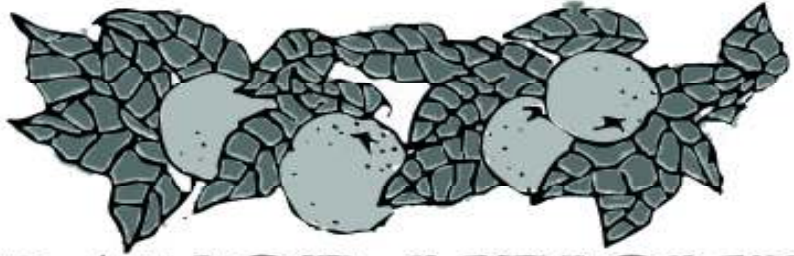


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# ORANGE HEIGHTS

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

## Neighborhood Safety

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program that enlists the active participation of Orange Heights citizens in cooperation with law enforcement to help reduce crime in our neighborhood. Our primary and first line of defense against crime is **GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEIGHBORS!**

**Orange Heights is looking for block captains!** The role of a block captain is to serve as the liaison between the police department, the Orange Heights Neighborhood Association (OHNA) and your immediate neighbors. Other duties would be to arrange meetings with residents of your bloc to inform them of crime issues that affect their specific block and assist with distributing information between the police department and your immediate neighbors.

In the coming weeks your board members will be going door to door to educate you about the services provided by our neighborhood watch and to ask for participation in creating a block-by-block phone tree. **Please know that any information will be kept confidential and will never be released to anyone including city council members**

Please go to the OHNA website to learn about the free services offered by the police department that are available to you.

Suggested Websites:

[www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) - a free subscriber-based site used by the police dept. to send out information

[www.crimemapping.com](http://www.crimemapping.com)

## Notes from Neighborhood Safety Meeting March 5, 2011

Councilman Gordo and Police Chief Sanchez held a community meeting on Saturday, March 5, for the residents of Orange Heights.

Between 9/20/10 and 2/2011 Northwest Pasadena experienced 39 reported burglaries and 41 reported vehicle burglaries.

The increase in property crime throughout Pasadena and the nation is partially due to the state of the economy.

Commander Perez of the Criminal Investigation Unit has a Burglary Task Force in place. It was mentioned that a recent arrest of 5 individuals was most likely part of a group that was responsible for several recent burglaries.



Commander Perez pointed out that alarm systems and dogs are only part of the puzzle and that knowing our neighbors has the greatest impact on reducing criminal activity in our neighborhood. He suggested being engaged in the community, keep your doors locked, and report ANY suspicious activity to the PPD non-emergency number.

**626-744-4241**

Don't forget to add it to your mobile too.

## **Orange Heights Traffic Concern**

On February 19, 2011 an Orange Heights Neighborhood Association meeting was held at 1034 Madison.

At the top of the list, after safety, was traffic.

Items discussed:

Installing Speed Bumps

Changing the curvature of the curbs on Jackson

Adding two stop signs at the corner of Jackson and Madison to slow east/west traffic

The City of Pasadena was contacted. Their representative, Amanda Ta-Chavez, Associate Transportation Engineer, gave the following response:

In order for a particular street to be considered for speed bumps, the street must be at least 1200 feet long. Madison and Oakland are approximately 760 feet and Leighton Alley is approximately 600 feet.

Jackson Street is, however, longer than 1200 feet. If requested the city will send out a petition to Jackson Street residents to get their votes. But unless at LEAST 50% of the

Jackson St. residents want speed bumps the city cannot justify spending the time and resources to mail out the petitions. If you live on Jackson please contact one of the two directors that represent your street and let them know how you feel about speed bumps on Jackson. They will notify the OHNA board, which will in turn notify the city.

In terms of changing the curvature of the curbs at certain intersections because of the high cost of installation Orange Heights must go through what is called the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP). Surveys would be sent out to residents to let the city know what our traffic issues are, the city would then come up with solutions and residents would vote on which solutions they prefer. Orange Heights was part of the program in 2006. A request has been made through Council member Victor Gordo's office to place Orange Heights on the NTMP list again.

As to adding two stop signs at the intersection of Jackson and Madison, a stop sign analysis will be conducted by the City of Pasadena Department of Transportation.

[www.orangeheights.org](http://www.orangeheights.org)

*We have a  
Facebook group  
Another easy way to know  
what is going on  
In our neighborhood*



## Film Production in Orange Heights

Another topic discussed at the February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting was film production. The board is in the process of researching how to best serve all of Orange Heights. We have one location service company, Home Shoot Home, which would like to serve as an agent for the neighborhood as a whole. Home Shoot Home is known as the pre-eminent Pasadena location service coordinator!

Residence must sign up with Home Shoot Home individually and then unless 70% of Orange Heights residents are agreeable to having our neighborhood listed as a location destination, Home Shoot Home will not represent us (as a whole)

Contact a Director if you are interested.

Check webpage for more details  
[www.orangeheights.org](http://www.orangeheights.org)



Don't forget,  
 June 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Celebrate  
 Pasadena's 125 Year  
 old Birthday.

## Orange Heights Memorabilia Neighborhood Businesses

We now have Orange Heights mugs, tees, and baseball caps for sale! There are three ways to order.

Email [cindy@orangeheights.org](mailto:cindy@orangeheights.org)

Call Cindy at: 626-345-0478

Or visit our website

[www.orangeheights.org](http://www.orangeheights.org) to place an order

Checks should be made out to Orange Heights Neighborhood Association.

Mugs: \$8.00

Tees: \$16.00

Caps: \$16.00

Orange Heights Neighborhood  
 Street Signs: \$120.00

We know there are a lot of entrepreneurs in Orange Heights. If you have a business you want your neighbors to be aware of, please contact Kate Amsbry at [kate.amsbry@sothebyshomes.com](mailto:kate.amsbry@sothebyshomes.com) and she will make sure to get it in the next newsletter

Let's Support Each Other

Unwrap The Present

Life Coach: Sonja Alarr  
[www.unwrapthepresent.com](http://www.unwrapthepresent.com)

Aurora Bella

Contractor" Ron and Stacy Ortiz  
 323-459-4041

Sotheby's International Realty

Official Real Estate Agent for Orange Heights : Kate Amsbry  
 626-396-6817

Internal Medicine

Dr. Ellen McDonald

(800) 227-5100

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 to go to our website  
 for more  
 neighborhood  
 information*

[www.orangeheights.org](http://www.orangeheights.org)

*One of the fastest  
 ways to get the  
 latest information is  
 to join our email list.  
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## Orange Heights Annual Events

Neighborhood Yard Sale: - April 30<sup>th</sup> at 952 N Madison Ave

Home of Cindy and Dave Schnuelle

Block Party (in conjunction with City Council member Chris Holden)

Neighborhood Ice Cream Social

Halloween Parade

Christmas Caroling

## Orange Heights Board & Residents Meeting Schedule

All Orange Heights residents are welcome and encouraged to attend the OHNA board meetings. Below is the meeting schedule for the remainder of the year.

April 17, May 15, June 26, July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20.

No meeting in December

## Announcements

In 2011, Pasadena commemorates 125 years of cityhood. On June 11, there will be an extraordinary birthday party at the Pasadena Museum of History to celebrate this milestone. Everyone is invited to the cities free birthday party. For information or to sign up as a Happy Birthday Pasadena Ambassador, contact Jeannette Bovard, Happy Birthday Pasadena Outreach Chair, at [pasadenahistory@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pasadenahistory@sbcglobal.net) or call her at 626-798-6272

Mills Act: Pasadena has one of the finest collections of historic homes. Did you know that you could get a tax break if you own one of these architectural gems? Under the state Mills Act, the program offers a tax discount to homeowners who agree to restore and maintain historic buildings in Pasadena.

Applications are available at the permit center, 175 N Garfield Ave and at [www.cityofpasadena.net/millsact](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/millsact). The deadline is 5pm on May 2. For more information call 744-4009

Don't forget to order your locking recycling bins. The city needs the money from our recycled trash!

On Sunday April 10, Bungalow Heaven Home Tour

Call 585-2172 or go to

[www.bungalowheaven.org](http://www.bungalowheaven.org)

Orange Heights is partnering with the North Lake Working Group to be educated about the development to the North Lake Business District.

Two projects in development:

Townhouse on NE corner of Washington at El Molino

Remodeling 1274 N Lake for a future coffee house