construction and installation process.

For their efforts the winners receive from the city a \$50.00 prize, recognition at an award ceremony on June 23rd, and a well-earned “bragging rights” sign for their lawn until the 2012 winner is selected.

Thank you to all our nominees, and many other gardener neighbors for making Park Santiago a more beautiful place to live!



CONCERT IN THE PARK

This year will be Park Santiago's 2nd Annual Concert in the Park!!! The event will be held in the baseball diamond of lovely Santiago Park on August 27th, 2011 from 5pm-10pm. The band, *Hey! That's My Bike!* will be returning due to overwhelming requests from many of last year's attendees.



The Concert will once again be a Food Drive to benefit, Grandma's House of Hope. Their mission as quoted from their website: GHH provides compassionate and uplifting transitional care for uniquely

challenged women and hungry children in Orange County. <http://grandmashouseofhope.org/> Please bring non-perishable food items or canned goods, checks and cash to donate to them.

This year the Concert in the Park will be sponsored by local businesses in Santa Ana and surrounding areas. It will also be supported by you the neighborhood through your generous donations. Please see the enclosed envelope or check out the new website—PayPal is up and running—and send in your donation. Please come out and support your Park Santiago Neighborhood Association and enjoy local vendors and eat, drink and be merry with your neighbors. Last year we hosted over 300 people at this event and this year we hope to celebrate our neighborhood with even more!!! See you there!!

CONCERT IN THE PARK GAINS SPONSORSHIP!

Fund-raising efforts for the Second Annual Concert in the Park are off to a great start thanks to local businesses. Long-time Park Santiago residents **Diego Velasco**, executive chef and partner of the *Memphis Restaurants* and **Judy Evans** of *Century 21 Real Estate* have made significant contributions along with **Nicole Doughty** of *Santa Ana Real Estate*. *Memphis Café* will also be a food vendor at the event, along with *Pinkberry* of City Place. *McCormick and Schmick's Restaurant* has donated funds and dining certificates to be raffled off at the event.

Please thank these wonderful real estate professionals and restauranteurs with your patronage!

The Concert committee has been working hard to meet our goals of full sponsorship of this fab musical event to help benefit *Grandma's House of Hope*, a local non-profit organization that seeks to serve women, children and the elderly within Orange County: grandmashouseofhope.org If you or your business would like to help us meet our goals, please contact: Casey DePersis - psna.casey@yahoo.com or Blake Robinson - bandivee@sbcglobal.net

Meet the Western Bluebird

by Sue McDonald

Western Bluebirds are taking up residence in Park Santiago. Bluebirds enthusiasts have been working hard for decades to lure these fluorescent birds into our area. Success! They have arrived!

Western Bluebirds are blue with chestnut chests and are a little larger than a sparrow. They nest in cavities in trees near large grass areas. Since nesting holes are few, bird conservationists have been helping these birds by constructing and hanging nest boxes to simulate tree cavities. Thousands of these bluebirds have been raised in Orange County each year with manmade nest sites. Every time a group of nest boxes is hung adjacent to old nesting sites the bluebird trail expands. The bluebird trail starts in the foothills and runs through Hart Park, Fairhaven Cemetery and is now being established in Santiago Park and our neighborhood.

Once a pair has found a nest box, they will spend a couple weeks building a nest and laying eggs. Two week later the babies will hatch and in three weeks they will fledge. Nesting season is early spring to mid-summer. The adults will nest more than once in a season.

I spotted a bluebird on Santa Clara in winter this year. So when spring came I decided to find out if there might be a pair in our area. Abracadabra! They appeared! My birds produced 6 perfect little blue eggs. I now can hear babies begging for food. Soon I hope to see six babies eating with their parents at my mealworm feeder. The birds love people and actually solicit your involvement.

The Southern California Bluebird Club is a great resource if you would like to learn more about the Bluebird Recovery Program. (<http://www.socalbluebirds.org>) They have monthly meeting and supplies to help beginners become successful bluebird monitors. I have enjoyed my experience and know that many of you would also. Happy Bluebirding!



ATTENTION GARDENERS:

Now is the time to plant your pumpkin seeds for Halloween Harvest.

SUPPORT PARK SANTIAGO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Please help support PSNA with your 2011 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.

_____ \$5.00 _____ \$10.00 _____ \$50.00 (Sponsor)

Name _____ Phone (_____) _____

Address _____

Email _____

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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.