

PARK SANTIAGO NEWS

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Park Santiago Progressive Dinner

Saturday, September 26th @ 5 pm

Bring: \$5 per person (adult-only event) and an assigned potluck dish to feed 10 people.

Attendees will travel between three Park Santiago homes to enjoy appetizers, main courses and desserts.

RSVP to events@park-santiago.com by Wednesday, September 16th

Leave a message containing the name of everyone in your group attending, your address and a phone number. Space is limited so don't wait to RSVP!

A packet with all the needed information will be delivered to your home a week before the event.

Seasonal Tree Trimming

When is the best time to trim your trees? Now!!! Anywhere from the middle of September through February is the right time. All the spring and summer nesters will be done raising their young and the hummingbirds won't start until March. Help protect our urban-environment winged friends by hiring reputable tree trimmers who trim at the right time of the year. Santa Ana is a bird sanctuary and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act protects birds and active nests. Also when trimming, if a small portion of a large dead branch can be left, the stub or snag will provide areas where woodpeckers can drill holes for their nests. In subsequent years other cavity nesters such as bluebirds will re-use these woodpecker nests, since they can't carve out their own nests. Talk to your tree trimmers to ensure that everything goes well for you and the birds.

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The Do's and Don'ts of Remodeling and Landscaping

The Santa Ana Planning/Building Department will be our guests at the October PSNA Board Meeting. City staff will be on hand to answer your questions about landscaping and remodeling the beautiful homes in Park Santiago. All of the homes in our neighborhood are considered vintage homes. Yes, even the ones dated 1950's and 60's. Before starting out on that great project to enhance your house or change your garden to be water wise, learn what is recommended by the experts.

**Park Santiago Neighborhood Association Meeting
Wednesday, October 7th at 7 pm
Lawn Bowling Clubhouse**



Nextdoor is a free private social network whereby neighbors can share useful community information, solicit referrals for service providers, and simply join together as a community. It is an excellent tool to stay updated in community events in between newsletters. You may visit www.nextdoor.com or download the

application on your smartphone or tablet.

Etiquette Reminder: Let's try to use this tool for positive purposes!

Adding Value

People often ask me what buyers are looking for in our neighborhood. Well think back to when you moved here. What attracted you? Beautiful tree lined streets, one of a kind vintage homes and the friendly vibe of the neighborhood are likely answers. So let's look at those.

Trees add value to your home, especially mature trees that are taller than your house. We live in an urban forest, and Santa Ana is known for its beautiful trees. Good landscape design can make or break any house. Likewise haphazard landscaping can hurt your home's curb appeal and value.

Now on to our houses. Where else can you find such a rich architectural variety of solid well-built homes in Orange County? All buyers want hardwood floors and most of our homes have them. Also buyers go crazy for original tile and even appliances! My first North Santa Ana home had double porthole window ovens that still worked. Too many times I see trendy remodels that scream 1980 or something bad. If you must remodel it's always a good idea to get professional help. Also go with the style of your home and take it to the next level, stay true to the heart and soul of the original house.

Vinyl windows do NOT add value to your home and can hurt it. There are some great examples of beautifully done remodels here and unfortunately some bad ones. Rescuing an old house can be a labor of love but if done right can bring big returns to the owner. Paint is the cheapest thing you can do to make things look fresh and well kept. Get some advice on color if you are unsure. Colors can be tricky.

I hope you love your neighborhood as much as I do. Driving or walking or biking down any of our streets you are likely to see chairs or benches in front yards for neighbors to relax in and visit with passersby. If you have a dog you walk you are likely well connected with your neighbors. Our large front lawns are a thing of the past. You can spend over a \$1,000,000 in Irvine and not get a front yard! These spaces are hang outs for neighbors to share a drink or friendly conversation and just relax.

Collectively this is a neat and prim neighborhood, well kept by folks who care. Most of the buyers I work with are amazed when people introduce themselves or bring a plate of cookies over as a welcome to the neighborhood. We are an old fashioned neighborhood which is a refreshing contrast from the fast paced OC lifestyle. Let's keep it that way!

Phil Schaefer



Congratulations!

Most Beautiful Yard

Congratulations to Dana and Melanie Harvey at 2531 N. Spurgeon Street for winning the prestigious Most Beautiful Yard award for the City of Santa Ana!



Celebrate Santa Ana College's 100th Birthday Party!



Saturday, September 19, 2015

5:00 pm to Sunset at 17th & Bristol St.

Enjoy Food Trucks & Wine and Beer Garden
Live Entertainment & Children's Activities
Vintage Cars & Free Birthday Cake & Fireworks.
Don't miss the Party of the Century!
Follow the event details on sac.edu/100

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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.

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Thank you to Mr. Pedersen for the generous donation to PSNA. The Neighborhood Association runs on donations from generous residents such as yourself!!

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. Park Santiago Neighborhood Association is funded primarily by the generosity of its residents.