



Morrison Park News

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Get to Know Your Neighbors, Share Neighborhood Information, Sponsor Neighborhood Events, Support Neighborhood Improvements

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MPNA THEME FOR 2014:

"Looking Back, Reaching Out, Moving Forward"

MPNA PROJECT FOR 2013 AND 2014

Incorporate MPNA as a 501C3 Non-Profit

President's Message

OUR FIRST EVER NEIGHBORHOOD WIDE SURVEY IS BEING
DISTRIBUTED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER!
YOUR FEEDBACK AND OPINION IS IMPORTANT!

Your MPNA Board is conducting our very first Neighborhood Wide Survey in order to obtain feedback for our future plans for our neighborhood. Please take the time to fill it out and see that it gets to your nearest collection point prior to March 1.

Since we are an all-volunteer organization our time and resources are somewhat limited and we want to make sure that we are "on the mark" in what we provide for our neighbors. For instance, in the last several years we have endeavored to provide for you a good quality newsletter that is informative and useful. We need to know if you agree that this is a good investment of your time and money. What do you like about it? What don't you like about it? How can it be improved?

The same is true regarding our Summer, Spring & Winter get-togethers. Currently these target primarily children. Would you like to see more activities for adults? Sports Activities? What ideas do you have for making these even more fun? Do you prefer morning or afternoon events and are Saturdays better for you than Sundays?

Our drive several years ago to place Topper Signs throughout our neighborhood was extremely successful. What other improvements would you like to see in our neighborhood?

The Quarterly General Meetings currently draw from 30 to 40 residents and feature interesting programs and updates on what is going on in our neighborhood and the larger City of Santa Ana. What could we do to improve our attendance at these events? What programs would you be interested in attending?

We currently have an e-mail system that is very informative and reaches almost 200 homes. If you are not on this would you like to be? Do you know how to be included?

Were you visited by our welcoming committee when you moved into our neighborhood? Did this make you feel that you made a good decision to move to our neighborhood?

These and many more questions are on the minds of your board members. We'd like to know what you want and expect and whether our time volunteering is well spent from the viewpoint of each and every resident. Only you can provide the answer. We are looking forward to hearing from you. Don't let us down!

Best to you All,

Eric

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For a list of prices

**MORRISON PARK
NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY,
February 20th
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

February

14 Valentine's Day
11 MPNA Board Meeting
 17 President's Day
20 MPNA General Meeting

March

5 Ash Wednesday
11 MPNA Board Meeting
 16 St. Patrick's Day
 20 First Day of Spring

April

8 MPNA Board Meeting
 13 Palm Sunday
 15 Passover
 18 Good Friday
 20 Easter Sunday
 25 National Arbor Day

Important Contacts

EMERGENCY (Police/Fire)	911
Police Dispatch / Non Emergency (File a Police Report)	834-4211
Noise Complaints	834-4211
Code Enforcement	667-2780
(code violations, overcrowding, unsafe/unsanitary housing)	
Estella Roduarte (neighborhood officer)	667-2776
Graffiti in process	245-8665
Graffiti Removal	1-877-STOPTAG
Animal Control (dogs barking, stray/injured animals, etc.)	245-8792
Shopping Cart Removal	667-2780

See new event photos on the
 MPNA website at
www.morrisonpark.org

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The Morrison Park Association Newsletter is published quarterly. If you have articles or topics of interest that you would like to see printed here please contact the editors; Mike Ekstrom and Rom Lozares at mikekstrom@sbcglobal.net

MORRISON PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

1ST QUARTERLY MEETING FOR 2014

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20—7:00 PM

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GOD I.M.

1025 West Memory Lane

Special Guest Speakers & Topics:

Ana Gonzales

Assistant Vice President Community Affairs

Community Initiatives Manager & Resolution Specialist

US Bank

“PROTECTING YOURSELF FROM SCAMS”

Claire Ghazai

Voluntary Coordinator at the Food Access Coalition

And Harvest Club of Orange County

“DONATING EXCESS CITRUS FRUITS”

Caroline Yacoub

Vice President, MPNA

“2013 NEIGHBORHOOD ACTIVITIES IN REVIEW”

A Brief MPNA Business Meeting Will Follow!

ALL MORRISON PARK RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME

AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

Electronic Recycling

There is a program that can be a **GREAT FUND-RAISER** to help with our **NEWSLETTER COSTS**. If you work for a company or own a company please consider using Living Green Recycling for your electronics recycling and data destruction and tell them you want to be a Charitable Business Partner with the Morrison Park Neighborhood Association.

They will donate a percentage of the proceeds to our association. They also have a secure data destruction service.. Their web-site is www.livinggreenrecycling.com. Contact them at livinggreenrecycling@gmail.com or at 866*674-3177 extension 100

Snow Day in Eldridge Park

There was record attendance at the Winter Snow Party in Eldridge Park in December. Thanks to John Padilla for hosting the petting zoo that included a camel! In addition to a craft table, piñatas, Santa Claus, and drawings for prizes there was a lot of snow for everyone to enjoy, with snowballs, sleds, or making snow angels. Many thanks to all who made this memorable event possible.

Visit www.morrisonpark.org to see many pictures of the snow party.



ANNUAL HOLIDAY YARD DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to this year's winners:

On Monday, December 16 between 6:30 and 8:00 PM we did the judging on the HOLIDAY DECORATIONS. The judges this year were Carole Ayres, Debbie Muise, Pastor Greg Robbins & Eric Scandrett. Details are as follows:

We had a total of 203 Properties participate which is about 42% of our neighborhood. This is an all time record number of participants. Congratulations and thanks to one and all!

The winners in this year's contest were:



This display offers a variety of holiday decorations centered around an absolutely stunning Manger scene with near life-size figures. This has been a part of our neighborhood holiday decorations for many, many years and we are pleased to honor it as the Best Traditional Display for this year.



This display offers a spectacular array of decorations including many colored lights outlining the entire home and numerous seasonal displays, all being watch over by Snoopy peeking out the window from his cozy spot inside. This was also the winner of a prize last year and even more decorations were added this year.



This massive display of lighting and other holiday themed figures encompasses an entire corner lot and is not to be missed. This is the second year also for this family's winning an award and they continue to add to the display each year.

A \$50 award for each of the 3 above families has been presented by your MPNA Board as a token of our appreciation for all the time, effort and expense of making our neighborhood look so beautiful.

In addition the judges found 7 properties that received SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR EXCEPTIONAL EFFORT. They are:

2805 Flower
2705 Flower
2618 Baker
2737 Freeman

2906 Fallbrook
2932 Fallbrook
1025 Fairbrook

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Holiday Decorations Contest

Also Honorable Mention goes to the following properties listed here in random order:

1011 Sherwood	2833 Olive
1025 Sherwood	2810 Westwood
943 Fairbrook	2617 Westwood
942 Orange	2605 Westwood
1010 Orange	2610 Greenbrier
1019 Orange	2612 Baker
2726 Lowell	1108 Park
2738 Lowell	1014 Park
2818 Lowell	2737 Flower
2801 Freeman	2818 Flower
2738 Freeman	2602 Louise
2732 Freeman	

Congratulations to one and all!

On Tuesday, December 17 Alice Hood continued the tradition of many, many years of leading a group of CHRISTMAS CAROLERS to bring joy to our residents. This year there were a total of 14 volunteer carolers who visited about 10 homes including the Care Center on Park Lane. They started at 6:15 PM and finished around 8:00 PM when Alice hosted the group in her home for refreshments. We are deeply indebted to these volunteers who take time from their busy holiday schedule to bring joy into the lives of others.

Belated Happy Holidays to all!

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

MorrisonPKNA@aol.com

More photos of the winners



2838 N. Olive Lane



1001 W. Orange Road



946 Fairbrook Lane

The Harvest Club of Orange County collects excess fruit and vegetables from local neighborhoods and distributes them to local food pantries, soup kitchens, and senior centers. Upon invitation, they will come to your house and pick the fruit and vegetables at no cost to the homeowner. They are on the program for the February MPNA General Meeting.

In case you can't come to the meeting, you can visit their web site at www.theharvestclub.org or contact the volunteer coordinator, Claire Ghazal, at cghazal@ocfoodaccess.org or 714-5649525. Please don't let good food go to waste.

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It's February again, time to take down holiday decorations.

Just some information that we thought we'd share with you. Did you know that the City of Santa Ana has passed an ordinance, SAMC 8-667 regarding the removal of holiday decorations from homes?

All residents in the City of Santa Ana must remove their Christmas lights and decorations within thirty days after the first of the year. Code Enforcement is the enforcing agency and has been giving out warnings to residents that have not complied with the ordinance. If a resident does not address the issue, a citation is then given.

[Lost and found pets](#)

There have been a lot of Lost and Found pets in the Morrison Park neighborhood recently. Fortunately most have been reunited with their owners. To Assist in making the connections, please notify Ivan Ashbaugh. at Morri-sonPkNA@aol.com. Since he might not read the email until late in the day, It is best to let him know via telephone (714) 558-2708, that an email has been sent. Provide as much information as possible, including a picture, description, breed, where found/lost, and name and phone number of the contact person. Let Ivan know when pet and owner have been reunited. If you have posted signs, PLEASE take them down when the reunion has been made.

PERSONAL ASSISTANT FOR HIRE

With over 14 years of experience both in the corporate arena and the private sector, I am a seasoned, reliable professional who is adept at successfully accomplishing a wide range of tasks. I am currently available on a part-time basis.

How I can assist you:

- ◆ Senior assistance (shopping, appointments) ◆
- ◆ General errands ◆ Gift shopping ◆ Personal shopping ◆ Groceries/Costco/Target/Wal-Mart ◆
- ◆ Typing services ◆ Telephone calls ◆
- ◆ Internet research/hard to find items/memorabilia acquisition ◆
- ◆ Booking appointments ◆ Package prep/shipping ◆
- ◆ Client appreciation gifts ◆ Thank you cards/invitations ◆

ANDREA GALE

andi501@hotmail.com

(714) 875-0939

Excellent references Morrison Park experience

First Tuesday of every month: **Discovery Science Center**-Up to four Free tickets to Santa Ana Residents; 542-2823; www.discoverycube.org

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-

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 Tuesday of every month: **City Council Meeting**; 5:45 pm; City Council Chambers, 22 Civic Center Pla-

Morrison Park Real Estate Activity Fourth Quarter 2013

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Bed/Bath

Price

2817 N Olive Lane

4/2

\$539,000

1107 W Memory Ln. #12C

2/2

\$188,000

2926 N. Fernwood Dr.

4/4

\$417,000

2612 N. Louise St.

4/2

\$649,000

Your Financial Support Is Urgently Needed For Our Newsletter Fund!

Our MPNA Newsletter reaches almost 500 families each quarter and is the primary source of keeping everybody informed of what is going on in our neighborhood! However, only about 40 families have made contributions! Please consider making a contribution to this effort! Any amount is sincerely appreciated! If 50 more families were to contribute \$10 each or 25 families \$20 each that would help us a lot. 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

SPECIAL THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED RECENTLY!

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