



Annual NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE

Saturday, March 28, 2009

8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

(Rain Date: Sat., April 4)

With over a hundred individual sellers participating each year, WHNA's Annual Neighborhood Yard Sale has proved to be one of our neighborhood's most popular events. It brings in a multitude of buyers from throughout Whittier as well as many surrounding communities. So many people coming into the area looking to buy on one day greatly increases the possibility sellers will make some cash and end their day with less clutter. Remember, "One man's junk is another man's treasure."

WHNA's fourth annual Neighborhood Yard Sale is only a few weeks away. So now is the ideal time to begin preparing for it by sorting and clearing out all of your clutter. To help you determine what to keep and what to sell, ask yourself the following questions as you sort:

Does it work? Do I really need it?
Do I enjoy it? Am I using it now?

Then earmark all of your unnecessary things
for selling at WHNA's upcoming yard sale.

As with past years' sales, all neighborhood residents are invited to participate. Each resident must set up and conduct their own sale. WHNA will provide the advertising and publicity.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

By Rosie Seelt

On Halloween night, neighbors Fred and Margaret Ramirez turn the front yard of their Bright Avenue home into a frightening, fog enshrouded cemetery. That doesn't seem to deter trick or treaters though. Last year, over 500 youngsters made their way through the cemetery to the Ramirez's front door where their bravery was rewarded.

It is the Ramirez's love of entertaining that prompted them to purchase their Whittier home and place a few Halloween items on its front yard the first year they lived there. Before that, they were living in a modern townhouse in Fullerton, but found it was too small to accommodate their large, extended family that includes four children and nine grandchildren. They have put a lot of time and hard work into renovating their Craftsman-style home since moving into it in 1994. That combined with Margaret's talent for decorating and smart shopping has resulted in the home of their dreams.

Fred and Margaret are native Californians who were born in Los Angeles. In fact, Margaret was born at home in her parents' house and went on to graduate from Roosevelt High School. Fred graduated from Excelsior



Fred & Margaret Ramirez

High School following his family's move to La Mirada. After earning a Liberal Arts Degree from Cal State Long Beach, he served in the U.S. Navy from 1965-69 as a junior grade Lieutenant aboard the U.S.S. Saint Paul, a heavy cruiser that was deployed with the Seventh Fleet off the coast of Vietnam providing gunfire support to allied troops during the Vietnam War. After being discharged from the service, he went to work for Los Angeles County as a probation officer. In 1972-74, he attended the Masters Program in Public Administration & Justice at U.S.C. In 1986, he went to work for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department where he and Margaret met when she walked into his office and asked him to

sign some purchase requisitions. Fred gruffly told her to toss them on a stack of papers and said he'd sign them when he had time. Margaret persisted and left with the requisitions signed vowing never again to set foot in Fred's office. Despite that rocky start, love eventually blossomed and the two were married in 1990. Margaret retired in 1998 as the Custody Division's Budget Representative and Fred retired as the Department's Chief of Technical Services in 2000.

Since retirement, the couple has bought a second home in Arizona, but they are always in Whittier for Halloween and the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays where they spend a great deal of their time gardening and working on home maintenance. It is in their Arizona home, however, where they are truly able to relax, enjoy the local scenery and entertainment, work Sudoku puzzles and do some reading. Whichever home they're in, they are frequently joined by family members who all delight in eating the delicious food prepared by Fred, who greatly enjoys cooking.

Welcome

WHNA welcomes the following neighbors who became members between September 1 & December 31, 2008:

Greg Hinman - Greenleaf
Christine & Larry Mowles - Friends
Dale & Eileen Reading - Washington
Rudy Lopez & Monica Varela - Beverly
Brigitta Weger - Bright

LOST & FOUND PETS

Paula Miller has volunteered to be the contact person for WHNA's Neighborhood Lost & Found Pet Service. If you lose or find a pet in our neighborhood, please telephone or email Paul with the following information: 1. Species of animal lost or found, 2. Pet's name, 3. Physical description of animal, 4. Date lost or found, 5. Location where animal was last seen or was found, 6. Telephone number where you can be reached by someone having information about the animal. Paula will then email your information and an appeal for help to WHNA's membership.

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Lost & Found Pets

Paula Miller

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DID YOU KNOW?

By Jeanette McKenna

Between the 1880s and 1960s, a company known as the Sanborn Fire Insurance Company mapped incorporated cities throughout the United States for insurance purposes. The City of Whittier, founded in 1887, was first mapped in 1888. These detailed maps were periodically updated into the 1950s. The City maps are available on 207 large sheets that identify individual buildings, structures, and improvements (e.g. streets, buried pipes, landforms, etc.). Individual properties can be identified by street address and buildings are identified by shape, size, location on a lot, and in relation to neighboring properties. Persons wishing to examine their individual properties can look for changes in the improvements – such as additions to a single structure or the addition of other structures. In some cases, the original addresses can be identified and used in other avenues of research.

NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION

Graffiti Removal Kits

In an ongoing effort to keep our neighborhood free of graffiti, WHNA has available for the asking (FREE) small graffiti removal kits containing Graffiti X. If you would like one, please call Judy @ 693-4119. For large graffiti removal, please call the City's graffiti hotline @ 562-464-3560.

Date Built Plaques

"Date Built" plaques may be purchased at anytime for only \$48. If you would like to order one, please call Joseph Aguilar @ 693-1208 and he will be happy to send you an order form.

The City of Whittier recently completed a preliminary survey of the historic portions of the City (roughly north of Whittier Blvd.) to identify properties over 50 years of age. Over 2000 structures were identified, including those now identified as being within historic districts north of Hadley Street and adjacent to Whittier College. As part of the research, the set of historic Sanborn Maps was compiled and made available to the City for reference. A set of these maps was also provided to the Whittier Historical Society and the initial set is still maintained by McKenna et al., the consultant for the project and a local Whittier resident.

Persons wishing to initiate research into their specific properties should feel free to contact any or all of these repositories to visually inspect the maps, identify their property, and obtain additional advice in completing their research.

WHNA Calendar of Events

Thurs., January 15 7 P.M.

WHNA Board Meeting
6048 Greenleaf Avenue

Thurs., February 19 7 P.M.

WHNA Board Meeting
To Be Announced

Thurs., March 19 7 P.M.

WHNA Board Meeting
6317 Bright Avenue

Sat., March 28 8 A.M. - 1 P.M.

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Thurs., April 16 7 P.M.

WHNA Board Meeting
6318 Washington Avenue

HOLIDAY DECORATION WINNERS

Winners of the 2008 WHNA Holiday Decoration Contest were: Theme Award – Glen & Mary Valuent, 6242 Washington Ave.; Best Design – Edward & Corrine Jimenez, 6207 Washington Ave.; Best Use of Lights – The Swick Family, 5857 Friends Ave.; Best Lawn Display – Fred & Margaret Ramirez, 6042 Bright Ave.; Best Window Display – Tim & Annette White, 6344 Painter Ave.; Most Innovative – The Mitchell Family, 13211 Park St.; Most Elegant – Joe & Kathy Goldman, 5811 Bright Ave.; Block Award – 6200 Block of Washington Ave.; Olde Time Holiday – Darrel & Anna Saucedo, 13218 Hadley St.; Inspirational – Ignacio & Sarah Chavez, 6301 Bright Ave.; Best Front Porch – Christine Ramirez, 6537 Washington Ave.; Best Tree In A Window – Ron & Barbara Light, 5854 Painter Ave.; Best Handcrafted/Handmade Decor – Leroy & Vivian Schmaltz and Risha & Nikki Schodlbauer, 6012 & 6016 Painter Ave.; Mayor's Award – Jason & Monica Redfox, 5802 Washington Ave.; and Honorable Mention – "How did he get all those lights wrapped around that tall tree?" The Jose Lara Family, 6216 Friends Ave.

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BOUNDARIES

North: Orange Drive
West: Greenleaf Avenue
East: Painter Avenue
South: Central Park Historic District

DUES are \$10 per year (June 1-May 31) per household.

The WHNA Newsletter is published three times per year in January, May and September.

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME REPORT

Date/Time	Offense	Location
Oct. 01 - 6:46 am	Misc. Crime	6000 block Friends Ave.
Oct. 08 - 1:06 pm	Larceny Vehicle	13200 block Beverly Blvd.
Oct. 10 - 12:05 pm	Misc. Crime	6300 block Friends Ave.
Oct. 15 - 1:13 pm	Larceny Theft	6000 block Friends Ave.
Oct. 17 - 11:48 pm	Misc. Crime	6300 block Greenleaf Ave.
Oct. 18 - 1:20 pm	Misc. Crime	6200 block Greenleaf Ave.
Oct. 21 - 8:18 am	Larceny Theft	6000 block Friends Ave.
Oct. 21 - 8:46 pm	Missing/Found Person	6300 block Painter Ave.
Oct. 27 - 3:58 pm	Larceny Theft	13300 block Hadley St.
Oct. 28 - 7:58 am	Vandalism	6300 block Friends Ave.
Oct. 28 - 12:40 pm	Larceny Theft	5800 block Friends Ave.
Oct. 28 - 1:20 pm	Misc. Crime	13300 block Hadley St.
Oct. 29 - 1:01 pm	Larceny Theft	6000 block Friends Ave.
Oct. 31 - 11:42 pm	Misc. Crime	6300 block Greenleaf Ave.
Nov. 02 - 11:27 pm	Misc. Crime	6300 block Friends Ave.
Nov. 05 - 3:15 pm	Misc. Crime	13000 block Hadley St.
Nov. 08 - 10:57 am	Misc. Crime	6300 block Painter Ave.
Nov. 10 - 12:31 pm	Larceny Theft	6000 block Friends Ave.
Nov. 12 - 2:20 pm	Larceny Theft	6300 block Bright Ave.
Nov. 13 - 11:37 am	Larceny Theft	6200 block Friends Ave.
Nov. 16 - 9:09 pm	Robbery	6200 block Bright Ave.
Nov. 19 - 11:31 pm	Assault Aggravated	6200 block Bright Ave.
Dec. 03 - 11:19 pm	Misc. Crime	13200 block Beverly Blvd.
Dec. 05 - 3:32 pm	Larceny Vehicle	6300 block Bright Ave.
Dec. 05 - 7:13 pm	Larceny Theft	6200 block Washington Ave.
Dec. 08 - 3:25 pm	Larceny Theft	13100 block Broadway
Dec. 09 - 10:51 pm	Misc. Crime	6300 block Bright Ave.
Dec. 11 - 11:29 am	Narcotics	6200 block Washington Ave.
Dec. 15 - 11:44 pm	Larceny Theft	6000 block Bright Ave.
Dec. 16 - 10:17 am	Grand Theft Auto	13200 block Beverly Blvd.
Dec. 17 - 12:54 pm	Misc. Crime	6300 block Bright Ave.
Dec. 23 - 7:24 pm	Grand Theft Auto	6000 block Bright Ave.
Dec. 24 - 1:42 am	Misc. Crime	6300 block Friends Ave.
Dec. 27 - 11:10 pm	Vandalism	5800 block Washington Ave.
Dec. 27 - 12:58 am	Misc. Crime	6000 block Washington Ave.
Dec. 29 - 1:50 pm	Fraud	5800 block Bright Ave.
Dec 29 - 2:55 pm	Larceny Theft	6300 block Friends Ave.

Crime information provided by the Whittier Police Department

2008/2009 WHNA Membership Coupon

Join Today! Annual dues of just \$10 per year (June 1-May 31), per household, help WHNA pay for flyers, three yearly newsletters, cost for general meetings, the Annual Holiday Decorating Contest and miscellaneous administration costs for its ongoing operation.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Please make check payable to: WHNA
P.O. Box 754
Whittier, CA 90608

Renewal _____ New Member _____