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Notes

to Neighborhood Leaders

NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS



Quote

Behold the turtle. He makes progress only when he sticks his neck out.

-James B. Conant-

NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES



HUD's 203K Program Eases Home Purchase/Repair

Purchasing an older home that needs repair has just gotten easier, thanks to the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) 203K Program. Until now, when a home buyer wanted to buy a house in need of repair, he had to complete a three-step process: **1** – obtain financing to purchase the dwelling, **2** – get additional financing to renovate the property, and **3** – get a

permanent mortgage when the work was completed. HUD's 203K-mortgage program avoids this process by offering one financing package and favorable interest rates.

The 203K programs can be used to accomplish rehabilitation and/or improvement of an existing one-to-four unit dwelling in one of three ways:

1. To purchase a dwelling and the land on which the dwelling is located and rehabilitate it.
2. To purchase a dwelling on another site, move it onto a new foundation on the mortgaged property and rehabilitate it.
3. To refinance existing indebtedness and rehabilitate such a dwelling.

There is a minimum \$5000 requirement for the eligible improvements on the existing structure on the property. Any repair is acceptable in the first \$5000 requirement that may affect the health and safety of occupants. Purely cosmetic or minor repairs by themselves can't be included in the first \$5000, but may be added after the \$5000 threshold is reached.

The program is designed for home buyers who will live in the home they renovate and is not available for private investors. Cities and not-for-profit housing providers can also use the 203K program to assist their customers to purchase homes. Many local lenders are familiar with the HUD/FHA 203K

program. For more information, check out the HUD website at <http://WWW.HUD.GOV>.

- NUSA NEWS -

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



Flashback

Every so often, it is fascinating to look back in time to learn what the major issues of the day were over 20 years ago. The following list was found in the Neighborhood Connections archives during our move last year and it presents a picture of Pasadena's neighborhoods in October of 1977. Try to identify your neighborhood and determine if your issues have evolved over time. Or have they remained the same?

This is a list of major issues of the NOP neighborhood groups:

MCNAG – Mentor Catalina Neighborhood Action Group - Library access to handicapped, business's parking lot, and the vacant Market Basket property.

MP/WRSC – McDonald Park Wilson Reservoir Study Committee – McDonald Park.

UNIT – United Neighborhood Improvement Team – Election of new officers, just completed traffic control study and succeeded in having the City to put new lines on

N. Marengo, 30 mph signs, and higher amperage of streetlights. In the process of conducting a crime study of the area.

OHNA - Orange Heights Neighborhood Association - Working on contacting the owner of the vacant lot on Herbert and Madison Streets to begin revitalization process.

MV/ERPIA - Mar Vista Evelyn Place Residents Improvement Association - McDonald Park, gang activity, and absentee landlords.

LWBA - Lake Washington Business Association - Foot patrol in the Lake Washington area.

WBC - Wilson Block Club - Membership drive, McDonald Park, crime prevention, and tax re-assessment.

CLEM - Claremont Lake El Molino Mountain Neighborhood Association - Working on a Halloween Neighborhood Watch Patrol, Washington Park Study.

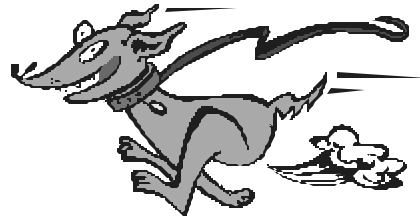
PHNA - Pasadena Highlands Neighborhood Association - Newly formed group concerned with crime. Presently working on a Neighborhood Watch Program in coordination with the PPD.

NHNA - Monk's Hill Neighborhood Association - Newly formed group working towards revitalization of the apartment building on 1375 N. Marengo. Members have sent a letter to the owner mentioning this concern.

Mentor Group - Newly formed group conducting membership drive, election of officers and concerns with the Market Basket property and littering.

Westminster Group - Newly formed group conducting membership drive, election of officers and researching the possibility of a Neighborhood Watch Program in the area.

- Brian Biery-



Regarding the Leash Law

Recently, a Bungalow Heaven neighbor's dog was attacked and hurt, while on a leash, by another dog, not on a leash, as they walked in our neighborhood.

The owner of the dog that was attacked was quite shaken by the incident, as was the dog. Veterinarian bills for treatment were in the hundreds. Fortunately, the owner of the other dog decently offered to pay the vet bills - but this doesn't always happen.

As pet owners, we all believe that our animals, whom we love, would never attack another animal or a human being, but we are wrong.

It is our responsibility to back up that belief and love for our animals by protecting them and others and obey the leash laws in our community.

If your dog is on a leash, you can control the animal and prevent harm to your pet and other animals, not to mention your fellow human beings. However, if the dog isn't on a leash, you can never predict what that animal will do.

Not to use this control measure set in place by a city ordinance is highly irresponsible and dangerous to others' well being.

Protect your neighborhood by always walking your dog on a leash. It's "the right thing to do."

- Bungalow Heaven
Newsletter-

Calendar of Upcoming Events

August 19 - Bicycle Safety Rodeo - Washington School @ 9 am - 1 pm

August 26 - Solita Rd. Block Party @ 2 - 6 pm

August 27 - Garfield Heights Home Tour @ 4 - 8 pm

Upcoming Council Meetings



Monday, August 21:

Council Chambers, City Hall
To be cancelled

Monday, August 28:

Council Chambers, City Hall
To be cancelled

Saturday, September 23:

Council Chambers, City Hall
Session 5:00 p.m.

Public Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Special Meeting - Transportation Workshop

Complete agendas of all City meetings as well as other important documents are available at the Pasadena Central and Branch Libraries. In addition, City Council Agendas can be found on the City's World Wide Web Page
<http://www.ci.pasadena.ca.us> and on the Community Bulletin Board broadcast on KPAS Channel 55.

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