

# ORANGE HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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## **Mark your calendars! The Orange Heights annual Ice Cream Social will be held on**

**Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6p.m. to 8 p.m on N. Madison Avenue**

Our Ice Cream Social is held in conjunction with National Night Out. So come on out and join the fun! We'll have games for the kids and a raffle. It's a great time to visit with your neighbors to hear what's going on.

Ice Cream, Sorbets and lots of toppings will be served!

Visit our web site: [www.orangeheights.org](http://www.orangeheights.org)

Or Call: 626 345 0478

## Community Block Party (in conjunction with City Councilmember and neighbor Chris Holden)



For the first time in several years OHNA will have a booth at the Community block party!

**August 6, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Jackson Street.**



There will be live music, rides for the kids, free hot dogs cooked by the Pasadena Fire Fighters and booths with City and community participants.

OHNA will be hold three raffles so make sure to stop by our booth!

### **Other Orange Heights Events To Look Forward To:**

**Halloween Parade – October 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Christmas Caroling – December–date to be announced.**

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## **Curb Side Chats**

Each quarter a kind and giving resident of Orange Heights hosts a curb side chat for neighbors on their lawn. Lt. Chris Russ of the Pasadena Police Department as well as officers who are directly in charge of our area, attend the chats. Lt. Russ updates all residents on crime and safety issues that directly affect Orange Heights. In addition to safety issues these chats allow OH residents to get to know and build relationships with the officers that patrol our neighborhood. We met Victor and Dave at the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Dave is 26 years old and looks like he's 19. We now know that he loves lemonade!

**Our neighbors Nick and Anna Hjorth will host our next curbside chat on July 9, 2011 at 11:00 a.m., 958 N. Oakland Avenue.**

Would love to hear from another kind and giving resident who would be able to host the next curb side chat in October! Perhaps someone on Jackson, Mountain or Los Robles?

According to Lt. Russ we can hold curb side chats every month if we would like to so let us know if you would like to do that. They only take 15 min to half an hour and are good way to show criminals the cohesive nature of our neighborhood.

## Neighborhood Safety

The issue of neighborhood safety continues to be a top concern for Orange Heights residents. Orange Heights experienced three home break-ins during the month of May, two on Jackson and one on N. Oakland. With the help of an alert neighbor, who rode with the police through the neighborhood, there was an arrest made after the last break in on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

An impromptu curbside chat was held on May 21, 2011 with Lt. Russ and two officers that patrol Orange Heights.

The following is information and suggestions relayed to the residents that attended the meeting:

1. Don't make your car a target for burglars! Exposed items are inviting to burglars and would-be thieves. Take a moment to secure your belongings prior to leaving your vehicle unattended.
2. Juveniles while truant from school have committed most of the burglaries. School is ending within the next couple of weeks and therefore would be burglars can't be as easily identified.
3. If you see anyone looking a down drive way or in windows of a neighbors home, call the non-emergency number for the Pasadena Police: 626 744 4241.
4. Rule of Thumb: if you notice someone and feel a need to look twice to see what they are doing call the police department.
5. According to Lt. Russ burglars have been between the ages of 7 and 15 years old!
6. The percentage of residential burglaries that were solved in 2010 was 8%. The national average is 13%.
7. Last year in 2010 there were 194 residential burglaries reported in North West Pasadena.
8. So far in 2011 there have been 248 residential burglaries reported to police.
9. Auto burglaries have dropped; 411 reported in 2010, 286 reported so far in 2011.

The police department continues to emphasize that **GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEIGHBORS IS OUR PRIMARY AND BEST LINE OF DEFENSE AGAINST CRIME!**

Lt. Russ encouraged OH residents to get to know the officers that work our "beat". Host a curb side chat and have a conversation with the men and women who will come to your aid if and when a situation occurs.

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)

## Film Production in Orange Heights

The board has drafted guidelines for filming companies and a resident survey which will be presented door to door as soon as is feasible, which we hope will be by the end of June.

As noted in our March newsletter, we have one location service company, Home Shoot Home, which would like to serve as an agent for our neighborhood as a whole. Home Shoot Home is known as the pre-eminent Pasadena location service coordinator!

Check our web site for details as they are made available.  
[www.orangeheights.org](http://www.orangeheights.org)



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## New City Planning Director Named

Mr. Vince Bertoni has been appointed as Pasadena's new Planning Director.

In June, Pasadena households will be asked to complete a survey by mail and online. The General Plan survey will provide the city feedback on which of four alternatives for land use and mobility will be implemented.

For more information, go to: [www.cityofpasadena.net/generalplan](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/generalplan) OR  
Call: 626 744 6807

## New Neighbor Kits

From now on when someone moves into Orange Heights they will be welcomed with a New Neighbor Kit.

Nick and Anna Hjorth head up the Orange Heights New Neighbor Committee.  
Thank you Nick and Anna!!!

Please inform Nick and Anna when you see a new person or family moving into our neighborhood.



## Neighborhood Emergency Contact Map-Block by Block Phone Tree

We have a map of Orange Heights. At this point the map only shows streets and addresses. Members of the board will be going door-to-door handing out a copy of the map to each resident. We are asking each resident to fill in their copy of the map with their contact information and email address then return it to one of the board members. Only make available the information that you feel comfortable providing to your neighbors in case of an emergency such as a home break-in or fire. **For Example: how would you like to be contacted if some one were breaking into your home in the middle of the day?**

If you wish to participate by providing your information, the map will be returned to you with your neighbor's information as well. There is no obligation on your part.

**THE ORANGE HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD EMERGENCY CONTACT MAP-BLOCK BY BLOCK PHONE TREE STAYS WITHIN ORANGE HEIGHTS! IT WILL NOT BE SHARED WITH ANY OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD OR WITH ANY PUBLIC ENTITY.**

To report ANY suspicious activity to the Pasadena Police Department call the non-emergency number: 626 744 4241.

## Security Camera Systems

At the last OHNA meeting held on May 15 the topic of Neighborhood Security Cameras was discussed. It was decided that the topic be presented to all Orange Heights residents in order to gage their level of interest.

The first ten addresses who purchase a multi camera security system for their home in Orange Heights will have the installation of the system paid for by OHNA up to \$200.00 per system.

The Orange Heights board is currently looking for a trained technical person to work with us to install each system.

Please contact one of the OHNA board members to let them know if you would be interested in pursuing this proposal or plan to purchase a camera system.

Currently Costco is offering a Q.SEE- 8 CH Surveillance DVR, 500 GB HDD – 8 High Resolution 520 TVL Cameras with night Vision for \$399.99 (on line only)



**Orange Heights Residents please remember that all OHNA meetings are OPEN TO ALL FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS! The 2011/2012 board members are not known to all of you. We invite all of you to attend the OHNA meetings. See page 9 for a list of directors,**

Here are the dates of the OHNA meetings for the remainder of the year: June 26, July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16, and November 20. \*\*No meeting is scheduled for December.

The meetings begin at 7 p.m. and are generally held at 952 N. Madison. Contact a board member to confirm the location of the OHNA meeting when you plan to attend.

### **Solar System Presentation for the Orange Heights Association**

article by Michael Carrillo, resident of Orange Heights

Hello everyone, Penny and I will be installing a solar system on our house using Sunbelt Solar Systems. We had a wonderful presentation by Sunbelt Solar Systems and Haim is a joy to speak with and he does not try to over sell. I asked him if he would give a presentation to the homeowners in our Orange Heights Association that we would host at our home. Of course, I also asked what kind of discounts we would get as an association. There could be discounts from 5%-12% and possibly more. Anyway, I do not want to over sell you either. The details are below and some information on the current rebates available in Pasadena.

**Presented by: Haim Jim Blokh of Sunbelt Solar Systems (License #: 530809)**

**Location: Michael and Penny Carrillo's house at 535 E. Jackson St.**

**Date and Time: Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm – 8pm**

**RSVP: [Michael@cpgjobs.com](mailto:Michael@cpgjobs.com) or call Michael at 626-298-0800**

#### **Current Rebates**

1. The current Federal Rebate for a solar installation is 30%.
2. The Pasadena Solar Initiative (funded through Pasadena Water and Power) is offering a rebate of \$2 per watt until July 2<sup>nd</sup>. After this date, the rebate will drop to \$1.10 per watt. Rebates provided by the utility companies are allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis. When these funds run out, the rebates will be gone. Cities such as Burbank, Anaheim and Glendale have already exhausted their funding for solar because of the high demand from homeowners. Don't miss out on an opportunity to save more on your solar energy system!

*\*Please bring 2 months of electrical bills if you would like an initial assessment of your household's energy needs. You will be able to meet with Haim after the presentation and by appointment.*

We look forward to seeing you at our home for the presentation for our association.

**Orange Heights Memorabilia**



To order your Orange Heights Mug, Cap or Tee, email Cindy Schnuelle at [cindy@orangeheights.org](mailto:cindy@orangeheights.org) OR call 626 345 0478

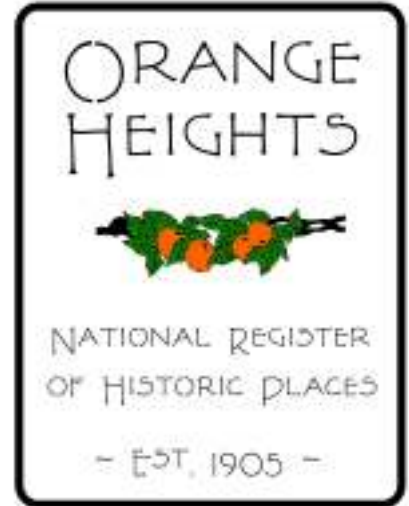
You can see pictures of our OH Memorabilia on our web site: [www.orangeheights.org](http://www.orangeheights.org)



Mugs \$8.00,  
Caps \$16.00  
Tees \$16.00



Please make checks payable to Orange Heights Neighborhood Association



Own your own Orange Heights Neighborhood Street Sign! We have just a few signs left.

At this time we don't anticipate ordering more signs so when they're gone – they're gone!  
\$120.00

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*One of the fastest ways to get the latest information about what's happening in Orange Heights Or if you would prefer to receive the OHNA newsletter via email please join our email list. It would certainly help us save on paper!*

Contact: Julie Paque at: [orangeheights@paque.com](mailto:orangeheights@paque.com)

If you would give Julie your home address that would help us to take you off of the door-to-door newsletter delivery list.

## **Announcements**

**The Pasadena Museum of History and the City of Pasadena present Pasadena's 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party, Saturday, June 11, 2011, from noon to 7:00 p.m.**

Pasadena Museum of History, 470 W. Walnut, Pasadena, 91103  
Free: birthday cake, nonstop music & entertainment and children's activities.  
For information visit: [www.pasadenahistory.org](http://www.pasadenahistory.org) OR call: 626 577 1660 ext 10

The Pasadena Museum of History maintains the area's largest and most comprehensive collection of documents and artifacts relating to the history of Pasadena.

### **Fireworks POPS Spectacular**

Saturday, June 18; Michael Krajewski, Guest Conductor  
Programming will include William Tell Overture, Everything's Coming Up Roses, California Dreaming, God Bless America, 76 Trombones, 1812 Overture. Multimedia presentation features historic photographs of Pasadena.  
Rose Bowl Area H. Admission charge. [www.pasadenasympphony-pops.org](http://www.pasadenasympphony-pops.org) (626) 793-7172

### **Americafest: Family Fun on 4<sup>th</sup> at Rose Bowl Stadium**

The 85<sup>th</sup> annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration will pay tribute to Pasadena's quasiquicentennial by presenting a family variety show, Drum Corps International marching band, a military tribute, motorcycle stunts, Mariachi Divas and the Jan and Dean Show at 7 p.m., followed by fireworks at 9 p.m. Admission charge \$13; Active Military with ID, and children 7 and under free. Family festival in Area H from 2 to 9:30 p.m. [www.rosebowlstadium.com](http://www.rosebowlstadium.com) (626) 577-3100

### **Music Under the Stars**

Saturday, Sept. 24, 5:30 p.m. gates open, 7:30 p.m. concert. Pasadena Symphony and POPS performs beloved classics and popular favorites with American music icons Lisa Vroman, vocalist, and the Donald Brinegar Singers. Pasadena City Hall's Centennial Square. FREE, [www.pasadenasympphony-pops.org](http://www.pasadenasympphony-pops.org) (626) 793-7172

### **Levitt Pavilion Concerts**

Levitt Pavilion Pasadena's annual summer music series at Memorial Park begins June 18. FREE [www.levittpavilionpasadena.org](http://www.levittpavilionpasadena.org) (626) 683-3230

### **Free Movies at Victory Park Center, 2575 Paloma Street**

Movies in the park every third Friday of the month. Take the whole family out for an old fashioned good time. From 6 p.m to 9 p.m, films start at 7p.m.  
For more information call: 626 744 7500





**Neighborhood Entrepreneurs**

If you have a business you want our neighbors to be aware of, please contact Cindy Schnuelle or Kate Amsbry for inclusion in the Orange Heights Entrepreneurs section of our newsletter.

Unwrap the Present – Life Coach: Sonja Alarr  
626 791 5954  
[www.unwrapthepresent.com](http://www.unwrapthepresent.com)

Aurora Bella – Contractors  
Ron and Stacy Ortiz  
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626 396 6817

Dr. Ellen McDonald – Internal Medicine 626 872 4195

Hatha Yoga/Pilates/Nutrition  
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Piano Teacher - Patricia Gonzales – Beginning and Intermediate given in the home of the student (626)398-7214.

Keller Williams Realty, Los Feliz – Jenny Durling  
213-215-4758

Prof Carpenter/Builder  
Jess Flores-626 823 3121

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