

The monthly OHNA board meeting was held at 7pm on Sunday, March 20, 2011.

Items discussed were:

- 1. Traffic study update:** The City of Pasadena has been conducting a traffic study on Jackson Street to determine if there is a need for two additional stop signs at the corner of Jackson and Madison Avenue. We hope to hear the decision within the next few weeks. In addition, Orange Heights has requested to be placed once again on the City's neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) list. Surveys will be sent out by the city to OH residents asking what our traffic issues are, the city would then come up with solutions that residents would vote on.
- 2. Orange Heights Annual Yard Sale:** Time to clean out your attic, basement and garage! The date of April 30 was set for the Orange Heights Neighborhood Yard Sale. The yard sale will be held Cindy and Dave Schnuelle's, 952 N. Madison Avenue. More specific details to follow.
- 3. Film Production:** It was decided that a meeting should be held with the owner of Home Shoot Home location scouting company at his earliest convenience to discuss what exactly is entailed in having Home Shoot Home represent Orange Heights and to allow residents to ask questions. A survey sheet will then be sent out to all Orange Heights residents to vote on whether to have Home Shoot Home represent Orange Heights. We will announce the date of the meeting as soon as it is set.
- 4. Annual Block Party:** Each July Orange Heights holds a neighborhood block party in conjunction with City Council member Chris Holden's district block party. This year the OHNA will have a booth at the block party. Please consider volunteering to help man the booth for 1 hour. The OHNA will give away orange slices and raffle off a Orange Heights mug, tee and base ball cap. Be part of the celebration! The exact date of the block party is still to be determined and will be announced as soon as it is known.
- 5. Quarterly Newsletter:** Our first OHNA quarterly newsletter will be delivered to all residents by the end of March.
- 6. Emergency List/OHNA map:** A blank map showing the addresses of your immediate neighbors will be handed out to all Orange Heights residents. If you wish to be placed on the OH emergency list fill in your information on the blank map and return it to the either the director located nearest you or mail it to the chair person of Orange Heights. A map will then be returned to you showing contact information of your immediate neighbors to use in case of an emergency.
- 7. Curb Site Chat with Police Lt. Chris Russ:** Director Nick Hjorth has been kind enough to offer his "curb" for our next chat with Lt. Chris Russ to be held some time in June. Specific date will be announced at the next OHNA meeting, April 17.
- 8. Orange Heights Memorabilia:** OH mugs, tees and caps should be in stock within 2 weeks! There are also Orange Heights Historical signs for sale. Visit the Orange Heights web site, www.orangeheights.org or contact chair person Cindy Schnuelle at cindy@orangeheights.org to place your order.
- 9. Earthquake Knowledge:** The board will reach out to the Red Cross and the City of Pasadena to learn how we as a neighborhood can better prepare for "The Big One". Our neighbors in Bungalow Heaven were kind enough to share the following information:

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR THE NEXT "BIG ONE"?

The earthquakes in Japan are an important reminder that the next major earthquake in Southern California could happen at any time.

The Pasadena Fire Department urges all local residents, businesses, schools, government agencies, institutions and community-based organizations to be as prepared as possible by following these tips:

- Pick safe places in each room of your home, such as under sturdy tables or desks or against interior walls - away from windows, bookcases and tall furniture that could fall on you.
- Practice "Drop, Cover and Hold On" in each safe place. Drop under a sturdy desk or table and hold on to one leg of the table or desk. Protect your eyes by keeping your head down. If you are physically unable to bend down, practice leaning or sitting against a wall away from windows.
- Build a preparedness kit that will fit in a standard backpack. What you have on hand when an earthquake strikes can make a big difference. Plan to store enough supplies for everyone in your household for at least three days, including bottled or boxed water, non-perishable food, flashlight with extra batteries, first aid kit, battery-operated radio with extra batteries, tools, plastic bags, personal hygiene items, insurance policies and personal ID, comfort items for children such as plush animals or family photographs, extra prescription medication, small denominations of cash since ATMS and gas pumps won't work if the power is out, and contact information for family members out of the area.
- Make a plan. Planning ahead is the first step to a calmer and more assured disaster response. Develop your earthquake preparedness plan and evacuation plan with your family. Inform guests, babysitters and caregivers of the plan.
- Get training. Call (626) 744-7276 to arrange for your neighborhood, business or institution to receive free Pasadena Emergency Response Team (PERT) training offered by the Pasadena Fire Department. You'll learn disaster preparedness, first aid, fire suppression and light search and rescue, all of which will be vitally important during and after a major earthquake or other disaster.
- Talk to your insurance agent. Different areas have different requirements for earthquake protection.

Additional tips, including for during an earthquake and after an earthquake, are available at www.cityofpasadena.net/disaster or by calling (626) 744-7276.

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