



Whittier Historic Neighborhood Association

NEWS

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WHNA Annual Meeting

Thursday, May 15, 2008, 7:00 P.M.
The Whittier Museum
6755 Newlin Avenue, Whittier

Hollywood Movies

Made In Our Historic Neighborhood

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Dos & Don'ts To Ensure Your Home Is Camera Ready

Elections

Refreshments

Neighborhood Beautification

WHNA's recent partnership with the City of Whittier's Parks Department resulted in the planting of 42 beautiful trees in city-owned parkways throughout our historic neighborhood. The trees, paid for with \$5,000 of proceeds from WHNA's Annual Tour of Neighborhood Homes, were planted by the City.

WHNA first identified neighborhood blocks most in need of trees then worked closely with Parks Department staff to select the best locations for actually planting the trees. It was a lengthy process that involved looking at the locations of sign posts, water meters, light poles, gas lines, overhead wires and cables, front yard trees, driveway and front walk approaches as well as sprinkler lines. The City's



Tree Planting on Bright Avenue

Parkway Tree Index Master Plan then dictated what species of tree was planted on each block.

The addition of these trees to our neighborhood has greatly improved the aesthetics of our streetscapes as well as

added to our property values. As they grow and mature, they will increasingly benefit residents in a number of other ways, including helping to clean the air we breathe of harmful carbon dioxide, muffle noise and cool the air in hot weather.

To ensure the trees have every possible chance to grow and thrive will require assistance from neighbors to make sure each tree is watered on a regular basis. If one of the trees was planted in front of your house or apartment building, please make it a part of your weekly routine to give it a slow, deep watering—especially during hot weather. By doing so, you will be helping to continue our historic neighborhood's legacy of vibrant and beautiful tree-lined streetscapes.

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

WHNA Calendar of Events

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

Sat., May 10 9:30 AM - 2 PM
Founders' Day Celebration
Central Park

Thurs., May 15 7:00 PM
WHNA Annual Meeting
Whittier Museum
6755 Newlin Avenue

Thurs., June 19 7:00 PM
WHNA Board Meeting
6318 Washington Avenue

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

Thurs., July 17 7:00 PM
WHNA Board Meeting
5811 Bright Avenue

Tues., August 7 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 21 7:00 PM
WHNA Board Meeting
6317 Bright Avenue

Sat., Oct. 25 10 AM - 4 PM
WHNA Home Tour

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DON'T TRASH CALIFORNIA!

Litter Can Be Expensive For All Of Us

California is home to some of the most beautiful and scenic highways in the country. Highway 1, also known as Pacific Coast Highway, takes you on a 625-mile journey along the Coast of California. Interstate 5, which stretches from the Mexican border to the Oregon state border, can take you from the beautiful beaches of San Diego to the stunning Shasta-Trinity National Recreation area. Unfortunately, as pristine as these roads and views are, it's not uncommon to see them cluttered with everything from fast food wrappers and soda cans to bottles and cigarette butts.

The litter is not only an eyesore, but also a major contributor to storm water pollution. Many people don't realize that litter on the freeways and highways can end up in the storm drain system which in many cases then flows untreated into canals and streams, and ultimately to lakes, rivers and the ocean. The litter can end up polluting the water we swim in and can also harm marine life.

Caltrans spends more than \$61 million each year on litter removal from our freeways and highways. And, litter can be costly to you – most people don't realize that if you're caught littering in the state of California, you could receive a fine of up to \$1,000. Fortunately, there are a few simple ways that you can help prevent storm water pollution, and avoid a costly fine:

☐☐☐☐ Don't litter! Dispose of trash properly - in a trashcan.

☐☐☐☐ Always use a litterbag in you car and properly dispose of the bag once it is full.

☐☐☐☐ If you smoke, use the ashtray in your car instead of tossing your butts out the window.

☐☐☐☐ Regularly clean out truck beds of any debris that could fly out.

☐☐☐☐ If you are hauling a load in your truck, be sure to properly tie down and cover all loads.

Help keep California beautiful. Follow these tips and visit www.DontTrashCalifornia.info for more information.

Article courtesy CalTrans

Date Plaques Arrive



Our "Built Date" plaques have arrived and are beginning to appear on homes here and there throughout our historic neighborhood. In addition to answering that frequently asked question, "What year was your house built?" They're also doing a great job of adding historic interest and prestige to our neighborhood ambience.

Since sending off our order, we have received a number of requests from neighbors who missed out on ordering a plaque, but would like to do so now. So, WHNA will be sending in a second order on June 15. All you need to do is give Joseph Aguilar a call at (562) 693-1208 and he'll bring you an order form, help you fill it out and pick up your \$48 check to pay for the plaque. If you need help in dating your home, please see *Uncover The History Of Your Home At The Whittier Public Library*, on page three of WHNA's January 2008 Newsletter. You surely don't want to miss out a second time, so be sure to get your order in before June 15.

WANTED! Your Ideas & Suggestions

WHNA's Newsletter is intended to reflect the character and interest of our neighborhood. So your input is important. We're sure there are some great stories out there about our neighbors and our neighborhood. Maybe you have an idea or suggestion for a "Do You Know" column or perhaps you know a neighbor who would be a good candidate for the "Meet Your Neighbor" column. If you do, we'd like to hear about it. Or maybe you have something to share about neighborhood history, a neighborhood house or event, an anecdote, human interest story, special anniversary, special birthday, retirement, gardening tip, home repair or maintenance tip, or other suggestions for articles to include in our Newsletter. If you do, we want to hear from you. Please call Rosie at (562) 698-1457 and tell her about your ideas and suggestions.

2008/2009 WHNA Officer Nominees

The 2008 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 15, 2008:



President
Joseph Aguilar



Vice President
Araceli Ortiz



Secretary
Diane Parra-Wilcox



Treasurer
Janice Harbin

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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,
Fran Coeur, Kathy Goldman, Janice Harbin,
Myra Hilliard, Molly Mendoza,
Sabron Newton, Araceli Ortiz,
Diane Parra-Wilcox, Jo Jarachman,
Risha Schodlbauer, Rosie Seelt, Margo Smith,
Bob & Karen Stoltz, Gwen Woirhaye

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.

Good Neighbor Tip

The City of Whittier's Sign Ordinance prohibits the posting of signs on public property such as parkways, median islands, trees, signposts and light poles. If you are contemplating putting up a For Sale, For Rent or Yard Sale sign, please check with Code Enforcement (562-464-3415) first to find out if and where you can post your sign.

Thank you for helping our historic neighborhood look its best!

Welcome

WHNA welcomes the following neighbors who became new members between January 1 - April 30, 2008:

Blanca & Jose Duran Painter Ave.
Virginia Escobar Washington Ave.
John & Toni Swick Friends Ave.



REMINDER

May is the month to renew your annual membership to the Whittier Historic Neighborhood Association. Or if you are not currently a member, it is a good time to become one. Membership is open to all residents living within our boundaries, both homeowners and renters 18 years old and older.

Your support and volunteer participation is important in helping WHNA continue its work of making our neighborhood a safe, comfortable and enjoyable place for all of us to live. So won't you please complete and return the membership form below.

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: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

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

Renewal ____ New Member ____