

Chit Chat

News for Home and Living

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Is Falling in Love Like Owning a Pet?

Love is a big responsibility, so think long and hard before deciding on love. On the other hand, love gives you a sense of security. When you're walking down the street late at night and you have a leash on love, no one is going to mess with you because the bad guys know that love is unpredictable.

On cold winter nights, love is warm. It lies next to you and breathes and makes funny noises. Love wakes you up all hours of the night with its needs. It needs to be fed so it will grow and stay healthy. Love doesn't like being left alone for long. But come home and love is always happy to see you. It may break a few things accidentally in its passion for life, but you can never be mad at love for long.



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Love can be messy. It can leave you little surprises here and there, but you can never be mad at love for long. Sometimes love just wants to go for a nice long walk; it pulls you in several different directions at once, or winds around and around until you're all wound up and can't move.

Love helps you meet people wherever you go. People who have nothing in common but love stop and talk to each other on the street.

Throw things away and love will bring them back, again and again. But most of all, love needs love. And in return, love loves you and never stops.

This celebration of love was written by New York Post writer Taylor Mali. Share it with someone you love on February 14th!






HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY from our families to yours!

—Tara and April

THE BACK PEW - JEFF LARSON



Valentine Kissing Trivia

-  The science of kissing is "philematology"
-  Lips are 100 times more sensitive than the tips of fingers
-  A French kiss moves about 29 muscles in the face
-  The world's longest kiss took place in NYC, lasting 30 hours, 59 minutes and 27 seconds
-  A real kiss may quicken the pulse to 100 beats per minute

Sharing The Road

Drivers and cyclists: If there's ever been an oil-and-water combination, this is it. We both use roads; we'd both prefer to do so without the other in the way. But the juxtaposition puts cyclists in far greater peril than drivers. For that reason, nearly every rider would like non-pedaling motorists to know how vulnerable they are. And yes, riders also need to take responsibility for their own safety, but a few simple tips for drivers and cyclists will make the roads safer for everyone. In California, bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as motor vehicle drivers.

- ♦ Bicyclists can ride wherever they want if they're traveling at the speed of traffic. The law says that cyclists must ride as close to the right side of the road as safely possible except when passing, preparing for a left turn, or avoiding hazards.
- ♦ As a driver, show the way. Lead by example. After you give a cyclist a wide berth, watch the cars directly behind you. You'll usually see the next few follow your line and leave plenty of space.
- ♦ As a cyclist, ride single file when possible. Too many riders ignore the safety hazards of riding two-up when cars are following.
- ♦ Cyclists should always use a helmet, use lights at night, and know that hand signals are important to indicate intentions or let drivers know they should pass. It shows you're aware of the car's presence and gives them more information.
- ♦ Fifteen states have settled on 3 feet as the motorist's minimum legal distance for safely passing cyclists. If your car is brushing past cyclists with only a foot to spare, the slightest leftward move by the cyclist can mean a collision. A push for a nationwide standard is now taking place in both houses of Congress. Learn more at www.completestreets.org.



We all just want to get along, enjoy our beautiful City, and be safe while we're outside, whether on a bicycle, in a car, or walking to the store.

Neighborhood News

Neighbors of the Wood Streets Association (NOWS)

NOWS belongs to YOU (the Wood Streets residents). It is a fantastic resource for neighborhood and citywide information and news. If you're unable to attend the meetings, which are held every **3rd Thursday at 6:30 p.m.** at the RCC Alumni House at 3564 Ramona Drive, then please sign up to be on the email monthly newsletter list at nowsnews1@gmail.com so you can be kept informed of guest speakers and other upcoming agenda. Please bookmark the new website at www.NOWSriverside.com.



YARD SALE SIGNS (free for your use)

For years, we've put up signs for local residents to help direct traffic to their yard sales.

Just a reminder that our signs are still available for your use, **year round**. Give us a day or two notice...



February is American Heart Month

Heart disease and stroke are the first and fourth leading causes of death in the United States. Air pollution can affect heart health and can trigger heart attacks and strokes that cause disability and death. One in three Americans has heart or blood vessel disease and is at higher risk from air pollution.

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) is asking Southern California residents to participate in its "Check Before You Burn" program to help improve wintertime air quality by not burning wood in their fireplaces when unhealthy air is forecast. Enter your zip code at www.AQMD.gov or call **1-800-CUT-SMOG** to find out if your area is affected. AQMD is committed to the health of residents by enforcing air pollution regulations.

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What did the caveman give his wife on Valentine's Day?
Ughs and kisses

What does a man who loves his car do on February 14th?
He gives it a Valenshine



What did the boy octopus say to the girl octopus?
Can I hold your hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand?

Why did the pig give his girlfriend a box of candy?
It was Valenswine's Day

A man said his credit card was stolen but decided not to report it because the thief was spending less than his wife.

Welcome New Clients!

Friends Referring Friends:

*A great referral is when
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Jeff and Jami Clark

Jennifer Germano

Scott and Debbie Mossman

Ronnie and Barbara Neal

Steve and Lori O'Malley

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Jan/Feb Quiz Question

What did Leonardo da Vinci, Winston Churchill, Albert Einstein, Thomas Edison & General George Patton have in common?

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answer will be entered into a
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Drawing to be held on 2/28/2013



December Quiz Answer

Question: How many years does it take for most pine trees to grow to six feet, the average height of a Christmas tree?

Answer: It can take 5-6 years for a pine tree to grow between 6 and 8 feet. Trees which are irrigated may grow faster.

**Congratulations to
Tana Steinmuller**

Your name was selected at random
from all of the correct quiz entries
and you'll receive
a \$25 VISA gift card!



The Pet Page



LifeLine Spay/Neuter Clinic Grand Opening

The Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center (MSRPAC), formerly the Riverside Humane Society, has opened their new LifeLine Spay/Neuter Clinic.

Using a successful model from a nationally known organization called Humane Alliance, MSRPAC transformed their former facility into a surgical center. Their goal is to alter up to as many as 35 dogs, cats, puppies, or kittens per day.



The crisis of pet overpopulation in our community is staggering. Since January 2012, 17,414 pets have been put to death at municipal shelters in Riverside County. MSRPAC is a no-kill shelter. The more pets that are adopted from MSRPAC, all the more pets can be pulled from the municipal shelters and adopted through MSRPAC.

Preventing unplanned and unwanted litters is a large part of the solution and by providing a low-cost high-quality resource for the community, MSRPAC can make a difference. Prevention of litters is essential to having enough homes for homeless animals.

Appointments are necessary and a \$25 deposit is required at the time that you make your appointment and will be credited to your surgical total. Surgical admission for dogs and cats is at 7:30 a.m. Post surgery discharge for dogs is 4:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. for cats. For surgical pre-op and post-op instructions, go to www.petsadoption.org.

Spay/Neuter Pricing

Cats/kittens \$45.00

Dogs/puppies \$75.00 (over 100 lbs add \$25.00)

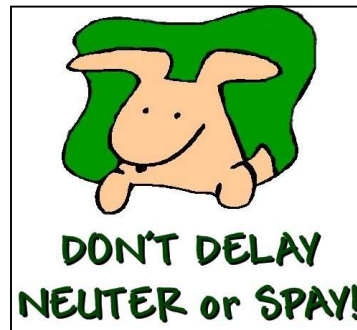
Ferals cats/kittens \$35.00

Additional Charges

Cryptorchid \$15.00

Hernia \$15.00

Microchip \$28.00 (includes registration)



Location and Hours of LifeLine Spay/Neuter Clinic

6165 Industrial Avenue (next to the Pet Adoption Center main building)

Riverside, California



If you've lost, or found, any type of creature (cat, dog, bird, tortoise, etc.), please contact "The Sister Team" so that we may put its photo and/or description in this newsletter and on our website, so a happy reunion can be arranged with the proper owner!





\$224,900 — 4390 Larchwood Place

Only 2 owners of this charming 1920s “Wood Streets” 3-bedroom California Bungalow with hardwood floors, central air/heat, 1232 sq ft, fireplace, formal dining room, indoor laundry, spacious kitchen, copper plumbing, RV parking!



\$279,900 — 4411 Rosewood Place

“Wood Streets” 1940’s cottage is an absolute “10” with central air/heat, remodeled kitchen, bull-nosed ceiling, fireplace, wood floors, 3 large bedrooms, attached garage, and a pool-sized back yard with large grapefruit tree!



\$269,900 — 3760 Rosewood Place

“Wood Streets” Mediterranean influenced 3-bdrm cottage with 1400 sq ft, remodeled kitchen, indoor laundry, central air/heat, hardwood floors, fireplace, built-ins, potential RV parking, 2-car garage and a pool-sized backyard!



\$324,900 — 4415 Mission Inn Avenue

1910 Craftsman Bungalow in the “Colony Heights Historic District” in downtown Riverside. 2,600 sq ft, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, hardwood floors, central air/heat, indoor laundry, fireplace, balcony, large kitchen, formal dining room, 2-car garage.

NEED HELP?

Do you want to sell your home, but owe more than it’s worth? Are you behind in your mortgage payments? Contact us today. We can work together to sell your house, even if you have no equity.

You have options!

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To see interior color photos of the above homes, and others, go to **www.WoodStreetHomes.com**



\$595,000

5890 Brockton Avenue, Riverside 92506

Built in 1891, this Queen Anne Victorian residence is one of the few remaining homes of its kind in Riverside, and is deemed a Structure of Merit by the City of Riverside, and was once surrounded by a ten-acre orange grove.

You are welcomed by a wraparound porch and the original owner's initials etched in the front door glass (Milton J. Daniels who was a Civil War captain, as well as a bank president and a Minnesota State senator).

The entrance hall is graced with a carved woodwork stairway and original stained glass window.

To the right, are front and back parlors with original pocket doors, as well as a formal dining room and a library with fireplace, separate entrance, and adjoining remodeled full bathroom.

The large eat-in kitchen has been updated with modern conveniences, including a pantry and laundry room.

In addition to the original features such as 5 main floor fireplaces and inlaid wood floors, there is also central air/heat, partial copper plumbing, and partial updated electrical, and a newer roof.

Upstairs, four of the bedrooms boast transom windows above each doorway; though offering utility in their implementation, their classic looks are a signature element of this home.

There are two more bathrooms on the 2nd floor, in addition to a 5th bedroom and another room that was once used by servants, with separate entrance and sun porch. There is a useable attic, inground pool/spa, circular driveway, and a monitored security system.

~ for color photos of this home and more information, go to www.WoodStreetHomes.com ~



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Chit Chat

Happy 11th Birthday, Chit Chat!

This 8-page Chit Chat newsletter, that we have been personally writing and distributing door-to-door to over 2,100 homes every issue, is celebrating its 11th birthday!!

For those of you who have not been in the neighborhood as long as us, you'll be surprised to know that we were delivering real estate tips, sales stats, American flags, and lots of goodies (candy, note pads, calendars, etc.) for more than 5 years *before* the inception of the Chit Chat; that means we've been a **real estate presence** in this neighborhood for **over 15 years!**

No other Realtors come close to our success here. Absolutely no one lists *and* sells more homes in the Wood Streets than "The Sister Team". This is due to our full-time and long-term commitment to the real estate industry (25 years), our knowledge of the Southern California real estate market, and our personal involvement with every single transaction.

Not only do we live here and work here, but we ride our bikes and take walks throughout this amazing and wonderful neighborhood!



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