



Annual

NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC

Central Park

Saturday, September 19, 2009, 3 - 6 PM

All Neighborhood Residents Invited

Free Hot Dogs, Popcorn, Ice Cream & Drinks
Free Drawing for Uptown Gift Certificates
Fun & Games for Adults & Kids

2009

HOME TOUR

Saturday, October 24, 10 AM - 4 PM

With WHNA's 2009 Neighborhood Home Tour less than two months away, Karen Stoltz and her committee are once again busy preparing write-ups, pictures and ads for printed materials; as well as assembling cars, quilts, and raffle prizes assuring us of another successful tour.

As always, five gracious neighbors have volunteered their lovely homes for the tour. Tickets for this year's tour are still only \$15 in advance and \$18

the day of the tour. Ticket sales will begin at the neighborhood picnic on September 19 and may be purchased anytime afterwards at Pour Le Bain, 6721 Greenleaf Avenue, the Whittier Museum, 6755 Newlin Avenue and the Whittier Art Gallery at 8035 Painter Avenue. Tickets may also be purchased on October 9, 16, and 23 at the Whittier Farmers' Market on the corner of Bright Avenue

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HOME IS WHERE THE HEARTH IS - II

This is one of a series of articles meant to help with the understanding and appreciation of original features in our old homes, and to inspire their care and preservation

Although the mantel shelves on our original fireplaces are often wood, and, particularly in Victorian examples, portions of the rest of the mantelpiece might also be wood, the hearth and mantel materials nearest the firebox were always built of non-flammable materials. Examples of such materials include stone, concrete or "cast stone", brick, and ceramic tile, all of which appear in various forms in our neighborhood.

In the era in which most of our houses were built, one of the best known and popular makers of fireplace tile, as well as tile for other uses, was Ernest Batchelder. He produced tile from 1909 to 1932, starting at his home in Pasadena and growing through several partnerships to a large factory in Los Angeles. His products were sold all over the country, tiles being ordered from the factory and assembled by a tile setter on site.



Batchelder Fireplace Tile

Batchelder tiles were molded by hand, have a matte finish, and were of various shades of browns and greenish blue, sometimes with a dusky brown contrasting against a greenish blue background. Tiles could be purchased in any combination, the numerous

catalog choices ranging from unadorned "field" tiles, typically 1 3/4" x 1 3/4", used alone or with small or somewhat larger tiles depicting birds, animals, plants, medieval or Mayan themes, to ensembles creating entire fireplaces of tile with corbelled mantelshelf, bordered hearth, ornamented arch or hood over the firebox, and fireplace facing with a combination of large pictorial tiles such as "The City of Hearthside Dreams" group, and the "Old Lace Design" group, both to be found in our neighborhood.

An original Batchelder fireplace adds considerable value to a home. It should also be noted that there were other companies that produced similar earth tone, matte finish fireplace tiles, that are also very beautiful and valuable. If you think you might have a Batchelder or similar fireplace, avoid chipping or scratching the tiles, clean only very gently using no abrasives, and guard against moisture from plumbing leaks, etc. which can damage both the body and surface of these tiles.



Batchelder-Style Tile

2009

Audit Report

On June 9, 2009, we the undersigned examined the financial records of the WHNA Treasurer for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2008 and ending May 31, 2009. We do hereby stipulate that we found them correct; and that the balance in hand on May 31, 2009 for the General Operating Checking Account was \$683.47, and for the Home Tour Checking Account \$2,140.45, and for the Certificate of Deposit \$27,609.42.

Audit Committee

(signed)

Leon C. Bennett

James S. Sass

Maureen C. Dickson

and Philadelphia Street. On the day of the tour, tickets will be available at the ticket booth located at 6318 Washington Avenue. To inquire about group rates, please call (562) 464-9543.

The tour is WHNA's primary fundraiser. All proceeds benefit the association's neighborhood projects and donation programs.

The tour wouldn't happen without volunteers like Karen, her committee members and the horde of docents who make it run smoothly by taking tour-goers on a room-by-room trip through each home, describing its history and architectural details. If you'd like to help with this year's tour by volunteering to be a docent, please call Karen at (562)464-9543. It's an excellent way to become involved and make a significant contribution to the tour and your neighborhood. A second way you can help is to invite all of your friends and family to set the day aside and come enjoy the tour. It's a great way to have fun and show off our historic neighborhood!

FIVE REASONS YOU SHOULD ATTEND THE 2009 WHNA HOME TOUR

VALUE:	For around the same price as popcorn and a movie, you can spend the day browsing five beautiful, historic neighborhood homes.
CARING:	Hundreds of your neighbors and friends have volunteered thousands of hours to bring you the tour.
FITNESS:	Skip the gym and walk your Historic Neighborhood Home Tour, it's good for your body and mind.
PHILANTHROPY:	Thousands of dollars will be raised which will be used for historic neighborhood improvement projects.
ENCOURAGEMENT:	Be inspired by your neighbors in their preservation efforts.

Did You Know?

By Rosie Seelt

Did you know the infamous gangster, bootlegger and hit man, Bugsy Segal, visited a house right here in our neighborhood? It is said he was a guest in the home's basement where he enjoyed drinking and gambling. At the time, the basement had a leather bar and its three-foot thick cement walls and fireplace surround were painted with Indian murals. The 1923 Spanish Revival house, located at 5821 Painter Avenue, was built of hand-poured concrete by its first owner Omar Coppock, a cement contractor who along with his brother Ray built many of Whittier's first sidewalks, curbs and gutters. Liz Trueblood, who grew up in the home during the 1950s and 60s and whose parents owned it for almost 30 years, says her family learned of Segal's visits from past



House Segal Visited

owners. Although it is not known exactly when Segal visited the Whittier house, it is well documented that he had a gambling hotel built in Lake Arrowhead in 1929 and moved to the Los Angeles area in 1937 where he lived until his demise in 1947. During that time, he was known to be a frequent visitor at Santa Anita Park

in nearby Arcadia where he claimed he made a living betting on horses. It was probably sometime during that period, that Segal's car drove around the Painter Avenue home's circular driveway to the back of the house where he quietly disappeared behind the basement's heavy wooden door unseen by neighbors or anyone on the street in front.

Council to Review Late Night Entertainment Plan

Whittier's Planning Commission recently approved a conditional-use permit to allow a proposed new restaurant to stay open until 2 A.M. seven days a week with live karaoke entertainment. Bambooze would be located in the recently completed commercial building at 6518-6522 Greenleaf Avenue. Currently, no restaurant in Uptown has approval for live entertainment until 2 A.M. If the decision is allowed to stand, it could possibly set a precedent for future restaurants.

Mayor Bob Henderson has called up the proposed conditional-use permit for review by the City Council at its September 8th meeting.

Any restaurant serving liquor with live entertainment that is located only one short block from our neighborhood, as Bambooze would be, has the potential to greatly disturb nearby residents. So, it is important that you write, email, or telephone our city council members as well as attend the September 8th meeting at 6:30 P.M., to express any concerns or opinions you may have regarding Bambooze's conditional-use permit.



Let It Snow!

The theme for this year's Neighborhood Holiday Decoration Contest is "Let It Snow." All neighborhood residents are encouraged to participate in the contest which will take place on Thursday evening, December 17. There are no fees or entry forms to fill out. All you need to do is have your decorations on display and your lights turned on by 6 P.M. and contest judges will automatically look at your display as they drive through the neighborhood inspecting decorations. As in past years, awards will be given out in several different categories including best lawn display, best decorated block, most elegant, best porch display and more.

Surely you don't want to miss out on this fun neighborhood event. So now is the time to start planning and preparing your decorations. The contest is not just about winning. It's also about sharing the fun and joy of the holiday season with your neighbors, friends and the greater Whittier community. So, come on, get ready and, come December, have fun in the snow!

Neighborhood Scenes

The sign to the right was recently spotted on a neighbor's front yard. It should be a reminder to all neighborhood dog owners to:

- Make sure your dog is securely enclosed in your home or yard in a manner that prevents it from escaping and wandering onto your neighbors' yards.
- Always use a leash when walking your dog. It's the law!
- When walking your dog through the neighborhood, take care to keep it on the sidewalk and off neighbors' yards.
- If your dog relieves itself while you're out walking, PLEASE pick up the poop and properly dispose of it in an appropriate trash can.



WHNA Receives Commendation

At the June 9, 2009 Whittier City Council meeting, Mayor Bob Henderson presented WHNA with a commendation "for their partnership with the City of Whittier Park Department in the beautification of the Historic Neighborhood. We sincerely appreciate our community members who, through their Neighborhood Association, were able to increase the number of parkway trees planted in the neighborhood. Because of caring citizens like you, Whittier is a great place to live and work."

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As the 2009-10 membership year continues, WHNA is pleased to recognize and thank those residents who help to support our neighborhood association. In addition to paying for WHNA's administration costs, their dues also help to enhance the quality of life for every resident in our historic neighborhood. If you haven't sent in your dues for the current membership year, it is not too late! Just fill in the form on page 6 and mail it to WHNA along with your \$10 check.

Dues received as of 8/15/09:

Joseph Aguliar
Barbara Alaniz
Connie Alaniz
Kathy Alaniz
Doug & Sheryl Anderson
Doris Arcadi
Jose Aviles
Gabi Barbarena & Nick Rangel
Leon & Karen Bennett
Tom Buczala
Rafael & Gail Chabran
Danny Chan
Ignacio & Sara Chavez
Charles & Maria Claver
Fran Coeur
Jim Comparan
James & Debbie Cross
Barrie & Ruth Cruickshank
Ruben & Elizabeth Cruz
Linda DeVries
Dorothy Dettor
Maureen Dickson
Tomas & Lorena Duran
Tony & Gail Edelen
Bob & Joan Ewing
Ellen Fitzgerald
Nick Fusano & Jo Wheeler
Don & Sue Gale
Joe & Kathy Goldman
Dorothy Grey
Janice Harbin
Ken Henderson
Butch & Myra Hilliard
Susan Hubbs
Kevin & Jan Hussey
Judy & Gerry Jansen
Corrine Jimenez
Mary Jones
Esther Karnoff
Joyce Kaufman & Bob Marks
Allene & Kathy Kersh
Mary Jo King

Fred & Sheila Kerz
Tim Kung & Laura McEnaney
Michael & Traci Long
Eduardo & Victoria Lopez
Rudy Lopez & Monica Varela
Don & Peggy Mathews
Rick & MollyMendoza
Laurel Meyer
Paula Miller
Jeff & Lin Miller
Charles & Madeline Minear
Susan Mitchell
Laurie Monck
Maria Morales
Roger & Gloria Mount
Robert & Sabron Newton
Araceli Ortiz
Patricia O'Toole
Diane Parra-Wilcox
Antonio & Ariana Pinto
Jerry Preciado
Beverly Prentiss
Jerry Rankin
Jason & Monica Redfox
Alfonso & Angela Salazar
Joann Sarachman
Jim & Carina Sass
Risha Schodlbauer
Bruce & Rosie Seelt
Margot Smith
Bob & Karen Stoltz
John & Toni Swick
Ruth Thomason
Richard & Claudia Todd
Dani Tucker
Edith Van Campen
Belle Velasco
Daniel Washburn
Brigitta Weger
Mahlon & Gwen Woirhaye
Leonard & Paula Woo
Anne & Larry Young

(Please report any errors or omissions to
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Be the first to greet a new neighbor. Take them something delicious!

Jackson Brown
Life's Little Instructions

WHNA Calendar of Events

Thurs., September 17, 7 P.M.
WHNA Board Meeting
To Be Announced

Sat., September 19, 3 - 6 P.M.
Neighborhood Picnic
Central Park

Thurs., October 15, 7 P.M.
WHNA Board Meeting
6055 Washington Avenue

Sat., October 24, 10 - 4 P.M.
WHNA Home Tour

Uptown Antique Street Fair
Philadelphia Street

Thurs., November 19, 7 P.M.
WHNA Board Meeting
13207 Beverly Blvd.

Sat., December 12, 10 A.M.
Uptown Christmas Parade
Greenleaf Avenue

Thurs., December 17, 6 P.M.
WHNA
Holiday Decoration Contest

Welcome

WHNA welcomes the following neighbors who became new members between June 1, 2009-August 31, 2009:

Jim Comparan - Painter Ave.
Antonio & Ariana Pinto - Painter Ave.
Daniel Washburn - Bright Ave.

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The Whittier Historic Neighborhood Association is a nonprofit membership organization.

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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
June 01 - 12:01 am	Grand Theft	13026 Hadley St.
June 18 - 6:00 pm	Burglary Auto	6257 Friends Ave.
June 25 - 10:30 am	Petty Theft	6051 Washington Ave.
June 27 - 1:00 am	Petty Theft	13200 Beverly Blvd.
June 29 - 11:00 pm	Grand Theft	6221 Washington Ave.
July 01 - 7:30 am	Burglary Residential	6338 Bright Ave.
July 02 - 3:40 am	Aggravated Assult	6257 Friends Ave.
July 03 - 11:00 pm	Burglary Auto	5826 Friends Ave.
July 19 - 4:15 pm	Burglary Residential	6037 Washington Ave.
July 21 - 3:00 pm	Auto Theft	6236 Friends Ave.
July 27 - 9:00 am	Petty Theft	6032 Washington Ave.

Crime information provided by the Whittier Police Department
Crime Analysis Unit

Water Saving Tips

Indoors

- Repair leaks.
- Replace your old toilet - the largest water user inside your house.
- Take shorter showers, five minutes or less is best.
- Replace you clothes washer with an Energy Star machine.
- Wash only full loads.

Outdoors

- Water only when your plants need it.
- Water your yard and outdoor plants early or late in the day to reduce evaporation.
- Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways and walkways.

Remember, every drop counts! You can make a difference!

2009/2010 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 meetings, the Annual Holiday Decorating Contest, Annual Neighborhood Picnic 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 ____