



Whittier Historic Neighborhood Association

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NEWS

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GOT WATER?

Do you know where the water in your home comes from? How it gets there? If it's safe to drink? Who to call if a pipe breaks under the street, if your home is flooded, or if you have no water? Who is responsible for repairs to pipes in the parkway? Do you know where your sewer line is? Do you know how to find out where you can safely plant a tree in your yard without hitting a water or sewer pipe? To learn the answers to these questions and much more, be sure to come hear Whittier's Director of Public Works, David Pelsler, at the

WHNA Annual Meeting

Thursday, May 21, 2009, 7 P.M.

Village Professional Center
13225 Philadelphia Street, Whittier

FREE DRAWINGS

for

Date Built Plaque

&

\$50 Gift Certificates

Battels Hardware - Crapes & Grapes - Chef's Corner - Pour Le Bain

May is WHNA Membership Renewal Month . . . Join Today . . . See Back Cover



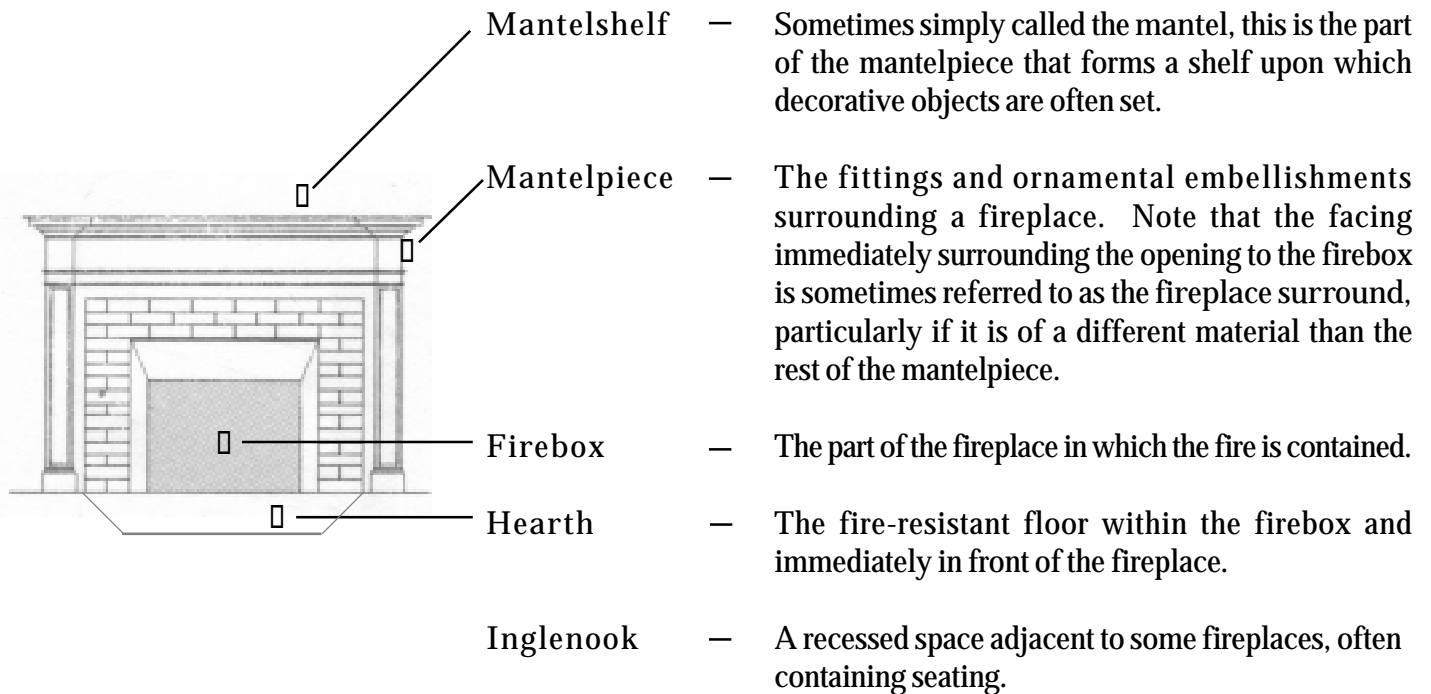
Home is Where the Hearth Is

It was the center of life in the colonial cottage and the pioneer cabin, the source of warmth, of light and of fire for cooking. When it was no longer required to provide these functions, it persisted in our culture as a gathering place and focal point, continuing to be built into a high percentage of quality houses. It was the iconic center of every home designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. And of course, it was and is the portal for Santa Claus. It has always been the place that symbolized home and invites us to coziness, to celebrations, and into the circle of family and friends. It is the fireplace.

Even given the results of the Whittier earthquake, the variety and number of original fireplaces in the interiors of the homes in our neighborhood is remarkable, a sort of catalogue of early twentieth century craftsmen, materials and design that has prompted me to want to write a series of articles about them. Some of these fireplaces are fully functional, some are not, or never were, but with or without a lighted fire, there is no doubt that the fireplace itself is one of the most prominent and compelling aesthetic features of a home.

The first article will establish some terms that can be used to identify and describe the major parts of a fireplace that are visible from within a home's interior. Future articles will deal with styles exemplifying various architectural styles, specific materials such as types of tile, brick and stone, and craftsmen and companies including prominent art tile makers such as Ernest Batchelder, whose work graces our neighborhood.

A Glossary of Fireplace Terms*



*Some of the definitions are based on material found in Steven J. Phillips, *Old House Dictionary: An Illustrated Guide to American Domestic Architecture (1600-1940)*, the Preservation Press, 1992.

Auto Theft Prevention Tips

Never leave your car running unattended, even to dash into a business, store, etc.

Never leave any keys in the car or ignition, inside a locked garage, or in hide-a-key boxes.

Always roll up your windows and lock the car, even if it is parked in front of your home.

Install a mechanical device that locks the steering wheel, column, or brakes. These devices will deter some criminals.

Never leave valuables in plain view, even if your car is locked. Put them in the trunk out of sight.

Always park in high-traffic, well-lighted areas, when possible.

Never leave personal identification documents, vehicle ownership title, or credit cards in your vehicle.

If you must leave your key with a valet, attendant, or mechanic, leave only the ignition key.

Copy your license plate and vehicle information numbers on a card and keep them with you. If your vehicle is stolen, the police will need this information to take a report.

Source: Whittier Police Department April 2009 Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

Calling All Walkers & Talkers

Do you like to walk around your neighborhood just to get outdoors, to work in some of the recommended 10,000 steps of exercise, and to enjoy viewing the variety of architectural styles of homes? Do you like to meet your neighbors and get better acquainted?

THEN YOU ARE JUST THE PERSON WE ARE LOOKING FOR to serve as a Block Captain for the Whittier Historic Neighborhood Association (WHNA).

The duties of a WHNA Block Captain are easy to fulfill:

1. Distribute the WHNA newsletter three times a year and an occasional flyer with information for your neighbors about special events.
2. Attend one evening meeting each month on the third Thursday, to plan WHNA activities and join with other neighbors who are interested in the betterment of our unique, historic neighborhood.

**GET ACQUAINTED – GET INVOLVED
HELP MAKE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD
A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE
INTERESTED? NEED MORE INFORMATION?
Please call Karen Stoltz @ (562) 464-9543**

2009/2010 WHNA Officer Nominees

The 2009 WHNA Nominating Committee has submitted the following slate to the Board of Directors for elections to be held at the WHNA Annual Meeting on May 21, 2009:



President
Risha Schodlbauer



Vice President
Jim Sass



Secretary
Corrine Jimenez



Treasurer
Monica Varela

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The Whittier Historic Neighborhood Association is a nonprofit membership organization.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Joseph Aguilar, President 693-1208
 Araceli Ortiz, Vice President 505-2787
 Diane Parra-Wilcox, Secretary 945-9914
 Janice Harbin, Treasurer 696-0543
 Rosie Seelt, Newsletter 698-1457
 Karen Stoltz, Home Tour 464-9543

BLOCK REPRESENTATIVES

Doris Arcadi, Karen Bennett, Debra Canham,
 Kathy Goldman, Janice Harbin,
 Myra Hilliard, Molly Mendoza,
 Sabron Newton, Araceli Ortiz,
 Diane Parra-Wilcox, Risha Schodlbauer,
 Rosie Seelt, Margo Smith,
 Bob & Karen Stoltz, Monica Varela

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.

WHNA Calendar of Events

Weds., April - Oct. 5 - 9 PM
 Uptown Family Fair & Farmers' Mkt.

Sat., May 9 9:30 AM - 2 PM
 Founders' Day Celebration
 Central Park

Sat., May 16 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
 Whittier PD Open House
 Corner Painter Avenue
 and Penn Street

Thurs., May 21 7:00 PM
 "Got Water?"
 WHNA Annual Meeting
 13225 Philadelphia St., Whittier

Thurs., June 18 7:00 PM
 WHNA Board Meeting
 6016 Painter Avenue

Mons., July - August 7:00 PM
 Concerts in the Park
 Central Park

Thurs., July 16 7:00 PM
 WHNA Board Meeting
 6317 Bright Avenue

Tues., August 4 7-10 PM
 National Night Out
 Turn on your porch light as a symbol of neighborhood unity. Send the message that we are watching, listening and will call the police if anyone brings criminal activity into our neighborhood.

Thurs., August 20 7:00 PM
 WHNA Board Meeting
 Mexican Cafe
 7040 Greenleaf Avenue

Writers Wanted

If you like to write and would be interested in writing short articles for WHNA's newsletter, please contact Rosie at (562) 698-1457. We are looking for neighbors to contribute timely and interesting articles on topics like neighborhood history, neighborhood events, people, gardening, and how-to that will inspire and connect with the residents of our neighborhood.

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. Current members will be mailed a renewal form in the month of May.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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

Renewal ____ New Member ____