

NSAPA Chairman Update — Stop 2525 Main Residential Development



Vineyard Development purchased the ~6-acre parcel in the north part of Santa Ana (2525 N. Main St.). They submitted a proposal last October for a 5-story, high-density 517-unit apartment complex that literally backs into the single-family home residences located in the Park Santiago neighborhood. Vineyard Development needs a zoning change (currently zoned "P" Professional) and a General Plan amendment to implement their plan. On March 19th Vineyard Development submitted a revised plan: 496-units, still at five stories, still unacceptable.

Many residents believe the proposed development, in combination with the addition of 1852 new apartment units within one half mile of its location, is incompatible with the adjoining neighborhood. It's an inappropriate use of the land. For obvious reasons the impacts to the neighborhood and surrounding areas would be devastating: increased traffic in a currently clogged area, increased pollution, overcrowding, lack of neighborhood parking, to name a few.

In January NSAPA ensured every household obtained a survey card asking for their input. The data we collected shows ~96% opposed the Vineyard Development plan with the most desirable outcome being to keep it zoned for professional use (77%). The developer has said his project is going in and they have no backup plan. We are saying that is a mistake. We can and will continue to oppose this project. This neighborhood and those in the surrounding areas have been successful in the past. As I continue to speak at meetings I am encouraged by the number of people who feel the same disgust as I do. We can and will change the developer's desired outcome. We need to continue the marathon that this process requires of us.

In March the Scoping Meeting was held to review what should go into the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for this project. It was attended by over 160 people. At the end of the review period the city informed me that they received over 170 letters requesting various issues be addressed in the EIR. This by far exceeded past requests for EIR input.

NSAPA and surrounding neighborhoods are united in their opposition to this project. This is evidenced by over 500 residents attending the Sunshine Ordinance meeting back in November 2017, over 150 residents at the scoping meeting in March 2018, and the 170 plus letters submitted for EIR input. What we need from you is the type of response we all saw Irvine show regarding the homeless issue: attending City Council meetings en masse when it is placed on the agenda later this year. ***This will be crucial to our success.***

Many have asked me what we need...*we need our voices to be heard.* We need:

1. Numerous people attending each and every City Council meeting...**FROM NOW ON!** I will be speaking at each one and believe it is important to have others join me. If that's not your thing I understand. The more people show up the more seriously we will be taken by the City Council...and they will be the ones voting on this project!
2. Lots of letters to the City Council members...every week! You can send the same letter to each member. The letters can be short and to the point or long with lots of data. The point is for as many people to make their opinions known.
3. People to sign up to go door-to-door to talk with their neighbors about the development and its impact on the neighborhood. We believe everyone has a right to their opinion on this issue. If you speak with someone who is pro this development, be as respectful of their opinion as you would like them to be of yours.
4. Buy signs and put them in your front yard or in the parkway. Show your support for this effort!

Thanks, Dale Helvig, NSAPA Chair.

Comments/questions can be addressed to nsapainfo@gmail.com.

Complete survey results are posted on <https://park-santiago.com/nsapa/>

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Alzheimer's Disease: Some of the Signs

Alzheimer's is a brain disease that causes a slow decline in memory, thinking and reasoning skills. Memory loss that disrupts daily life may be a symptom of Alzheimer's or another dementia. Below is a comparison of signs of Alzheimer's and typical age-related changes. If there is a suspicion of Alzheimer's, please see a doctor.

Signs of Alzheimer's	Typical age-related changes
Poor judgment and decision making.	Making a bad decision once in a while.
Inability to manage a budget.	Missing a monthly payment.
Losing track of the date or the season.	Forgetting which day it is and remembering later.
Difficulty having a conversation.	Sometimes forgetting which word to use.
Misplacing things and being unable to retrace steps to find them.	Losing things from time to time.

With early detection, you can:

- Get the maximum benefit from available treatments – You can explore treatments that may provide some relief of symptoms
- Have more time to plan for the future – A diagnosis of Alzheimer's allows you to take part in decisions about care, transportation, living options, financial and legal matters.
- Help for you and your loved ones – Care and support services are available, making it easier for you and your family to live the best life possible with Alzheimer's or dementia.



PSNA Book Recommendations:

- ◆ *The Woman in Cabin 10*
by Ruth Ware
- ◆ *Kitchen of the Great Midwest*
by Ryan Stradal
- ◆ *The Girl Who Wrote in Silk*
by Kelli Estes



Annual Spring Potluck and Egg Hunt



PSNA hosted another successful Annual Spring Potluck and Egg Hunt at our Lawn Bowling Center on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th.

The Lawn Bowling Center's doors opened at 10:30 a.m. and neighbors began pouring in carrying a variety of delicious entrees to share. A particular entree delight was a huge sauce pan full of delicious home made chili made by Gary Thomas. Amazing, thanks again Gary !

In addition to a great selection of food, kids enjoyed themselves with arts, crafts and games hosted by volunteers from the Santa Ana Nature Center.

This year we had a special guest, a Bunny Mascot, that entertained and played with kids during the entire event.

There was also a bright red Trolley, that was once owned and operated by Disneyland, that gave rides to everyone throughout the our great neighborhood. What fun !

Before the Egg Hunt, where over 800 candy filled eggs were hidden, attendees got a chance to win several of prizes in Free raffles !



A Big Thank You to Guy Larsen for providing the Bunny Mascot, Trolley, Raffle Prizes and 500 candy filled eggs! Everyone went home smiling and with a fully belly !

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**NEXT
 PARK SANTIAGO
 CLEAN UP DAY**



APRIL 14TH AT 7:30AM

MEET AT THE PARKING LOT BY
 THE LAWN BOWLING CENTER

- Bring strong gloves (i.e. gardening gloves)
- Wear long pants, and a hat
- Kids welcome, but suggest close supervision

**CITY
 COUNCIL**

NEXT CITY COUNCIL
 MEETING

**TUESDAY, APRIL 17TH AT
 5:45PM**

Location:
 Council Chamber, 22 Civic Center
 Plaza, Santa Ana.

Closed Sessions are at 5:00 p.m. and
 the Regular Open Meeting at 5:45 pm

**We encourage neighbors to
 attend and express concerns.**

Meetings are on the 1st and 3rd
 Tuesdays of each month.

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COYOTE ALERT!

For a few years, coyote interactions with humans have been on the rise. But in the past 12 to 24 months, depending on where you're looking, the number of coyote attacks on pets and people has spiked. Small pets and children should never be left unattended, and dogs should always be walked on a leash. Problems are more likely to occur when the animal is out of the owner's control.

How to react if you see a coyote:

- Be as big and loud as possible. Do not run or turn your back.
- Wave your arms, clap your hands, and shout in an authoritative voice.
- Make noise by banging pots and pans or using an air horn or whistle. These sounds can also alert the neighbors.
- Throw small stones, sticks, tennis balls or anything else you can lay your hands on. Remember the intent is to scare and not to injure.
- Spray with a hose, if available, or a squirt gun filled with water and vinegar.
- Shake or throw a "coyote shaker" — a soda can filled with pennies or pebbles and sealed with duct tape.

If the coyote does not leave, back away slowly while continuing to haze and go indoors if possible. Any aggressive behavior should be reported to the local police or animal control officer. If a bite or other injury is sustained, medical attention should be sought and a report should be filed.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Park Santiago Cleanup: Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 7:30 a.m.; Meet at Lawn Bowling Center parking lot.

Park Santiago Neighborhood Association Meeting: Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 6 p.m.

SUPPORT PARK SANTIAGO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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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.

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