

Chit Chat

News for Home and Living

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THOUGHTS OF GRATITUDE

Thanksgiving Day comes, by statute, once a year; to the honest man it comes as frequently as the heart of gratitude will allow.

— Edward Sandford Martin

Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom. — Marcel Proust

The hardest arithmetic to master is that which enables us to count our blessings. — Eric Hoffer

At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us. — Albert Schweitzer

Appreciation can make a day, even change a life. Your willingness to put it into words is all that is necessary.

— Margaret Cousins



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As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them. — John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a gift and not giving it. — William Arthur Ward

Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving.

— W.T. Purkiser

It is literally true, as the thankless say, that they have nothing to be thankful for. He who sits by the fire, thankless for the fire, is just as if he had no fire. Nothing is possessed save in appreciation, of which thankfulness is the indispensable ingredient. But a thankful heart hath a continual feast. — W.J. Cameron

Give thanks for unknown blessings already on their way. — Native American saying

It's that time of year again!

For the 19th year in a row, it all begins with festive activities at 3:00 p.m. and the flip of a switch at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, November 25th, during the "Switch-On Ceremony" at the famous **Mission Inn Hotel & Spa**.



In one swift move, Riverside's downtown is instantly illuminated with more than three and a half million twinkling lights and spectacular fireworks!

The Festival offers five weeks of holiday merriment with holiday decorations; the Inland Empire's first outdoor ice skating rink; holiday-themed vendors; family-friendly live entertainment; unique shopping and creative dining along Main Street; Dickens Carolers; horses pulling authentic carriages, and hundreds of characters dressed in 17th Century costumes, evoking the spirit of the season.

Each year, after our family gathers for Thanksgiving leftovers, we don California light-weight jackets and gloves, pile the kids in the red wagon, and set out on our annual 1.5 mile walk to downtown Riverside to enjoy one of the largest collections of lights on the west coast. What a great way to start the Christmas season!

Don't say that you don't have enough time.
You have exactly the same number of hours per
day that were given to Helen Keller,
Pasteur, Michelangelo, Mother Teresa,
Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Jefferson,
and Albert Einstein. — H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Every morning you have two choices:

- 1) continue your sleep with dreaming
- or
- 2) wake up and chase your dreams

Burning Wood Requires Air Check

Southern California residents are now required to check the air quality *before* they burn wood in a home fireplace — or risk violating regulations that went into effect the first week of November 2011. Fines for repeat offenders can be as high as \$500.

As part of the Healthy Hearths™ initiative, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) is asking 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 quality is forecast.

Under the program, AQMD will issue a 24-hour no-burn advisory for residential fireplaces and wood stoves — from November 1st through the end of February 2012.

AQMD is the air pollution control agency for all of Orange County and the urban portions of Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties, which are the smoggiest regions of the United States.

For more info, exemptions, or to sign up for AQMD email notifications, go to www.AQMD.gov. Call 866-966-3293 for "Check Before You Burn" information if you don't have internet access.

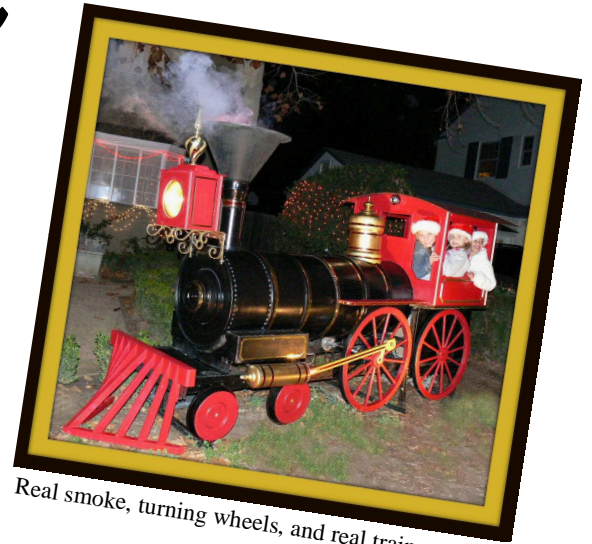




3rd Annual

“Cookies with Santa”

Come visit with Santa!
He will be making a special appearance
at 3943 Chapman Place
(the house with the train)
Saturday, **December 10th**
4:00 to 6:00 p.m.



Real smoke, turning wheels, and real train sounds!



Santa will be handing out candy canes too!

Santa's helpers will be serving
hot chocolate and cookies for
children and adults.
Don't forget your camera!



One of the
many children
from last
year's event,
skipping with
joy after
sitting on
Santa's lap!



Welcome New Clients!

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

Alex Carrillo and Julie Alonzo

Brett Perkins and Linda Sing

Lisa Petrick (referred by Ferris Pacheco)

Emile Bradshaw and Tracy Fisher (past and treasured clients)

Jeremy and Erin Hansen (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.

**Absolutely NO ONE
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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November Quiz Question

‘Frumenty’ is a traditional Christmas food. What is it?

*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 11/30/2011*



Sep/Oct Quiz Answer

Question: Which two states have record highs no greater than 100 degrees?

Answer: Hawaii and Alaska

**Congratulations to
Jessica Eby**

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 Loss Services

Inevitably we must all, at some point, say goodbye to a beloved pet, and this is likely one of the most difficult decisions you will ever have to make. Unfortunately we were in this situation recently and chose to say goodbye to one of our cats at home, an option we were not aware even existed until recently. He was diagnosed with a progressive disease and stopped eating.

We didn't want to say goodbye to Cozmo in a clinical setting, so our veterinarian recommended Dr. Sarah Marino, who is the founding president of "A Gentle Goodbye". Dr. Marino has been working solely in the veterinary profession since she was 15 years old, and longs to help animals in whatever capacity they need.

Dr. Marino is a veterinarian who works in Corona and can be reached at (818) 795-3080. She gave us unlimited time, compassion and support during the transition at home. We recommend her service to anyone who may need to consider this option.



"It's a bit chilly so I've put an extra dog on your bed."

FROM FRIEND TO FRIEND

You're giving me a special gift
So sorrowfully endowed
And through these last few cherished days
Your courage makes me proud

But really, love is knowing
When your best friend is in pain
And understanding earthly acts
Will only be in vain

So looking deep into your eyes
Beyond, into your soul
I see in you the magic, that will
Once more make me whole

The strength that you possess
Is why I look to you today
To do this thing that must be done
For it's the only way

That strength is why I've followed you
And chose you as my friend
And why I've loved you all these years...
My partner 'til the end

Please, understand just what this gift
You're giving, means to me
It gives me back the strength I've lost
And all my dignity

You'll take a stand on my behalf
For that is what friends do
And know that what you do is right
For I believe it too

So one last time, I breathe your scent
And through your hand I feel
The courage that's within you
To now grant me this appeal

And don't despair my passing
For I won't be far away
Forever here within your heart
In memory I will stay

— Adapted from Karen Clouston

ART ON THE YARD

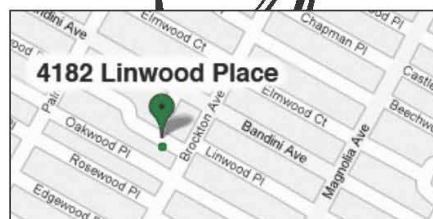
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Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011

10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

4182 Linwood Place
Riverside, CA, 92506

*Jewelry
Textile Art
Paper Art
Ceramics
Blown Glass
Garden Art
Stained Glass
Mixed Media Art
Chair Masseuse
and more...*



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\$269,900
5444 Tower Avenue

Don't miss this gorgeous
STANDARD 3-bdrm, 1.75-bath
"Wood Streets" pool home on corner lot,
1350 sq ft PLUS a 400 sq ft bonus room,
with gorgeous remodeled kitchen,
master bedroom suite, hardwood floors,
formal dining room, indoor laundry,
living room with fireplace,
central air/heat, and all new windows!

For color photos, go to
www.WoodStreetHomes.com



**Spectacularly
GORGEOUS home!**



\$194,500
4929 Glorietta Lane

3 bedrooms, 1.75 bathrooms
approx 1400 sq ft. on cul-de-sac
with new windows and wood shutters,
remodeled kitchen,
hardwood floors,
central air/heat,
fireplace in living room,
formal dining area,
2-car attached garage and RV parking!

For color photos, go to
www.TheSisterTeam.com



**SOLD
in 12 days!**

4326 Linwood Place

"Wood Streets" 2-owner mid-century 1527 sq ft
block home, with 3 bds, 1.75 bths, hardwood floors,
1-car garage and guest quarters, listed for \$249,900



**SOLD
in 6 days!**

3515 Linwood Place

"Wood Streets" 1940s charmer with original kitchen,
approx 1440 sq ft, hardwood floors, gorgeous
backyard with RV parking, listed for \$189,900



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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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