

ORANGE HEIGHTS

NEIGHBORHOOD

NEWSLETTER

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SAVE THE DATE

Through Dec. 8 - The City Clerk's Office at 117 E. Colorado Blvd., sixth floor, is issuing nomination papers to potential candidates for Mayor, Pasadena City Council District Seats 1, 2, 4 and 6, and PUSD Board of Education Seats 2, 4 and 6. "www.cityofpasadena.net/cityclerk/election/2007_defaultsecondary.asp" (click on Nomination Papers Issued).

Wednesday, December 6, at 6:15 p.m. in Room 212 at Pasadena Conference Center, the Planning Commission will select finalists among the eleven proposals for the redevelopment of the Desiderio Army Reserve Center under the Colorado Street Bridge. The Planning Commission's recommendation will be considered for approval by City Council in Spring, 2007. Public comment are welcome. Visit www.cityofpasadena.net and click on Desiderio Army Reserve Center under Hot Topics, or call 744-4650.

For a more complete list of city events visit: "webevent.ci.pasadena.ca.us/scripts/publish/webevent.pl"

HOLIDAY CAROLING PARTY!

Orange Heights again celebrates with an evening of caroling and neighborhood cheer. Sonja and Albert Alar have generously offered to host this raucous tradition for the second year in a row. The family party begins at 6:30 p.m. at 999 North Madison. Try to bring a hot dish of food for all your neighbors to enjoy. We hope to see you there! *-Ed.-*

OHNA EVENTS & MEETINGS

OHNA Board of Directors Meeting:
Wednesday, January 17th, 7:30 to 8:45 pm.
Open to all residents, hosted and chaired by Barbara Bolan at 943 Madison. Discussion will focus on all areas of interest to our neighborhood.

SPEED BUMPS CAN'T GET OVER THE HUMP

The City of Pasadena sent out forms to all residents on or abutting Jackson Street for their approval for the construction of speed bumps. The latest reports from the City indicate that at least 18 "no"s have been received. Only one third, or fourteen, "no"s or abstentions were required to defeat the new project. For those interested in addressing speeding issues on Orange Heights streets, you are encouraged to attend the next OHNA Board meeting (see above) . *-Ed.-*

CHARTER SCHOOLS TO OPEN

The Aveson School (K - 12) is the first of three possible Charter Schools to have been officially approved by the PUSD. Classes will begin in the Fall of 2007. There are a limited number of openings left. For those interested, forms are available on the Aveson website at www.aveson.org. Or call Kate Bean at (626) 797-1440. *-Ed.-*

EMERGENCY GOODS

My wife and I recently joined a group of buyers who purchased a palette of Meals Ready to Eat (MREs) for our family emergency kit. Buying in bulk brought the price down considerably. The meals aren't bad, I tried one. They require only water for cooking (no flame!) and last for years if kept reasonably cool. MREs and other supplies are available at "72hourssupply.com". *-BP.-*

DISASTER PLANNING FOR PETS

Here are a few things you can do before, during and after an earthquake to help a pet:

Before: Store enough food and water for at least 72 hours, preferably one week, for you and your pets. Prepare a kit for your pet including medications with instructions, an unbreakable dish, vet records, toys, and a restraint (leash or pet carrier). Arrange for neighbors to take care of your pet in case you can't get home after an earthquake. Have a current photo of your pet in case you get separated. Microchip your pet (the Pasadena Humane Society does this for a reasonable fee) and make sure the ID tag is up to date.

During: Don't try to hold your pet during an earthquake! Even the nicest pet can turn on you in this frightening situation.

After: Be patient. Like people, pets can get stressed and need time to readjust. Keep outdoor pets indoors until the aftershocks have subsided and they have calmed down. If you have to evacuate to a shelter, leave your pet secured in a safe place with plenty of food and water (pets are not allowed in shelters). If possible, ask a friend who doesn't have to evacuate if they can care for your pets. *-JPH.-*

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