

# Chit Chat

News for Home and Living

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## Don't Hope... Decide!

Straining to locate his friend among the passengers deplaning through the jet way, George noticed a man coming towards him carrying two light bags. The man stopped right next to George to greet his family.

First, the man motioned to his youngest son as he laid down his bags. They gave each other a long, loving hug. As they separated enough to look in each other's faces, George heard the father say, "It's so good to see you, son. I missed you so much!" His son smiled somewhat shyly, averted his eyes and replied softly, "Me too, Dad!"

Then the man stood up, gazed in the eyes of his oldest son, and while cupping his son's face in his hands said, "You're already quite the young man. I love you very much." They too hugged a most loving, tender hug.

While this was happening, the young girl was squirming excitedly, never once taking her little eyes off the wonderful sight of her returning father. The man picked up his little girl, quickly kissed her face all over and then held her close to his chest.

After several moments, he declared, "I've saved the best for last" and proceeded to give his wife the longest, most passionate kiss George ever remembered witnessing. They gazed into each others eyes for several seconds and then silently mouthed, "I love you so much!"



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While completely engrossed in the wonderful display of unconditional love not more than an arm's length away, George was amazed to hear his own voice nervously ask the man, "Wow! How long have you been away?" The man turned around, still beaming his joyous smile, and said, "Two whole days!"

By the intensity of the greeting, George had assumed the man had been gone for at least several weeks, if not months. George felt that his expression betrayed him, so he almost offhandedly, hoping to end the intrusion with some semblance of grace (and get back to searching for his friend) said, "I hope my marriage is still that passionate after so many years!"

The father looked George straight in the eye, and with a forcefulness that burned right into his soul, told George something that changed him forever. He said, "*Don't hope, friend... decide!*"

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY** from our families to yours!

—Tara and April

## That's My Favorite Piece

There was a couple who had just celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a big party. After presents were exchanged, and congratulations were expressed, they got in their car and drove home. Once



home, the woman made her way into the kitchen. As was her custom, she brewed some tea, and took out a loaf of bread. As she had done for years, she cut off the heel, toasted and buttered it for her husband before cutting another slice for herself.

Being married for fifty years, the man loved his wife dearly, but the stress of the day had taken its toll and he lost his patience. He said, "Honey, I love you. You know that. But quite frankly, I'm fed up. For more years than I can even count, you have cut and toasted a piece of

bread for me every day, but you always give me the heel. You always pass off that crusty piece of bread on me. I won't stand for this anymore!"

The wife looked at her husband, blinked back the tears and said, "But honey, that's my favorite piece."

—Author Unknown

Jill tells her husband, "Jack, the young couple that just moved in next door seem like such a loving twosome. Every morning when he leaves the house, he kisses her goodbye, and every evening when he comes home, he brings her a bouquet of flowers or a box of candy. Now, why can't you do that?" "Gosh," Jack says, "why I hardly know the girl."

## An EXTRA day!

'Leap Day' is February 29, which is an extra day added during a Leap Year, making the year 366 days long — and not 365 days, like a common year.

**Brief History:** Seasons and astronomical events do not repeat at an exact number of full days, so a calendar which has the same number of days in each year would, over time, drift with respect to the event it was supposed to track. By occasionally inserting (or intercalating) an additional day or month into the year, the drift can be corrected. If we didn't add a day on February 29 every four years, we would lose almost six hours every year. After only 100 years, our calendar would be off by approximately 24 days!



### Leap Day Traditions and Trivia:

- ♦ According to an old Irish legend, St. Bridget struck a deal with St. Patrick to allow women to propose to men — and not just the other way around — every 4 years. This is believed to have been introduced to balance the traditional roles of men and women in a similar way to how Leap Day balances the calendar.
- ♦ A person born on February 29 may be called a "leapling". In common years they usually celebrate their birthdays on February 28 or March 1.
- ♦ In Scotland, it was once considered unlucky for someone to be born on Leap Day. In Greece, it's said to be unlucky for couples to marry during a Leap Year, and especially on Leap Day.

# Neighborhood News

## Neighbors of the Wood Streets Association (NOWS)

NOWS 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](mailto: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](http://www.NOWSriverside.com). See you at the meetings!



## 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...



*Need local businesses that give outstanding customer service?*

Request a **FREE** copy of our Service Directory or go to our website [www.WoodStreetHomes.com](http://www.WoodStreetHomes.com)

**CONTRACTORS,  
ROOFERS,  
HANDYMEN,  
GARDENERS,  
PIANO MOVER,  
YOGA TEACHERS,  
and more!**

## FREE Tax Preparation Service

Your local AARP chapter office is offering **FREE** tax preparation assistance. The program is provided mainly for **senior citizens** and also **some low-income taxpayers**. You do not need to be a member of AARP to benefit from this service.

Beginning in January 2012, you can call or visit for information and to schedule an appointment. The office is located at 3713 Tibbetts (just off Brockton, near Arlington) and is open from 9:00 a.m. to noon, on Mondays and Thursdays, and the phone is (951) 682-1416.



Different parts of Riverside have been experiencing localized increases in vehicle burglaries and theft of items from houses and yards. Lock your car, even while at home, and do not leave anything of value in sight. When you see suspicious activity (like someone riding thru the neighborhood on a bike or skateboard while scoping out the houses, or someone selling items door-to-door, etc.), call the police non-emergency number: (951) 787-7911.

**If it's an active crime, call 911.** Call 311 if you're reporting graffiti, streetlights out, potholes, shopping carts, etc. The police do not have the manpower to patrol our neighborhood constantly, so we need to be their eyes and ears.

Call if something does not look right. Don't assume someone else will call; they may assume the same thing. If the dispatch operator is reluctant to dispatch an officer, please tell them, "Lieutenant Manning said I should call". Go to the 'News' tab at [www.NOWSriverside.com](http://www.NOWSriverside.com) for more information.

## Welcome New Clients!

### *Friends Referring Friends:*

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

Jessie Bossett (past and treasured client)

Paul and Linda Braiman

Michelle Gallego

Kimberly Sneegas

*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.*

**Absolutely NO ONE  
sells more homes in  
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neighborhood than  
“The Sister Team”!!**

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

**[www.TheSisterTeam.com](http://www.TheSisterTeam.com)**

## Jan/Feb Quiz Question

**What is the official emblem of Ireland?**

*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 2/25/2012*



## December Quiz Answer

**Question:** In which state is there a town  
actually named Skidoo?

**Answer:** The ghost town of Skidoo  
overlooks Death Valley in California.

**Congratulations to  
Joelyn Anderson**

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

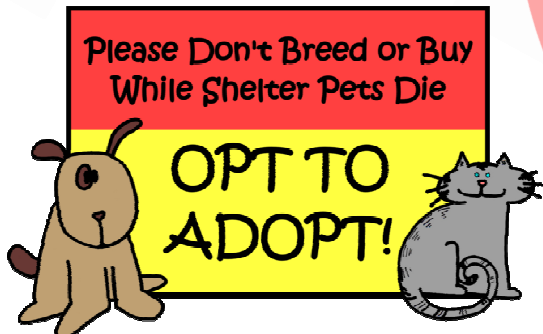
## FIV: Catching a Bad Case of Rumors

FIV stands for Feline Immunodeficiency Virus. It's a lentivirus, meaning that it progresses very slowly, gradually affecting a cat's immune system. It is passed through blood transfusions and through serious, penetrating bite wounds — mainly by stray, intact tomcats. The most well-known lentivirus in humans is HIV. But the two are not at all the same, and you can't get FIV from a cat. In fact, the only thing about FIV that you can catch is a bad case of the rumors!

As long as cats with FIV are not exposed to diseases that their immune system can't handle, they can live perfectly normal, and long, happy, healthy lives. And they can only pass the virus on to other cats through a serious, penetrating bite wound. So unless your cats at home routinely tear each other to pieces, it's not a problem. And if your cats are tearing each other up, that's probably a bigger problem anyway!

### FIV Facts

- 1) The Feline Immunodeficiency Virus is a slow virus that affects a cat's immune system over a period of years.
- 2) FIV is a cat-only disease and cannot be spread to humans or other non-felines.
- 3) FIV cats most often live long, healthy, and relatively normal lives with no symptoms at all.
- 4) FIV is not easily passed between cats. It cannot be spread casually — like in litter boxes, water and food bowls, or when snuggling and playing. It is rarely spread from a mother to her kittens.
- 5) The virus can be spread through blood transfusions, badly infected gums, or serious penetrating bite wounds. Bite wounds of this kind are extremely rare, except in free-roaming unneutered tomcats.
- 6) A neutered cat, in a home, is extremely unlikely to infect other cats, if properly introduced.
- 7) Many vets are not educated about FIV since the virus was only discovered about 15 years ago.
- 8) FIV-positive cats should be kept as healthy as possible. Keep them indoors and free from stress, feed them a high-quality diet, keep them vaccinated, and treat any secondary health problems as soon as they arise.



"Fluffy" was diagnosed with HIV and lived a long, happy and healthy life with other cats in The Wood Streets neighborhood for over 10 years!

**New  
Listing**



**\$239,900 — 5480 Alden Road**

One-of-a-kind “Wood Streets” charmer that looks like a cabin, yet with a Craftsman feel inside! Three bdrms, almost 1600 sq ft, hardwood floors, massive living room with cathedral ceiling, central air/heat, on over a 1/4 acre. A unique find!

**In Escrow**



**\$325,000 — 3105 Pine Street**

Designated Riverside Landmark #119 in the North Hill Historic District of Riverside, this tudor-revival was designed by Henry Jekel in 1927 with approx 1900 sq ft, 3 bdrms/1.5 bths. A historic masterpiece as this rarely comes on the market.

**In Escrow**



**\$174,900 — 4734 Rubidoux Avenue**

Outskirts of the “Wood Streets”, this ranch-style may be a ‘short sale’ but an incredible investment! Built in 1953, this corner lot home boasts 3 bdrms, 1.75 bths, 1402 sq ft, central air/heat, fireplace, newer roof, and attached 2-car garage.

**In Escrow**



**\$179,000 — 4686 Beatty Drive**

Magnolia Center “Palm Heights Historic District” ‘short sale’ home with 3 bdrms, 1.75 bths, central air/heat, wall-to-wall carpeting, fireplace, formal dining area, large pool-sized backyard, and attached 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!***

With our help, you can sell for less than what you owe the bank.  
It costs you nothing to work with us! Get a new start on your life and call us today.  
We are seasoned professionals and have successful experience with short sales.

***Don’t wait until it’s too late!***

**Whether you’re a BUYER or SELLER, we can help you!**  
**And BUYERS... it is FREE to work with us!**

**To see interior color photos of the above homes,  
and others, go to [www.WoodStreetHomes.com](http://www.WoodStreetHomes.com)**

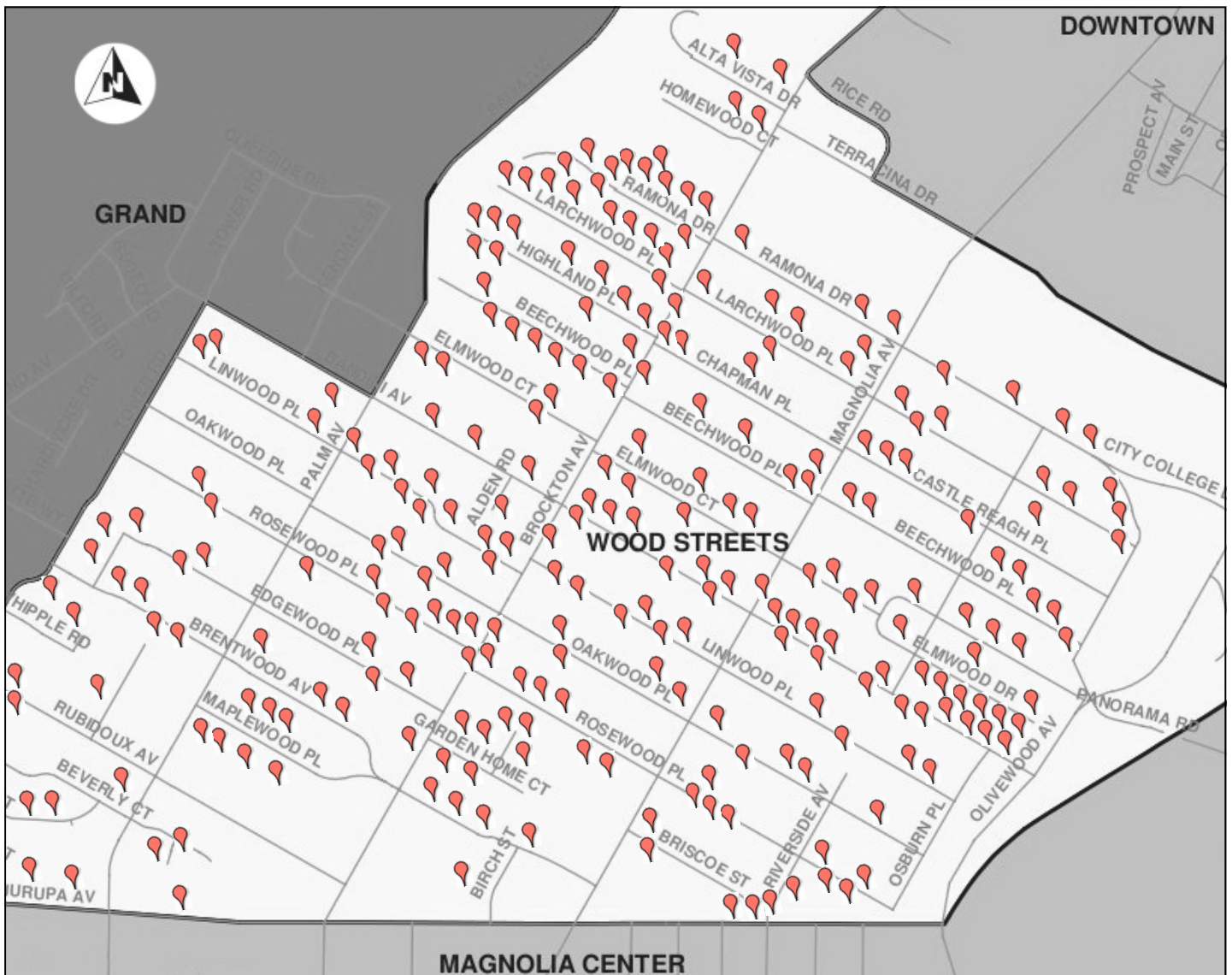


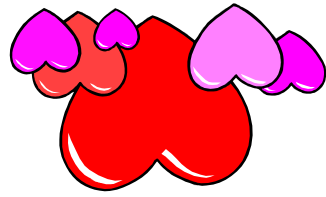
In the **history** of the Wood Streets neighborhood, **no one has sold more homes** here than **"The Sister Team"**; no one knows the neighborhood better than us. Our expertise, devotion, enthusiasm, and love for the neighborhood makes us **your best choice** when thinking about buying or selling.

Not only do we live in this neighborhood, but our deep commitment, true interest, proven history of sales, and ability to communicate our enthusiasm for this unique neighborhood to prospective buyers is what sets us apart.

The map below illustrates the hundreds of homes sold by us — your neighborhood specialists — over the past decade and a half. We look forward to helping you with all of your real estate needs.

***ASK us how we can help!***





Happy  
Valentine's  
Day!



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Chit Chat

## Happy 10th 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 10th 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 (almost 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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