

PARK SANTIAGO NEWS

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CAST YOUR VOTE

**PSNA Elections on Wednesday, November 4th at 7pm
Park Santiago Lawn Bowling Clubhouse**

Have you ever thought about how you could make an impact on the neighborhood we live in? Perhaps what attracted you to the neighborhood needs to be refreshed or reinvented? The answer could be to become involved in the Park Santiago Neighborhood Association (PSNA). November means a new opportunity for neighbors to join the forces as Board members or Quadrant Representatives. In addition to Board and Quadrant positions, there are committees that have fallen apart over time and need interested and vibrant neighbors to continue. Below are available positions and their responsibilities.

Board Members

- ❖ **President:** Runs the board meetings, meets with city officials, and gives direction to the association.
- ❖ **Vice-President:** Assists the President and Board members.
- ❖ **Secretary:** Record meeting minutes.
- ❖ **Treasurer:** Handles PSNA finances and presents a monthly report.

Quadrant Representatives

The Park Santiago neighborhood is divided into four quadrants. The Santiago & Santa Clara intersection defines the four areas: Northeast (NE), Northwest (NW), Southeast (SE), and Southwest (SW). Each quadrant elects three (3) representatives.

The Quadrant Reps keep the association informed on neighbor concerns neighbors in their quad. The Representatives also assist with events and encourage involvement in their quad area.



1ST ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, October 24th

2pm - 4pm

Santiago Park Lawn Bowling Haunted Clubhouse



Please join us for a fun-filled event to celebrate the Halloween season. Adult goblins and little ghouls and bats are encouraged to wear their Halloween costume. Prizes for the best Halloween costumes will be awarded in the following categories: **Best Adult**, **Best Child**, and **Best Overall Costumes**. Snacks and activities will be provided.

If you are interested in assisting with the event, please contact your ghostess Connie at (714) 856-4826.

Prepare for a spooktacular time!

**Park Santiago
Neighborhood Association
Board Roster 2009**

President

Bobbie Rooker (714) 542-7802

Vice President/Secretary

Edna Hartman (714) 547-7959

Treasurer

Isabel Reed (714) 835-0692

Quadrant Representatives

Northeast

Yvette Aguilar (714) 542-2430
Alfredo Zarate Jr.(714) 285-9868

Northwest

Sue McDonald (714) 550-8058
Bill McMahan (714) 514-5955

Southeast

Sonja Hoover (714) 547-0219
Marty McMillan (714) 542-3296
Beverly Schick (714) 973-1888

Southwest

David Willard (714) 633-9383

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Comm Link

Marty McMillan (714) 542-3296

Webmaster

David Willard (714) 633-9383



Calling All Neighbors

By Jimmy Gonzalez

What do you feel when you see graffiti on the walls of your neighborhood? What do you feel when you see crime reports in your local newspaper or police blotter? I feel distressed knowing that this has occurred in my neighborhood.

Along with this distress comes the knowledge that each of us, myself included, is participating in damaging our neighborhood. If it is true that we are allowing this to occur, then each of us has the power and accountability to do something about it. As neighbors, our capacity to come together and choose to be accountable is our best shot at making a difference and preserving our neighborhood tradition. I find some relief knowing that the Park Santiago Neighborhood Association continues to fight for safety and security in our neighborhood. But we're not close to fulfilling our promise to the future of our neighborhood.

I recently had the honor of meeting and having a conversation with one of our longtime residents, Herb Scott. Herb and his wife, Florence, have lived in the neighborhood since 1952. Herb became involved with the neighborhood association at the time called Northeast Santa Ana Residents Association. In the 1960s, apartment homes were being planned in the area behind Guaranty Chevrolet. The residents of Park Santiago were against the construction because they wanted the neighborhood to preserve its charm and comfort. The association fought the construction and worked with the local newspaper, Santa Ana Register, until they were granted a moratorium for one year. The residents had to gather 10,000 signatures in order to present it to the city. The association later found a developer who built the existing homes in that area. This is a great example of the power of residents coming together for a common purpose.

What can you do to maintain and preserve our tradition? A good start is to join and participate in our neighborhood meetings. Secondly, join one of our neighborhood committees. This is more than a call to action but a call to be a part in creating an alternative future for our neighborhood. We're looking to create a future that will maintain our quaint neighborhood appeal, while preserving our rich history.

As a resident of Park Santiago, I take great pride in calling this neighborhood my home. What will you do to make a difference in our beautiful Park Santiago neighborhood?

Park Santiago is Online

Log-on to www.parksantiago.org

On Facebook: Park Santiago Homeowners Group

Drivers Ignore Speed Limit, Endanger Residents

By Darcie Cancino

We chose to live in Park Santiago for its charm and family-friendly setting. But sadly, excessive and dangerous speeding through our neighborhood is becoming more problematic. Families with young children and our older residents who enjoy walking, jogging, and riding their bikes through our handsome streets are most at risk.

The maximum speed in our neighborhood is 25 mph, but it is not unusual for cars to travel at 40 mph. If you hit a pedestrian at this speed, 85% will die. And at 30 mph — just five miles over the speed limit — 45% will die.* Speeding is not only unsafe, but it also creates increased noise levels, disturbing the peace and quiet we've come to love.

So what happens when you slow down?

- **You'll save lives.** It's the simplest, common-sense remedy, but it works. Reducing your speed by just five mph decreases the likelihood of causing an incapacitating pedestrian injury by 3.6%.*
- **You'll save money.** Traveling safely increases fuel efficiency, so you don't have to buy gas as often. The Department of Energy estimates that, as a rule of thumb, drivers can assume that each 5 mph they drive above 60 mph is like paying an additional 20 cents per gallon for gas.
- **You'll save the environment.** Driving a vehicle at 65 mph consumes about 15% more fuel than driving the same vehicle at 55 mph.** More fuel consumed means more damaging CO2 emissions released into the atmosphere.
- **You'll save yourself a ticket.** Law enforcement is cracking down on speeders. Obey the speed limits or pay the fine. A California speeding ticket carries one of the highest traffic ticket fines in the nation. It is not unusual for the fine to be over \$300.00! If you see a speeder, call Santa Ana Police Traffic Division at (714) 245-8200.
- **You'll save your license.** A speeding ticket could lead to points on your driving record. Too many points and you could lose your license and your insurance premiums could go up.

Help improve the safety and quality of life in Park Santiago.

Remember why we live here.

* According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

** According to Ford Motor Company.

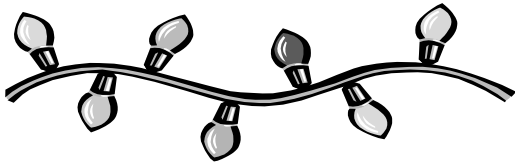


Letters to the Editor...

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions for upcoming issues, please share them with Connie Gonzalez at (714) 856-4826 or gonzalez@parksantiago.org

Holiday Light Contest

Deck the halls with boughs of holly—and lights! Three prizes will be awarded to the best holiday home decorations. Judging is scheduled to take place the week of December 14th.



FRIENDLY REMINDERS FOR US ALL

- ☞ Please remove signs from trees, telephone poles, etc. once they are no longer applicable. PSNA asks that no sign be posted for longer than 30 days.
- ☞ Please maintain your dogs on a leash when walking through the neighborhood. The law requires that you keep your dog on a leash whenever the dog is off your property. The leash cannot exceed six (6) feet in length.
- ☞ Please clean-up after your dogs. Not only is it unsightly and inconvenient for neighbors to clean-up their lawns, but it is also the law.
- ☞ Please do not park cars that block sidewalk access. You may receive a citation for blocking pedestrian access.

Our many thanks to...

The following neighbors who pledged their support for the PSNA with their membership donations.

- ☼ Sandi Cole
- ☼ Marion DeVol
- ☼ Morris Hammond
- ☼ Sharon Janis
- ☼ George and Diane Kopylon
- ☼ Robert O'Neal
- ☼ Glenn Osborne
- ☼ Frank Scotti

Upcoming Events

October 24th

1st Annual Halloween Party
Santiago Park Lawn Bowling Clubhouse
2:00pm – 4:00pm

November 4th

PSNA Elections
Park Santiago Lawn Bowling Clubhouse
7:00pm

December 5th-6th

Garage Sale Weekend

Week December 14th

Holiday Light Contest Judging

SUPPORT PARK SANTIAGO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Please help support PSNA with your 2009 Membership donations. Just fill out the coupon and mail it to the address listed below. Your donations help sponsor events, newsletters, and projects.

Thank you for your help.

_____ \$5.00

_____ \$10.00

_____ \$50.00 Sponsor

Name: _____ Telephone Number: (____) _____ - _____

Address: _____

Mail to: PSNA, P.O. Box 11061, Santa Ana, CA 92711

Park Santiago Neighborhood Association (PSNA) is a Santa Ana neighborhood of 1,1175 homes bordered by 17th St., the Santa Ana Freeway, Main St., Santiago Park, and Lincoln St. Our neighborhood's goals are to preserve and enhance the integrity and quality of the neighborhood and to foster effective communications. The work of PSNA is facilitated by an elected board of volunteers and various volunteer committees.