

Chit Chat

News for Home and Living

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Going Green in Honor of St. Patrick's Day

Nowadays, the world is all about being 'green' in our actions by recycling, using less water, etc. With a million messages coming at us from all areas (news, politics, fashion, and even technology), it's easy to get caught up in the big picture without realizing how your actions stack up.

The truth is, that everything we do every day has an impact on the planet — good or bad. The good news is that as an individual you have the power to control most of your choices and, therefore, the impact you create: from where you live to what you buy, eat, and use to light your home, to where and how you vacation, to how you shop or vote... you CAN have global impact. By embracing a greener lifestyle, you can also improve your health, pad your bank account, and ultimately, improve your overall quality of life.

"The Sister Team" always makes an effort to go green whenever possible: this newsletter is printed on recycled and recyclable paper, we ride our bicycles whenever possible, we use CFL (compact fluorescent) light bulbs, use off-peak electricity, wash laundry in cold water, pay bills online, shop with reusable bags, drink from stainless steel reusable water bottles, and shop at local farmer's markets.

As always, we encourage readers to pass along our newsletters for the enjoyment of others, but when finished please recycle instead of contributing to a landfill.



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Irish Humor

An Irishman, by the name of O'Malley, proposed to his girl on St. Patrick's Day. He gave her a ring with a synthetic diamond. The excited young lass showed it to her father, a jeweler. He took one look at it and saw that it wasn't real. The young lass on learning it wasn't real, returned to her future husband. She protested vehemently about his cheapness. "It was in honor of St. Patrick's Day," he smiled. "I gave you a sham rock."

*May your pockets be heavy and your heart be light
May good luck pursue you each morning and night*

—Tara and April

Neighbors of the Wood Streets Association (NOWS)

The Wood Streets neighborhood organization known as NOWS finally has a logo (thanks to Karlyn Camenga), and a website is in the works. Meanwhile, if you cannot make the meetings (every **3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.** at the RCC Alumni House at 3564 Ramona Drive), then please contact Corliss D'Agostino (Secretary and Co-Chair) at babeletf@charter.net to be added to the



email list so at least you will be informed of neighborhood happenings between meetings.

WOOD STREETS GREEN TEAM

The Wood Streets Green Team has decided to move forward with developing a community garden on the RCC campus. The RCC site provides a great opportunity to work in collaboration with our local college. Once this project is successful, the knowledge and experience will be used to create gardens at other locations, such as Magnolia Elementary School.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for **Garden Planning and Design** (develop overall design of garden, including individual plots and communal garden areas); **Funding and Material Resources** (obtain finances and materials needed to create and operate garden); **Garden Rules and Regulations** (decide how garden will be run, including allotment of plots and overall maintenance; and **Community Relations** (coordinate with other community gardens in the city).

If you're interested in joining any of these work groups, please send an email to woodstreetsgreenteam@gmail.com.

Greg Brown, a Wood Streets resident, is the Event Chair for the inaugural Relay For Life 24-hr fundraiser held at Martin Luther King High School on Sat, April 30th at 9 a.m. thru Sun, May 1st at 9 a.m. in remembrance of those who've survived, remembering those who've passed, and those fighting cancer. Stay for 24 hours, or just an hour. There will be food, games, live music and lots of fun! Go to relayforlife.org/orangecrestca for more info. You'll make a difference by helping the American Cancer Society create a *world with less cancer and more birthdays!*



The Janet Goeske Center

"Where seniors grow younger!"

The Janet Goeske Center (a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation) has been serving the senior community for over 20 years, and is the central meeting house for many services, activities and handicapped organizations. This is a great place to help you continue an active, rich and productive life through a constantly expanding program of travel, health, education, recreation and social activities. A recent expansion added another auditorium and a complete gymnasium. The expansion also granted access to tennis courts

and a swimming pool for aquatic exercises. The center is located at 5257 Sierra St, Riverside CA 92504. Contact them either by phone (951) 351-8800 or email: www.janetgoeskecenter.com

Somehow we always think we are aging at a slower rate than everyone else. This was especially true of an older woman who was seeing a doctor for the first time. She was taken into an exam room and told to make herself comfortable. While reading the doctor's diploma on the wall, she realized that she went to high school with him many years ago.

The doctor enters the room; he is very gray and slightly bent over from old age. The woman asks, "Did you attend Roosevelt High School?" "Yes, I did," the doctor replied. The woman asks: "Class of '49?" "Yes," was his answer. The woman was delighted, and said: "You were in my class!"

The doctor responded: "What did you teach?"



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"Thinking Mom" Leisha Clendenen greets guests from her Wood Streets kitchen



Clendenen home décor



"Thinking Moms" founder Lindsey Frandsen



"Thinking Moms" Leah Stuart, Elisa Bryant and Andrea Crawford



thinkingmoms is a new social network of women, which was conceptualized here in Riverside in March 2010 by Lindsey Frandsen, a stay-at-home mother of three. This group of women meet to engage with other intelligent women who experience the challenges of raising a family while being positive, proactive role models to their children and in their neighborhood. The common thread is the desire to expand their horizons outside of their daily responsibilities as mothers, professionals, caretakers, spouses and daughters. To join this free network, please go to: www.thinkingmoms.org.



"Thinking Mom" Lindy Colaluca



Randy Murray pouring cocktails in his Wood Streets living room

On January 29, 2011, "Thinking Moms" organized, and hosted, their 1st Annual Charity Tasting Tour, a walking and tasting tour through Riverside's **historic Wood Streets neighborhood**. Guests visited four historic homes, sampling hors d'oeuvres and signature cocktails at each. The Sister Team was one of many proud sponsors. The evening's proceeds of \$6,800 benefited Operation SafeHouse, a Riverside County non-profit organization that provides emergency shelter, crisis intervention and outreach services to runaway, homeless and other young people in crisis. SafeHouse has been working in Riverside communities for 20 years, and over the past year served more than 700 young people in need!



"Thinking Moms" Judy Bailey and Kristy Goldstein



Todd and Pauline Ulick

Interested in becoming a volunteer or doing your internship at Safehouse? Please join them Thursday, March 24th at 6 p.m. For more info, contact Volunteer Coordinator, Dana Darby at 951-351-4418 or go to ddarby@operationsafehouse.org.



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For Teens
Who Need
Help**



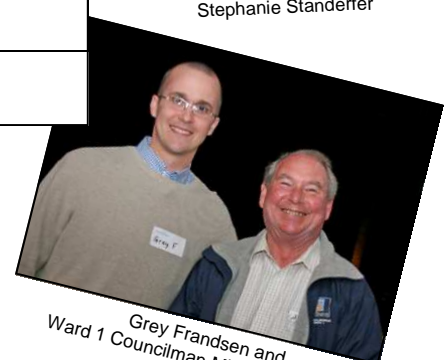
"Thinking Mom" Stephanie Standerfer



Operation Safehouse's Jennifer O'Farrell speaks about the Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force



"Thinking Moms" Karrie Brusselback, Brenda Koosed, Cathy Holmes, Dorothy McLaughlin, Lisa Quintero and Elisa Bryant



Grey Frandsen and Ward 1 Councilman Mike Gardner

Friends Referring Friends!

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

The Brown Family, long-time residents (50+ years)
of the "Wood Streets

Terry Kelly

Ernesto Reyes

*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.*

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we **SELL** the neighborhood!!!

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March Quiz Question

**What is the minimum number of
musicians a band must have to be
considered a "big band"?**

*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 3/30/2011*



Jan/Feb Quiz Answer

Question: What is the postal
abbreviation of Iowa?

Answer: IA

**Congratulations to
The Bingham Family
(Jeff, Annette, and True)**

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

Pet Adoption Center THRIFT STORE Now Open

Do you find large bargain stores overwhelming? Do you dislike having to hunt through piles and racks to find that diamond in the rough? Then you should check out the Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center Thrift Store because their sorters do the dirty work for you, ensuring that only the best treasures make their way onto the store floor. Anything not up to snuff is donated to other charities so nothing goes to waste. From couches to collectibles, it can all be found here.

The Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center (formerly known as the Riverside Humane Society) has opened the "Pet Adoption Center Thrift Store" at 6065 Magnolia Avenue (entrance off Jurupa, between Magnolia and Brockton) in the Ralphs Shopping Center, next to Star Dental. Hours of operation: Mon—Sun 10 am to 6 pm.

Of course, the best part is that when you shop here, you know you're helping a good cause! Proceeds directly fund the Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center programs which help to continue saving animals and improving lives. You can also support the store by volunteering your time or donating items. "The Sister Team" has already donated items to support this worthy cause! Call (951) 684-6143 or go to www.petsadoption.com for more information and donation guidelines.



What is Catnip?

Catnip is the common name for a perennial herb (*Nepeta cataria*) of the mint family. It is native to Europe and is an import to the United States and other countries. The catnip plant is now a widespread weed in North America. Catnip leaves are usually dried and crushed, then stuffed into cloth pouches that sometimes resemble a 'mouse.'

Given to the right cat, catnip can cause an amazing reaction. The cat may roll over it, paw at it, chew it, leap about and purr, or heavily salivate. About two thirds of cats are susceptible to catnip.

Because there really isn't any scent that causes this sort of reaction in humans, catnip is hard for us to understand. However, it is not an uncommon behavior in animals that rely heavily on their noses. For example, there are many scents that will trigger intense hunting behavior in dogs, and other scents will cause dogs to stop in their tracks and roll in the scent.

Although no one knows exactly what happens in the cat's brain, it is known that the chemical nepetalactone in catnip is the thing that triggers the response. Apparently, it somehow kicks off a stereotypical pattern in cats that are sensitive to the chemical.



"The Sister Team" contributed to the spaying and neutering of one dog and two cats last month!

Please think about donating your old towels, pillows and blankets to your local animal shelter or Humane Society. They'll use them for bedding, baths, etc.

Thanks!

19th Annual Walk With the Animals (Saturday, March 19th)

Hope to see you at Fairmount Park near the band shell area from 8:00 a.m. to noon. The event is FREE and open to the public. Walk participants are encouraged to collect pledges to sponsor their effort. To register as a pledged walker, call (951) 688-4340 x.307 or go to www.petsadoption.com. There will be exhibits, a boutique and bake sale, raffle prizes, and low-cost vaccinations and microchips.

Participation in the pledge walk is not required to attend this event.

**New Listing
Sold in 2 days!**



\$235,000 — 3732 Ramona Drive

“Wood Streets” California Bungalow built in 1917 with 3 bdrms (plus bonus room upstairs), 1.75 bthrms, approximately 1500 sq ft, newer central air/heat, fireplace, hardwood floors under carpeting, pool-sized backyard with detached 2-car garage and RV parking!



New Listing

\$279,900 — 3982 Larchwood Place

“Wood Streets” California Bungalow built in 1922 with 5 bdrms, 2 bthrms, approximately 2000 sq ft, brand new central air/heat (and ducting), built-ins, fireplace, refinished hardwood floors, huge dining room, new exterior and interior paint, and detached 2-car garage.

The Old Riverside Foundation (ORF)

Calling all Vintage Homeowners: Did you purchase a home that has been modernized beyond recognition, or were hoping that a prior homeowner had not removed the swinging door and chandelier in the formal dining room, or do you have all but one of the original glass door knobs? This is a common issue when a home has been around for close to, or more than, a century.

Sometimes original home parts have been removed and stored in attics, basements and garages; but it's also an unfortunate fact that many home parts have found their way to landfills. This is where The Old Riverside Foundation (ORF) comes in! ORF's 'salvage program' is an excellent resource in finding vintage parts for your restoration project. They have a large selection of house parts, hardware, and architectural salvage. All parts are offered to the general public for a nominal charge, usually pennies on the dollar. If you are updating your home, please do not discard old home parts — contact ORF, specifically their Salvage Chairman, DanCocco, at (951) 452-2628 or email him at d.cocco@sbcglobal.net.

The Old Riverside Foundation is a non-profit, civic organization incorporated July 25, 1979, and dedicated to the recognition, appreciation, and preservation of the built environment (buildings, feats of engineering, parks, avenues, landscaping features, and archeological remains) throughout Riverside and the Inland Empire.

ORF could not accomplish its mission without the generous donations of its Members. Please go to their website (www.olderiverside.org/donate) to either become a member, a volunteer, or a sponsor... or all of the above.



St. Patrick's Day Quiz

Quiz your friends to see who knows the most about St. Patrick's Day:

- 1) According to legend, what shouldn't you do if you catch a leprechaun?
 - a. Kiss him
 - b. Take your eyes off him
 - c. Tell your friends
- 2) What was St. Patrick's name at birth?
 - a. Maewyn Succat
 - b. Patrick O'Malley
 - c. Adam Danan
- 3) If you catch a leprechaun and take your eyes off him, what happens?
 - a. He steals a kiss
 - b. He vanishes, and so will your hopes of finding his treasure
 - c. He gives you all of his gold
- 4) What is cured by kissing the Blarney Stone?
 - a. Bad luck
 - b. Love sickness
 - c. Shyness
- 5) What is a shillelagh?
 - a. Short, stout oak club
 - b. Wooden pipe
 - c. Leprechaun's outfit

The Kids'
Korner



ANSWERS:

1) b 2) a 3) b 4) c 5) a



Happy
St. Patrick's
Day!



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Happy 9th 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 9th birthday this year!!

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 5 years *before* the inception of the Chit Chat!

No other Realtors come close to our success in this neighborhood! 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, take walks, and have had our fingers on the pulse of this amazing and wonderful neighborhood for the past 14 years!



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