

ORANGE HEIGHTS

NEIGHBORHOOD

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SAVE THE DATE: August 5th is National Night Out. In celebration, Orange Heights will be hosting an ice-cream social between 6 – 7:30 p.m. Like last year, the **free** event will be on Madison. This is a BYOC (bring your own chair) event although curbs will be available.

July 26th is Council Member Chris Holden's block party. The party will be held on Jackson between the hours of 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

July 19th is Colorado Bridge Party night. There will be live music with food and beverages served. Please contact Pasadena Heritage or check the Star News for the party's hours.

SIGN UPDATE: Julie Heather presented the City with our Orange Heights sign design, and it was politely and gently rejected with instructions for acceptable changes. The board discussed the minor changes required, and the new version will be submitted shortly.

STREET LIGHTING UPDATE: The subject of street lighting and safety is a major initiative of the OHNA. We have had several discussions at Board meetings about what types of options are available to us. Most of us agree that historic lighting is something that would be a lovely addition to our historic neighborhood, however, at this time it is cost prohibitive.

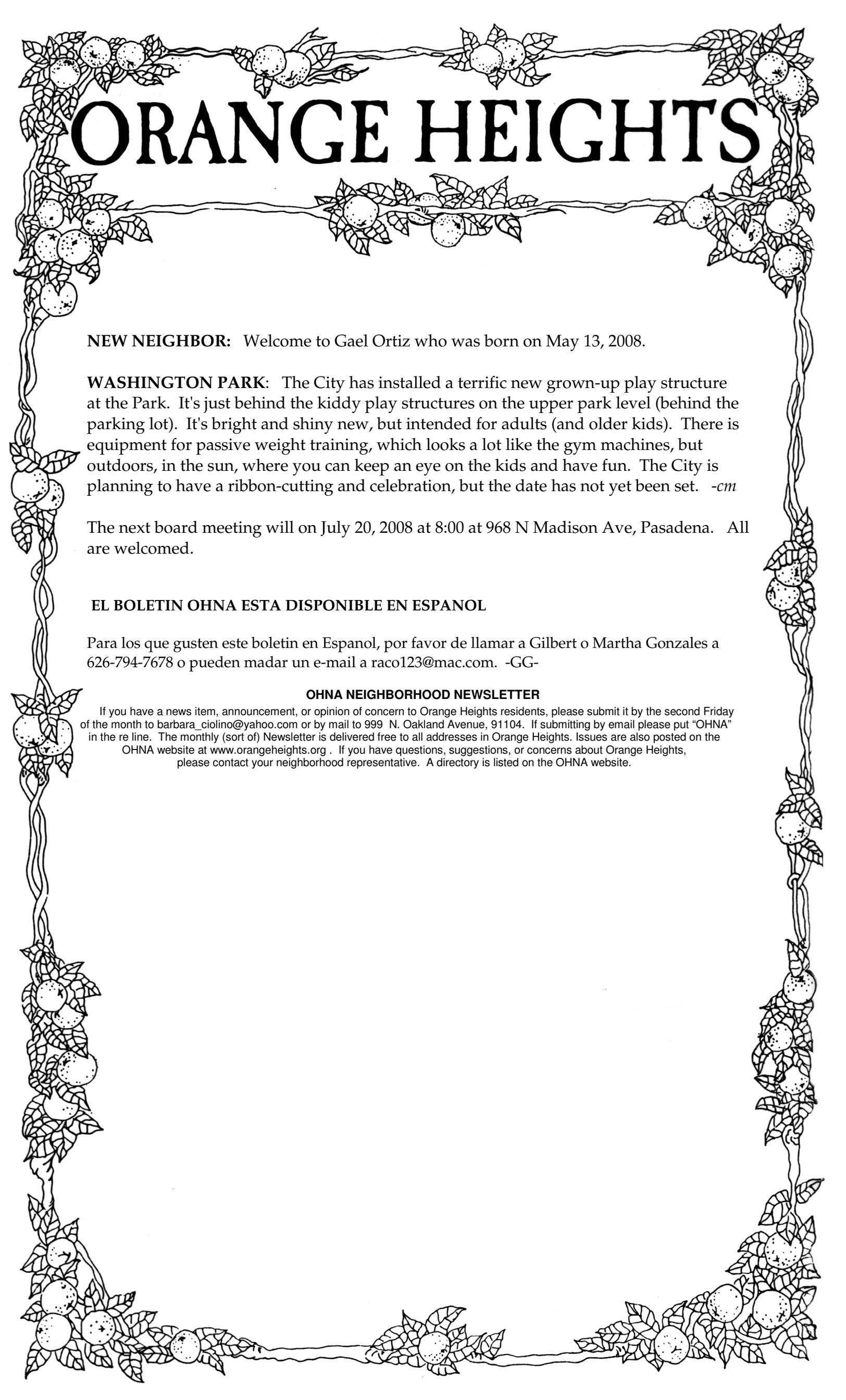
On June 1st, the Board strolled the neighborhood at night to assess our situation.

The reality remains that our Orange Heights neighborhood is woefully under lighted. There are areas that are especially dark on Jackson and Madison. A number of residents have expressed concern and the Board agrees that the underlighting poses some significant safety issues.

The good news is that there is one thing we can ALL do right now. We are kindly asking that ALL homeowners please turn on their porch lights in the evening. It was very clear in walking through the neighborhood that homes that were not lit by porch lights were much more vulnerable to crime situations. Believe it or not, even porch lights help to light the sidewalks and some lights even reach as far as the street.

The Board will meet on July 20th to identify some additional lighting solutions. One option is identifying key dark areas in front of homes and working with individual homeowners to explore the installation of outside lighting that would be funded by the Association Fund. These lights would not be street lights but instead home-based lights in a style consistent with the look and feel of the neighborhood. Another option includes working with the city to make changes to our existing street lights and making some small tree trims to allow lights to better cover the streets.

We invite you to please join us at our Board meeting to brainstorm with us on ways we can make our neighborhood safer. Updates will be forthcoming. - ag



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NEW NEIGHBOR: Welcome to Gael Ortiz who was born on May 13, 2008.

WASHINGTON PARK: The City has installed a terrific new grown-up play structure at the Park. It's just behind the kiddy play structures on the upper park level (behind the parking lot). It's bright and shiny new, but intended for adults (and older kids). There is equipment for passive weight training, which looks a lot like the gym machines, but outdoors, in the sun, where you can keep an eye on the kids and have fun. The City is planning to have a ribbon-cutting and celebration, but the date has not yet been set. *-cm*

The next board meeting will on July 20, 2008 at 8:00 at 968 N Madison Ave, Pasadena. All are welcomed.

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