



# ORANGE HEIGHTS

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

## Happy 2013 Orange Heights Neighbors!

We're all fortunate to live in this great neighborhood. Here are a few of the happenings of 2012.

We welcomed new neighbors in 2012

Partnered with Pasadena Heritage to host our first home tours in at least 5 years - it was a huge success. Thank you again to all of the homeowners who participated!

We had yet another bang up Halloween. A shout out to Alisa & Griff Gmelich for once again hosting the pizza/pot luck!

We worked with the city to clear out and refurbish a CRASH house on Mountain & Leighton Alley which is now an asset to our neighborhood and up for sale

We also worked with the city to replace trees damaged in last years wind storm.

Overall 2012 was a good year!

## Continuing Projects

The Orange Heights Neighborhood Association continues to work on issues within our neighborhood.

1. Traffic on Jackson Avenue
2. Our Historical Designation-we are on the City Council's agenda for February 25, 2013!
3. Neighborhood Security
4. Curb Side Chats
5. Orange Heights Emergency Contact List and Map
6. Historical Lighting within Orange Heights
7. Filming in Orange Heights. We had a few filming projects take place in 2012. NOTE: though the city informed us that they cannot require filming companies to "donate" to our neighborhood, we did receive monies from homeowners who had filming take place at their home, a great boost to our OH coffers!
8. Revenue Building Events: The board is considering several ideas. Halloween Decorating Contest, Home Tours, Car Shows are just a few ideas that have been floated.

## Putting in a Video Surveillance System?

Our neighbor, Jay Walters, has discovered a well priced system called Dropcam. The cost is \$149!! Connect from anywhere, 60-second set up, monitor from your iPad, iPhone or Android. To learn more go to <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/dropcam/id351175162> or

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details>

OHNA can also recommend an experienced installation person for any other system you choose.

The board asks that you PLEASE have at least one of the cameras face your street to help in providing additional security to our neighborhood as a whole. If you need help with the cost or installation of a security system please contact board member:

Ben Porter at [bporter@orangeheights.org](mailto:bporter@orangeheights.org)

The OHNA board will do what we can to help you make your home and our neighborhood more secure.

## Orange Heights Rant & Rave

Our annual **All Residents Meeting** is scheduled for **Sunday, February 10**, at 3:00 p.m, once again the Porter's have graciously offered to hold the meeting on their front lawn.

Please plan to attend as new board members for 2013-2014 will be selected. Speaking of new board members, if you would like to be more involved in what is happening in our neighborhood, please consider becoming a board member. The committment is minimal, attending a monthly meeting and passing our notices to neighbors quarterly.

## Curb Side Chats

Burglaries ticked up a bit throughout Pasadena in 2012. We in Orange Heights experienced a few home burglaries and petty vandalisum. We all benefit from not only knowing our neighbors but from getting to know the officers that patrol NW Pasadena and Orange Heights.

For this reason, every three months one household within Orange Heights hosts a curb side chat for neighbors to meet with local police officers. If you would like to host a curb side chat, please contact Cindy Schnuelle at [cindy@orangeheights.org](mailto:cindy@orangeheights.org).

We all benefit from speaking with local law enforcement on a regular basis, our chats are a great way to build relationships with the officers that patrol our neighborhood. Gatherings last from 15minutes to a half hour.

The OHNA board has asked for a date in March to have officers come to speak with neighbors. We will send out an email when the date is set.

## TOWN TO - DOS

**Pasadena Cheeseburger Week.** Everyone is invited to celebrate the birth of the cheeseburger in the home of the Cheeseburger - Pasadena CA, from January 13-18. Voting opens on Sunday, January 13th. Cheeseburger Challenge categories include Favorite burger Restaurant, Favorite New Burger Restaurant, Favorite Beer & Burger, Favorite Sliders & many others.  
[www.pasadenarestaurantweek.com](http://www.pasadenarestaurantweek.com)

**Pasadena Community Gardens (PCG) prepares to "Open the Gates"** to its first Garden in February 2013. PCG will conduct orientations sessions for residents interested in becoming members of its first garden at 721 S. Pasadena Ave. The garden will enable residents to grow their own vegetables, fruits & flowers in raised beds. Stand by for more information, including dates, times & location.

**State of the City 2013.** Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard will report on recent accomplishments and future plans on Thursday, January 24th, at 6:00 pm at Beckman Auditorium, Caltech Campus. Free parking available in Caltech lot #2. For more information contact Lorain Nagahiro, Mayor's office, at 626 744 7210 or by email to [LNagahiro@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:LNagahiro@cityofpasadena.net)

**Get ready to turn off your sprinklers.** Pasadena is planning ahead for an imported-water shutdown in February. From Feb. 21-28, the MWD, which provides about 60% of Pasadena's water has scheduled system repairs. To avoid running out of water while repairs are being done, everyone is being asked to cut consumption by at least 10% by shutting off landscaping sprinklers. For more info visit [www.pwpweb.com/shutdown](http://www.pwpweb.com/shutdown) or call 626 744 8888.

## Current OHNA BOARD MEMBERS

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## OHNA Meeting Schedule for 2013

All are encouraged to join in the discussions of issues facing Orange Heights by attending our monthly meetings. Meetings are held at 7pm the 3rd Sunday of each month. Below is the schedule for 2013.

January 24,      **February 10 All Residents Rant & Rave,**

March 17,      April 21

May 19,      June 16

July 21,      August 18

September 15, October 20  
November 17

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

## Neighborhood Entrepreneurs

Please contact Cindy Schnuelle or Nick Hjorth for inclusion in this section of our newsletter.

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## New Neighbor Kits

When you notice a new neighbor moving into Orange Heights please contact Nick & Anna Hjorth, 626 398 1393, [nhjorth@yahoo.com](mailto:nhjorth@yahoo.com). New neighbors will be welcomed with a New Neighbor Kit.

## Odds & Ends

**Join the private Orange Heights web site: Nextdoor.com**

Orange Heights has a private neighborhood web site: *Nextdoor Orange Heights*. It's a great way for neighbors to come together to make our neighborhood safer, to find lost pets, host gatherings, place ads for items for sale and so much more.

**Have you visited Pasadena's online Citizen Service Center (CSC)?** It's your 24/7 connection to Pasadena city services & info. Request a service or report a problem from the comfort of your home or office. Get your smartphone app by going to [www.cityofpasadena.net/csc](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/csc) or go directly to the Apple app store or Android Market.

**Farm Fresh to You.** Neighbor Nicole discovered this company that delivers local organic fruits & vegetables to your door. If you're interested go to: <http://www.farmfresh toyou.com/index.php>

**Charity Out Reach.** If you know of a charity that you feel Orange Heights residents might enjoy reaching out to let us know about it. Contact a board member and we'll bring the item up for discussion at a OHNA board meeting

***\*\*If you would prefer to receive the Orange Heights Newsletter via email: please contact Cindy Schnuelle at [cindy@orangeheights.org](mailto:cindy@orangeheights.org)***

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