

Chit Chat

News for Home and Living

OCTOBER 2013

Pumpkin Trivia

Pumpkins are great for much more than carving; they provide 53% of your vitamin A, 20% of your vitamin C, and 564 mg of potassium. So if you never get around to carving that pumpkin, you might want to cook it!

The name pumpkin originated from “pepon” — the Greek word for “large melon.” Native Americans used pumpkin seeds for food and medicine. American colonists sliced off pumpkin tips, removed seeds, and filled the insides with milk, spices and honey. This was baked in hot ashes and is the origin of what we know today as pumpkin pie.

It is true that special varieties of pumpkins (called, most obviously “pie pumpkins”) make the smoothest pumpkin pie, but even jack-o-lantern type pumpkin makes a pretty good pie.



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Free reusable shopping bag and light bulb for RPU customers; First Sundays; free use of yard sale signs; and Neighbors of the Wood Streets Association update

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time (DST) begins for most of the United States at 2:00 a.m. on the first Sunday of April. Time reverts to standard time at 2:00 a.m. on the first Sunday of November. Remember the old saying: Spring Forward and Fall Back.

Did you know that DST is not observed in Hawaii, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, Guam, Puerto Rico, most of the Eastern Time Zone portion of the State of Indiana, and the state of Arizona (not the Navajo Indian Reservation, which **does** observe). The Navajo Nation participates in the Daylight Saving Time policy, due to its large size and location in three states.

Don't forget to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour at 2:00 a.m. on **Sunday, November 3rd**, this year!



NEW
LISTING



\$379,900 — 5841 Grand Avenue

This amazing 2-story home was built in 1900 and has been in the same family for over 60 years! Five bedrooms (3 upstairs), 2 baths (one up/one down), approx 1900 sq ft, with a huge farm-style kitchen, family room with fireplace, central air/heat, huge basement, 2-car detached garage. All of this on a double lot (half acre). Standard sale! Go to www.TheSisterTeam.com for more photos.

NEW
LISTING



\$419,900 — 5732 Grand Avenue

Stunning turnkey 1920s California Bungalow with 3 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms and over 2,000 sq ft. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent updating this home over the past 20 years and it shows. Original coffered ceilings, newer hardwood floors, newer double pane windows, master bedroom suite, inground pool/spa, 2-car detached garage, RV parking and hookups on .40/acre. Too much to list here. Go to www.TheSisterTeam.com to read all about this treasure and to see lots of photos!



**NEW
LISTING**

\$349,900 — 4395 Alta Vista Drive

“Wood Streets” 1940s charmer at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac with incredible views of Mt. Rubidoux. This 3 bedroom 1.75 bathroom with approx 1900 sq ft has been completely remodeled with a new granite kitchen, central air/heat, refinished hardwood floors, fireplace, formal dining room, indoor laundry, tankless water heater, useable basement, and a 2-car attached garage. Standard sale!



**JUST
REDUCED
\$10,000**

\$239,900 — 4411 Gardena Drive

Cute “Magnolia Center” 1920s 2-story cottage with 3 bedrooms (2 upstairs) and 1.5 bathrooms,, and approx 1300 sq ft. Newer double pane windows, indoor laundry, master bedroom with half bath, ceiling fans, updated kitchen, large backyard, and a 2-car detached garage. RV parking too! Standard sale! Go to www.TheSisterTeam.com for more photos.

**NEW
LISTING**



\$283,000 — 5335 Kendall Street

“Wood Streets” mid-century 3 bedroom/2 bathroom home in original condition, yet very well maintained. Over 1500 sq ft, newer central air/heat, living room with fireplace and hardwood floors under carpeting, formal dining area, galley kitchen, indoor laundry, spacious sunroom, 2-car detached garage on 8712 sq ft lot with RV parking. Standard sale! Go to www.TheSisterTeam.com for more photos.



**INCREDIBLE
PRICE
REDUCTION**

\$484,900 — 5809 Brockton Avenue

This 122-yr-old Queen Anne Victorian boasts 4135 sq ft with six bedrooms upstairs and one downstairs, central air/heat, original hardwood floors and pocket doors, as well as remodeled kitchen, indoor laundry, 3 bathrooms, partial copper plumbing and electrical, and newer roof. Circular driveway and inground pool/spa. This home is a City of Riverside Structure of Merit. Standard sale! MUST SELL! Go to www.TheSisterTeam.com for more photos.

Welcome New Clients!

Friends Referring Friends:

*A great referral is when
you introduce someone you care about,
to someone you trust...*

Jay and Katrina McPhail (past and treasured clients)

Angela Fite

Ben and Megan Cornell (referred by Daniel and Candyce McCloud, past and treasured clients)

Ardith McKim

Brian and April Fallon

Ian Beebe

Jennifer House (referred by John and Ann Hamilton, past and treasured clients)

We love giving recognition to our new friends and our wonderful existing clients who are kind enough to refer their friends and relatives to us.

August Quiz Answer

Question: What real estate term was first used in the 19th Century and means a “high-flying flag on a ship?”

Answer: Skyscraper, and it was first used in the 1880s when office buildings of 10 stories or more were built in Chicago and New York.

Congratulations to Gabriel Guzman

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

October Quiz Question

What are the two most common unbowed stringed instruments found in a symphony orchestra?

Everyone (any age) responding by calling or e-mailing us with the correct answer will be entered into a drawing for:

a \$25 VISA gift card to use wherever you like, just like cash!

Drawing to be held on 10/31/2013



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sells more homes in
The Wood Streets
neighborhood than
“The Sister Team”!!**

we **LIVE** in the neighborhood,
we **WORK** in the neighborhood,
we **KNOW** the neighborhood,
we **SELL** the neighborhood!!!

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The Pet Page

Estate Planning Seminar

Who will care when you're not there? Please join the Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center, formerly the Riverside Humane Society, at 6165 Industrial Avenue (cross streets Jurupa and Fremont) for a **FREE** seminar on **Wednesday, November 6th**, on protecting your animals and other loved ones in your estate plan.

Teresa Rhyne, a local attorney, will discuss trusts and bequest options to ensure those you care for are safe in the event of an emergency. Admission is free and without obligation. Please RSVP by October 30th via email to twelve@petsadoption.org or by phone at (951) 688-4340 ext. 307.

What will happen to us
after you are gone?



Spay-Ghetti Dinner

Animal lovers and foodies alike are invited to a scrumptious spaghetti dinner on **Sunday, November 3rd**, at the Elks Lodge #643 at 6166 Brockton Avenue. Seating times are 4 pm, 5 pm or 6 pm.

Funds raised support the Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center's Spay-it-Forward Campaign, which works to prevent unwanted litters of the most over-populated "at risk" cats and dogs in our community by providing low-cost spay/neuter assistance.

The event will feature food prepared by Giuliano's Italian Restaurant, a raffle drawing, and live entertainment. Your dinner will include spaghetti with marinara sauce, Caesar salad, bread, and a cookie.

Tickets are \$10 per person, and can be purchased online at petsadoption.org, are available at the door, or in advance at the Pet Adoption Center or the Pet Adoption Thrift Store at 6065 Magnolia Avenue (in the Ralphs Shopping Center).



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!

Please Don't Breed or Buy
While Shelter Pets Die



Neighborhood News

FIRST THURSDAY RIVERSIDE ARTS WALK

The Riverside Arts Walk is a free monthly community event that celebrates the diversity of arts and culture in Riverside and the Inland Empire. Visit over 22 downtown locations including museums, galleries and studios, presenting an eclectic mix of visual and performing arts. And either before or after, enjoy the many entertainment, dining, and shopping experiences that downtown Riverside has to offer. **First Thursday** of every month from 6 to 9 pm.

Public Power Month

October is Customer Service Month as well as Public Power Month, and Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) is celebrating both by providing customers with free reusable shopping bags and energy-saving compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs). Visit RPU at 3460 Orange St or 3025 Madison to pick up one free bag and free CFL.



First Sundays

"First Sundays" is a seasonal series of FREE family programs featuring different activities for children and teens at six different locations in downtown: Riverside Metropolitan Museum, Mission Inn Museum, Riverside Art Museum, Riverside Public Library, UCR ArtsBlock, and Riverside Fox Theater Foundation. The program is sponsored by the Riverside Arts Council and occurs on the **1st Sunday** of every month from October thru May from 1 to 4 pm. FREE and open to the public!



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 pm** (except in November and December) 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. View the new website at www.NOWSriverside.com.

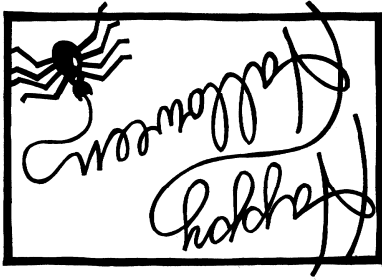


YARD SALE SIGNS (free for your use—year round)

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 one day notice...





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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 **16 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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