

# PARK SANTIAGO NEWS

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**THE NIGHTS GROW SHORTER,** OUR COMMUNITY'S LIQUID AMBERS BURST WITH COLOR, AND—OF COURSE—WE HOLD ELECTIONS. The Park Santiago Neighborhood Association's annual board election is coming up Weds., Nov. 2, 7 p.m. at the Lawn Bowling Clubhouse.

To paraphrase our newly revised bylaws,\* running for office in our village is simple: show up and declare your intent to run! You may nominate yourself or another neighbor for any of 16 offices. Here are the descriptions outlined in our revised bylaws:

- ☞ **THE PRESIDENT** presides over the Executive Board, General Board and PSNA meetings. The President is the official point of contact. The President is responsible for coordinating publications of schedules and events with all neighborhood media sources, such as the newsletter editor, web master, and electronic-news editor.
- ☞ **THE VICE PRESIDENT** performs all duties of the President if the President is absent or resigns. Should attend monthly Comm-Link meetings or select an alternate board member to do so.
- ☞ **THE SECRETARY** maintains PSNA records, committee lists and chairs, and minutes and agendas of all meetings; takes roll, determines voting eligibility and if Quorum is present.
- ☞ **THE TREASURER** maintains the financial records, prepares the financial reports and keeps the Executive Board, General Board, and PSNA apprised of PSNA's finances.
- ☞ **THE QUADRANT REPS** will act as collection sites for any neighborhood survey/poll. Will organize communications in their Quadrant. They are voting members of the Board.

PSNA residents can elect up to three quadrant reps from each neighborhood quadrant (defined by the boundaries of Santa Clara and Santiago streets). Board members must be available to attend PSNA meetings, usually held the first Wednesday of each month. Your involvement is welcomed and appreciated.

*\* At PSNA's September general meeting, all proposed bylaws revisions passed with the exception of two (which involved deletions of certain committees and had been placed on the ballot erroneously). The revised bylaws will be posted to our website soon.*

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# SANTIAGO PARK IMPROVEMENTS AND PSNA ENDORSEMENT OF GRANT APPLICATION

The Oak Grove located at the end of Valencia, adjacent to the Lawn Bowling Center is a shady, tranquil respite of mature California Live Oaks that also receives heavy use in the summer for social gatherings and picnics. After years of heavy wear and tear, the battered picnic tables and park benches have received much-needed repair. Park maintenance crews have replaced all damaged and missing wooden surfaces and given these seating areas a fresh coat of brown paint (replacing the faded bright yellow) to better blend in with the natural environment. The work was completed in mid-September.

For Park Santiago tennis enthusiasts, the tennis courts have just been fitted with new net posts and nets. New backboards were installed last year. A request for bench seating has also been made as there has been no seating at the courts in recent years.

Please be sure to enjoy these new improvements!

## PSNA ENDORSES GRANT APPLICATION

In 2006 and 2007 the Park Committee of PSNA held several meetings with Mr. Ron Ono, Administrative Services Manager, of the Parks, Recreation & Community Services Agency and his staff regarding the possible conceptual development plans for the "Gas House" area of Park Santiago. This area of the park encompasses the areas between the parking lot west of the Lawn bowling Center and East of the Children's play equipment area. The largest space within this tract is a barren open space containing the small stone-facade structure called the "Gas House" which was built as part of the WPA park improvements in the 1930's.

The PSNA Park Committee members gathered input from neighbors and during several PSNA meetings regarding possible usage and produced presentation reflecting those possible uses and improvements to this area. A Park Santiago resident volunteer created the visuals of the concepts that were submitted to Parks & Recreation. The concepts were also well-received by a large neighborhood audience at a joint-program by Parks and Recreation and the PSNA Park Committee meeting in October 2007.

Flash forward to 2011. Mr. Ono contacted the Executive Committee the first week of October regarding a particular State Grant for which the Gas House Area project met several of the necessary requirements for application. The PSNA Park Committee met with Mr. Ono and staff member Anthony Novella to review the concept drawings that Park & Recreation will submit for the grant and were pleased to see that elements of 2007 usage concepts by PSNA were embodied. Parks and Recreation requested to have a letter of endorsement from PSNA which was drafted and submitted. If grant money is awarded, it will be possible for Mr. Ono's office to begin a design process based upon the awarded funds to implement needed infrastructure and plantings to improve this section of the Park. The PSNA Park committee will provide updates as they come and is happy to be partnered in the process with the city.

# CONCERT IN THE PARK: HUGE SUCCESS!

August 27th was a beautiful, warm summer night, a perfect time for neighbors and families to gather in Park Santiago to enjoy live music, food, vendor booths, and have fun and help support a wonderful charity. The 2011 event drew a larger crowd than last year's christening.

The event was made possible financially by sponsorship of local businesses, many whose owners are our friends and neighbors. Without their help, the event would have not been possible and profitable. In addition to the requested donation of non-perishable food items and cash donations of neighbors directly to Grandma's House of Hope at the event, a \$470.00 profit was generated, all of which PSNA has donated to the charity. Thank you all so much for your generosity!

Organizer and hospitality/event chair Casey DePersis did a tremendous job coordinating the multi-faceted event that had a little of something for everyone to enjoy—Kudos to Casey! Many thanks to her dedicated efforts, those of PSNA board members and numerous Park Santiago neighbors that made it all happen. If you attended, we would love to have your feedback! Let us know if you would like to make it an annual event and also be willing to serve on a committee to help organize and support a 2012 installment. Please post your comments on the official Park Santiago Facebook page: [Facebook.com Park Santiago Homeowners](https://www.facebook.com/ParkSantiagoHomeowners), or drop us a line at PSNA P.O. Box 11061, Santa Ana, CA 92711.

## TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT:

**SMOOTH ENTRY TO PARK SANTIAGO.** The two major entry points of the neighborhood at Edgewood/Bush and Santiago/20th feature entry pilasters, landscaping and non-asphalt paving. Thin brick pavers helped give these entries visual appeal, but unfortunately, the thin brick was not durable, as evidenced by years of constant breaking followed by either replacement brick or asphalt patching. These temporary solutions were visually unappealing and made for a rougher ride. The permanent solution, removal of these materials and replacement with a more durable, textured and diamond-scored concrete/granite compound surface was completed at both entry points in September.

**TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT LINCOLN AND SANTA CLARA/QUIET ZONE.** Installation of the new street lights, signals, cross-walks and gates at the railroad crossing is complete. Rather than a strictly utilitarian look, their designs are reminiscent of the 1920's and 1930's similar to those installed in Old Town Orange. The signals are functional. Thanks to resident input, a section of silver chain link fence will be replaced with an iron fence. Some landscape improvements near Aspens have yet to be completed. The implementation of the Quiet Zone is anticipated by the end of the year.

**SANTA CLARA SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENT.** Residents have had to endure many weeks of construction, detours, and heavy equipment on Santa Clara from Bush to Lincoln. The sewer main replacement project is not yet complete as portions of the street still need to be resurfaced. Thanks for your patience in putting up with all the inconvenience caused by this major infrastructure project.

**STOP SIGNS: THERE FOR A REASON.** Many complaints have been aired at recent PSNA meetings by residents with regard to a dramatic increase in roll-through and all-out running of stop signs in many parts of the neighborhood. It is the law to come to full and complete stop, yes, even if there is no other vehicle at the intersection. If residents are willing to monitor intersections recording numbers of violations at particular times of day, you can report the findings directly to the traffic division of the Santa Ana Police Department with requests for patrol and enforcement.

## PSNA THANKS NEIGHBORHOOD SPONSORS.

Many Park Santiago residents have recently pledged their support of PSNA by submitting voluntary membership dues. We wish to thank everyone who has contributed and especially want to acknowledge those listed below who have given at the sponsorship level of \$50.00 or more:

Suzanne Esber, Jeffery Foster, Hella Vanderwarker, Michael Phelps, Shawn Beck, Robert Richardson, Joanne Schwab, Helen Joiner, Gorge A. & Ligia Mendoza, Mr & Mrs W.H. Lee Jr, and Sandra Cole.

## NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION HELP WANTED

We need help distributing future PSNA newsletters. If you can volunteer, please contact Denise Chaudoin at [dchaudoin@CHOC.ORG](mailto:dchaudoin@CHOC.ORG). Thanks!

## LANDSCAPED RAILROAD CROSSINGS

City and OCTA officials are moving ahead with plans to improve the landscaping at railroad crossings on our neighborhood's borders. Trees and other landscaping will be added at the Santa Clara & Lincoln intersection. The now-closed area at Fairhaven & Lincoln is slated to become a pedestrian entrance to Santiago Park. This project will include a landscaped trail and a new privacy wall for neighbors behind the trail.



### **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)

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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.*