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MPNA THEME FOR 2013:
"Looking Back, Reaching Out, Moving Forward"

MPNA PROJECT FOR 2013 AND 2014
Incorporate MPNA as a 501C3 Non-Profit

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....

MPNA APPLYING FOR 501C3 NON PROFIT, TAX EXEMPT STATUS

We may look back to May 14, 2013 as an important turning point in the history of our Morrison Park Neighborhood! It was on that day that your MPNA Board voted to begin the long, time consuming and somewhat expensive process to become an official 501c3 Non Profit, Tax Exempt Public Benefit Corporation. This followed many months of studying the possibility of moving in this direction after consulting with representatives of Washington Square and Floral Park Neighborhood Associations. In each case these groups have become stronger and more successful after attaining this status. Your board feels that this is the next logical step for us as we move forward to serve the entire Morrison Park Neighborhood.

The steering committee for the MPNA board consists of MPNA past presidents Dave Hoen and Dan Peters as well as board members Yeni Mauras and Therese Trevitt and myself. Assisting in the process are also board members Debbie Muise, Larry Klein, Mike Ekstrom and Rom Lozares. In process is the gathering of information on our past history and educational activities as well as formulating a Constitution and By-laws to replace our current Written Guidelines.

We are extremely fortunate to have enlisted the legal services of MPNA resident and Attorney Robert Oliver to assist in the process at no charge and a number of Morrison Park residents have stepped forward to provide the financing for the application so that MPNA will not incur any costs whatsoever in seeking and hopefully attaining this designation. It is our feeling that this is the next logical step for us in serving our neighborhood based on the success of the last several years.

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**MORRISON PARK
NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY,
August 15th
PENTECOSTAL
CHURCH OF GOD I.M.
1025 West Memory Lane
7:00 P.M.
"THIS IS YOUR
NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION; PLAN
TO ATTEND"**

Dates to Remember & Ongoing Local Events

August

13 MPNA Board Meeting
15 MPNA General Meeting

September

2 Labor Day
7 Concert in the Park in Morrison Park
10 MPNA Board Meeting
8 Grandparent's Day

October

14 Columbus Day
8 MPNA Board Meeting
19 Sweetest Day
31 Halloween

Important Contacts

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(code violations, overcrowding, unsafe/unsanitary housing)	
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MORRISON PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

3RD QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING FOR 2013

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15 7:00 PM

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GOD I.M.

1025 West Memory Lane

Special Guest Speakers & Topics:

JULIE TOLEDO

OCTA Community Relations Specialist

SPOTLIGHTING CHANGES TAKING PLACE ON THE I-5 FREEWAY

JASON GABRIEL

Principal Civil Engineer for the City of Santa Ana

SANTA ANA'S STREET CAR PROJECT

ARTURO JIMENEZ

Director of Constituency Services, Santa Ana Public Schools

SEARCH FOR NEW SUPERINTENDENT

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/STUDENT ATTENDANCE

POSITIVE STUDENT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (PSIP)

A Brief MPNA Business Meeting Will Follow!

ALL MORRISON PARK RESIDENTS INCLUDING WESTWOOD CONDOMINIUM RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

History Corner

An interview with the Rouch's, longtime residents of Morrison Park



George and Betty Rouch

Alice Hood and I had the pleasure of visiting with George and Betty Rouch of 2606 Lowell Lane last month. George and Betty, now a forever young 96 and 89, respectively, were married in 1947 and moved here 47 years ago from Johnson County, Kansas (an unincorporated area at the time near Kansas City, Missouri) in their 1964 Buick. In Kansas City, Betty had worked as a scheduler for TWA and at the offices of a division of the Quaker Oats Company that manufactured a laxative made from grass. George opened the regional office for Farmers Insurance on Broadway and 10th Street as a trainer for underwriters and later worked at the Farmers Drive facility. At the time, the Broadway building was the tallest in Orange County. The Rouchs are pleased that The Retreat was developed on the Farmers Drive site rather than the elementary school that was proposed. George's territory for Farmers also included Arizona and Nevada. He recalled that on his way home from Tucson, he would often stop at Lawrence Welk's Restaurant in Escondido where singers from the Welk show would perform.

George and Dr. Robert Schuler, who lived on Memory Lane, would exchange morning pleasantries as George walked to work and Dr. Schuler took his morning walk. This was when Dr. Schuler's congregation met at the former drive-in movie theater that was located near Chapman Avenue and the I-5 Freeway.

Although they have no children, they do have happy memories of their extensive travels throughout the United States and Canada, of which the visit to Hawaii was their favorite.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED FROM PG. 1
MPNA APPLYING FOR 501C3 NON PROFIT TAX EXEMPT STATUS

There are many benefits associated with becoming a 501c3 Corp. and potential major future benefits for our neighborhood. Like all voluntary organizations we need working capital to succeed. With 501c3 status all contributions to MPNA would be deductible (up to the extent that the law allows) and this is always the first question asked when we seek financial assistance with our neighborhood activities and events. This is especially true with businesses and individuals who have the ability to make large contributions. Often this status (or lack there-of) also becomes an issue when seeking both public and private grants.

In the future some of the improvements that might become possible with the enhanced 501c3 status could center around providing scholarships for deserving neighborhood or other Santa Ana students, helping to get improvements at intersections like the recent disability accessible "re-do" at Lowell Lane and Park Lane, perhaps extending the historical street lighting on Flower Street to other areas of our neighborhood and additional enhancements to our parks and parkways. Perhaps a neighborhood garden designed to educate our children and provide neighborhood unity might not be out of the question. The list goes on!

We live in a welcoming neighborhood with beautiful parks and a rich history that is important to preserve as well as a neighborhood with work that still needs to be done. This move, if successful, will help us do this and much more. It is a long process and that is why it has been designated our 2013-14 Neighborhood Project. I'll keep you posted as we go along.

Happy Summer and My Best to All,

Eric Scandrett

History Corner continued from Pg. 3

In sharing his scrapbook of photos from World War II with me (including several of movie stars and other entertainers of the day), George also shared many stories. Drafted in 1942, he spent his war years in North Africa near Tunis, Tunisia and San Severo, Italy. His duties included providing food, other supplies, and pay to the soldiers in these areas. When FDR passed, George led the troops in a close-order drill formation to pay honor to the departed president.

During the interview, George provided some historical information about several of the local parks. Jack Fisher Park is named for the first soldier from Santa Ana killed in World War I. The land for Morrison Park and part of the Pentecostal Church property was once part of Douglas Corrigan's orange grove. Corrigan wanted to sell off his orange grove and have it turned into apartments, but the neighbors didn't like this idea. They went to then Mayor Loren Grisette and asked him to take the issue before the City Council. The Council voted to let the local residents resolve the zoning issue. The residents decided the land would be used for a church (part of the parking lot of the now Pentecostal Church) and a park. George believes that Morrison Park should have been named after Douglas Corrigan rather than Kenneth Morrison, a juvenile court judge who was engaged in helping Orange County's youth.

Some of the information in this article comes from a forum held as part of a Morrison Park Neighborhood Association meeting in May 2010 and appears in <http://ochistorical.blogspot.com/2010/05/morrison-park-santa-ana.html>.

Larry Klein, Historian

North-end Santa Ana Neighborhood Traffic Committee Formed by Larry Klein

The four north-end neighborhoods that share common traffic interests in the area bounded by I-5 to the north, Broadway to the east, 17th Street on the south, and Bristol on the west have formed a traffic committee. The founding neighborhoods are Fisher, Floral, Morrison, and West Floral Parks. Other neighborhoods will be invited to join the committee as issues concerning them arise.

The first committee meeting was held at the home of Larry Klein on Wednesday July 17. Blake Anderson representing Floral Park, Dennis Daws and Diane Farley representing Fisher Park, Dan Edmonds representing West Floral Park, and Ivan Ashbaugh and myself representing Morrison Park attended. Dave Hoen was also there to support the kickoff of the committee. Issues of potential interest to the neighborhoods were discussed including:

- 1 Alternatives to the no right turn from Memory Lane onto Flower Street in the morning. There was some agreement that if we could recommend other ways to prevent excessive traffic from entering Memory Lane and turning right onto Flower, we would forward them to the city and ask that the morning right-turn restriction be removed. Among these other mitigating measures are the completion of the widening project on Bristol Street making it more convenient for motorists to remain on Bristol, reducing the speed limit on Memory to 25 mph from the present 35, and installing a crosswalk and other crossing aids and warnings at Memory and Westwood. Such a crosswalk could be supported by the reopening of the school on the church property. It was decided to ask the city to inform the committee of the time-line for the Bristol Street widening project.
- 2 Blake Anderson informed us that the proposed Santa Ana Circulation Element (part of the General Plan for the city) designating collector streets, bike lanes, and pedestrian facilities, among others, does not specify Flower or Memory Lane as collector streets. That eliminated an area of concern for the committee. However, the committee will monitor Santa Ana's ongoing development of the Circulation Element to see if other impacts to our neighborhoods arise.
- 3 It was suggested that the striping of the right turn and bike lanes at the intersection of Memory and Flower be improved to include a right turn pocket to add additional safety to the turn.
- 4 The two-way stop at the intersection of Towner and 21st Street was discussed. The committee felt that a four-way stop would improve safety at the intersection because of line-of-sight restrictions.
- 5 The general topic of evening cut-through traffic in West Floral Park, Jack Fisher Park, and Morrison Park was discussed.
- 6 Implementation of a roundabout in the vicinity of Flower Street, Riviera Drive, Park Boulevard, and Riverside Drive with the realignment of Park and Riverside to provide safer entry into the roundabout traffic flow pattern.
- 7 Central Corridor Project. OCTA and Caltrans are planning to modify the carpool lanes and some ramps on the I-5 Freeway between the CA 55 and CA 22. How will that affect our neighborhoods either during construction or long term? Can Caltrans improve the onramp at Bristol and the 22 eastbound by adding a lane to the ramp and lengthening or otherwise making the merge onto the eastbound 22 lanes safer?
- 8 The city has raised the biannual parking fee to \$60 from \$46.23. Should we petition to get the fee reduced?
- 9 Fate of Santiago Creek bikeway from I-5 west to Flower. Should the trail be left in its natural state for hikers or should the right of way be improved for bikers? Is there a compromise available?
- 10 Eastbound traffic flow through Floral Park in the morning.
- 11 After the committee receives an August 15 briefing on the I-5 improvements and receives and reviews the City's draft Circulation Element (expected to be published in late September or early October), it will draft recommendations to its respective boards for consideration and approval.

The next meeting of the committee will occur on August 15 at the Pentecostal Church on Memory and Westwood following the Morrison Park Neighborhood Association quarterly meeting. The committee members were invited to the quarterly meeting as the topics addressed by the OCTA and the City of Santa Ana speakers on the proposed I-5 freeway modifications and the trolley project are of interest to the committee. The following meeting will be at the home of Blake Anderson on September 18.

Welcoming Committee Report

Please welcome the following new residents of Morrison Park. We look forward to greeting them at our next MPNA meeting in August.

1027 Park Lane: Busly & Crystal Nguon, along with their adult son Chhatry, moved here from W. Santa Ana in April. Busly is retired and Crystal and Chhatry help the daughter run a donut shop in S. county. They work twelve hours a day on their feet therefore nap time is a treasured time in their lives. Submitted by Alice Hood

2617 Lowell Lane: Matthew & Rosario Picciuto moved here in May. They have a blended family of seven children, none of whom live at home. Matthew is owner of the KPRS Construction Co. Rosario blesses the adult children by baby-sitting the grandchildren while their parents work. The Piciutos have a wide range of recreational activities; including camping, hunting, and taking cruises. Matthew is very interested in the neighborhood and its activities. He is willing to help in any capacity he can. Leaders are always needed! Submitted by Alice Hood

2605 N. Louise Street: Eric & Kirsi Turbedsky moved here in May and have four children ranging in age from six to eleven. Eric is a Pastor at Sovereign Grace Church and Kirsi has a PhD from Johns Hopkins University and is presently "working" full-time home schooling their children. They love the friendliness and helpfulness of the local neighbors. Submitted by Ivan Ashbaugh.

2707 Lowell Lane: Hung and Dorothy Dinh moved from West Santa Ana to Morrison Park in May. They have four adult children, all attending college. Hung works as an auto technician for a dealership. Dorothy has the privilege to stay home. They are both working hard remodeling their new home. Hung enjoys being a handy man in his spare time. Submitted by Yeni Mauras

ALICE HOOD~NEIGHBORHOOD HERO

DONNA AND BUD WARRICK~MOST BEAUTIFUL YARD WINNERS

IVAN ASHBAUGH~SENIOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE HONOREE

- Alice Hood, long time Morrison Park resident received the Neighborhood Hero Award in ceremonies conducted by Com-link on June 27. She has been a devoted member of the MPNA Board for over 15 years serving for many years as our Welcoming Committee Chairperson, Secretary and organizer of the Christmas Caroling done each holiday season. She also conducts the children's games each year at the MPNA Summer Event. Congratulations Alice!
- Also that night, Donna and Bud Warrick were honored as those with Morrison Park's Most Beautiful Yard for 2013. Their yard for several years has been kept beautiful year round. They are long-time Morrison Park residents and always attend our general meetings and events. Bud also served on the MPNA board for many years as Vice President. Congratulations to Bud & Donna whose yard brings much aesthetic value and joy to Morrison Park.
- Ivan Ashbaugh was honored as one of 100 "Senior's Making a Difference" by State Senator Lou Correa in an awards ceremony conducted at the Garden Grove Community Center on June 28. Ivan has been a member of the MPNA Board for many years and serves as our e-mail coordinator sending out messages several times each week. He and his wife Sandi have delivered our newsletters for many years and are always there early to help us set up for our General Meetings. Ivan's dedicated efforts are not limited to our neighborhood. For years he was one of the most dedicated members of Spurgeon United Methodist Church and he also coordinates memorial services to honor our military veterans throughout Orange and neighboring Counties. Congratulations Ivan on this well-deserved honor!



More photos and winners on the next page....



Senator Correra with Ivan Ashbaugh



MPNA 2013 Most Beautiful Yard
1048 Fairbrook
Bud & Donna Warrick

More Beautiful Yards in Morrison Park

There were two other finalists for the award this year:

Miguel Angel Oseguera at 1014 W. Orange Rd. and Louise Syariff at 918 W. Park Lane

Honorable Mention went to these homes:

2731 N. Lowell Ln	Eric Scandrett	2938 Fernwood Dr	Hector & Laura Alvizures
2714 N. Lowell Ln	Larry Klein	1208 W. Park Ln	Roger & Jeanne Read
2618 N. Baker St.	David & Martha Lopez	2623 N. Westwood Ave	Randy & Alexa Garell
2720 Olive Ln.	Jaime & Elizabeth Navarro	2612 Freeman Ln	Ryan & Nina Munoz
2814 Olive Ln	Margarita Romano	2906 Fallbrook Dr.	Henry Perea
1048 W. Orange Rd.	Tony Miranda		

MPNA E-mail Network

Do you want to keep up on the happenings in our neighborhood, without having to wait for the next quarterly newsletter? If so you need to be on the MPNA E-mail network. To be added simply send an email to our network coordinator; Ivan Ashbaugh, at

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Third Sunday of every month: **Santa Ana Zoo**-Free to Santa Ana Residents; 714-836-4000; www.santaanazoo.org

Bower's Museum: First Sunday free to all. Each Tuesday of every month: Free to Santa Ana Residents; 567-3600; www.bowers.org

Fourth Thursday of every month: **Comm Link;** 6:30 pm; Police Dept. Community Room; www.santa-ana.org/cda/ Com-Link.asp

Art Walk: First Saturday of every month: Artist's Village Open House; 7-10 pm; Second Street at Broadway, www.santaanaartwalk.com

First and Third Monday of every month: **City Council Meeting;** 5:45 pm; City Council Chambers, 22 Civic Center Plaza.

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Over the past year we have received a total of \$1265 in contributions from 27 families as well as a generous contribution from the Westwood Condominium Association. These contributions together with the balance we started with and the advertisements we have sold will carry us through the publication of THIS NEWSLETTER ONLY. Thus we are seriously in need of some more financial support. No amount is too large or too small. If you have not contributed we would respectfully ask you to do so. If you have contributed some time ago, perhaps you will join others who have made a second contribution. Please fill out the form below and return it to:

Eric Scandrett
2731 North Lowell Lane
Mail Slot in Garage Door

OR

Ivan & Sandi Ashbaugh
1202 West Park Lane
Mail Slot in Front Door

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