

Chit Chat

News for Home and Living

OCTOBER 2011

NON-SCARY HALLOWEEN

ROCKY: On Halloween evening, a clever child in a 'Rocky' costume, which included boxing gloves and satin shorts, trick-or-treated at all the houses on his street. Then he went back around again to each house, and when neighbors mentioned that they had already seen him, he answered, "I am the sequel, Rocky 2."

THE VIPER: A woman who lives in an apartment building received a phone call from a stranger who said, "I am the viper, I'll be there in an hour." The woman thinks the phone call was a prank but then 15 minutes later, the same person calls again and says, "It's the viper, I'll be there soon." She calls the police and when the door bell rings five minutes later, she asks aloud, "Is that the police?" As the door opens, there stands a foreign little man with a sponge and bucket of sudsy water, to which he replies, "I am the viper. I wish to vash and vipe the vindows!"

FIVE LITTLE PUMPKINS: Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate.. The first one said, "My it's getting late." The second one said, "There are witches in the air." The third one said, "But we don't care!" The fourth one said, "Let's run, let's run." The fifth one said, "I'm ready for some fun." Oooooooooo went the wind, out went the lights, and five little pumpkins went rolling out of sight.



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Daylight Savings; Time for a change!

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 6th!

Twice a year, when you change your clocks, you may want to improve the safety in your home by also doing the following:

CHANGE YOUR CLOCK



CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES

- ◆ Replace the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors
- ◆ Prepare or update your disaster supply kit for your house/autos (water, food, flashlight, batteries, etc.)
- ◆ Discard expired medications -- those dates really DO have meaning
- ◆ Check home and storage areas for outdated hazardous materials

Neighborhood News

We now have a Facebook fan page ("The Sister Team") with helpful real estate and neighborhood information! Please check it out and click on the 'Like' button.



Wood Streets Green Team (WSGT)

WSGT is hosting a **FREE** gardening workshop ("**Growing Cool Season Veggies — Discover Secrets of Southern California's Bountiful Winter Garden**") on **October 23** from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at 4756 Linwood Place (between Palm and Tower).

The presenters will cover the various types of veggies that can be grown during Riverside's cool season, provide a schedule of planting and harvesting times, explain the advantages of sowing seed or transplanting seedlings, and share tips about growing peas, salad greens, root veggies, onions, and many other crops.

Please dress for the weather, as the workshop will be held outdoors at a private residence. Parking is limited, so please consider walking, carpooling, or bicycling if possible.

More information can be found on the website at www.woodstreetsgreenteam.org or by calling 951-505-0172.

Do you want to find local businesses that give outstanding customer service?

*Request a **FREE** copy of our Service Directory or go to our website www.WoodStreetHomes.com*

**CONTRACTORS,
ROOFERS,
HANDYMEN,
GARDENERS,
YOGA TEACHERS,
TREE TRIMMERS,**

and more!

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.

This is just a reminder that our signs are still available for your use, year round.

Give us a day or two notice...



Neighbors of the Wood Streets Association (NOWS)

NOWS is a fantastic resource for neighborhood and citywide information and news. Past meetings hosted topics on saving water, street sweeping, summertime pet safety, earthquake preparedness, etc. If you are unable to attend the meetings, please at least bookmark the new website at www.NOWSrivside.com and check back often for updates. Meetings are held every **3rd Thursday**

at **7:00 p.m.** at the RCC Alumni House at 3564 Ramona Dr. *Volunteers are needed to help distribute meeting flyers.*

Good exercise for a good cause! If we don't see you at the meetings, we hope to see you around the neighborhood!



Did you know that getting rid of your home e-waste (computers, cell phones, etc.) can provide you a tax deduction? SmartRiverside is a non-profit that collects e-waste and provides low income households in Riverside refurbished PCs (over 5,000 have benefited). The collection center is at 2801 Hulen St, open from 9 am to 4 pm M-F and the last Sat of every month from 9 am to 2 pm. SmartRiverside@riversideca.gov.

REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY REPORT

LISTED and/or SOLD by **“The Sister Team”**

SOLD (July-October 2011)

6371	Avenue de Palma	\$	\$ 206,500	3 bed, 2 bath	1584 sq ft	2-car garage
6095	Elenor	\$	\$ 224,900	3 bed, 1.75 bath	1471 sq ft	2-car garage
3754	Elmwood Ct	\$	\$ 214,900	2 bed, 1 bath	1436 sq ft	2-car garage & pool
4171	Homewood	\$	\$ 221,000	3 bed, 1 bath	1432 sq ft	1-car garage
3581	Larchwood	\$	\$ 290,000	3 bed, 1.75 bath	1900 sq ft	2-car garage & pool
3982	Larchwood	\$	\$ 279,900	5 bed, 1.75 bath	1900 sq ft	2-car garage
3920	Linwood	\$	\$ 270,000	3 bed, 2 bath	1700 sq ft	2-car garage
4631	Luther	\$	\$ 216,000	3 bed, 1.25 bath	1397 sq ft	2-car garage
4911	Magnolia	\$	\$ 325,000	4 bed, 3 bath	2343 sq ft	3-car garage
17213	Noble view	\$	\$ 390,000	4 bed, 2.5 bath	3655 sq ft	4-car garage
360	Oak Dr	\$	\$ 210,000	3 bed, 2 bath	1248 sq ft	no garage
4174	Ramona	\$	\$ 274,500	3 bed, 3 bath	1956 sq ft	2-car garage & guest house
1636	Stockport	\$	\$ 200,000	3 bed, 2.5 bath	1557 sq ft	2-car garage

IN ESCROW

8262	Archibald			4 bed, 2 bath	1528 sq ft	2-car garage
3695	Bandini			2 bed, 1 bath	1094 sq ft	1-car garage
5122	Carlingford			3 bed, 1.75 bath	1500 sq ft	2-car garage
4060	Chapman			3 bed, 2 bath	1943 sq ft	2-car garage
3651	Elmwood Ct			2 bed, 1 bath	1100 sq ft	2-car garage
4121	Homewood			2 bed, 1 bath	1152 sq f	2-car garage
5139	Magnolia			4 bed, 3 bath	2440 sq ft	2-car garage
5690	Old Ranch Rd			3 bed, 1.75 bath	1676 sq ft	2-car garage
14115	Pear			4 bed, 2.75 bath	2446 sq ft	2-car garage
5428	Quince			3 bed, 1.75 bath	1631 sq ft	2-car garage
4890	Serrano			3 bed, 1 bath	1008 sq ft	2-car garage
5444	Tower			3 bed, 1.75 bath	1345 sq ft	2-car garage
31773	Via Verde			3 bed, 1.75 bath	1350 sq ft	2-car garage

AVAILABLE

4581	Bandini	\$	\$ 139,900	3 bed, 1 bath	1212 sq ft	2-car garage
18894	Chatfield	\$	\$ 284,900	4 bed, 2.5 bath	2700 sq ft	2-car garage
4326	Linwood	\$	\$ 259,000	3 bed, 1.75 bath	1527 sq ft	1-car garage & guest house

*ALL of the properties above were listed and/or sold by “The Sister Team.”
If you would like information on other properties (listed or sold by other Realtors)
in ANY neighborhood, please contact us at (951) 205-4429.*

**NO ONE (for the past 15 years) comes close to listing and selling
as many homes in the Wood Streets than “The Sister Team”!**

Welcome New Clients!

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

Ricky Alvarez

Steve and Jinxi Caddel

Theresa Heaton

Madeeha Kibriya (chose to list their home with
us after reading an article about us in the
Los Angeles Times)

Ray and Yvonne Lockwood

Patrick and Joani McGowan

Harold and Jacquelyn Rathbun (referred by
Patrick Baker)

Scott and Kris Sawyer

*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!!!

www.TheSisterTeam.com

September Quiz Question

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

*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 10/28/2011*



July/August Quiz Answer

Question: In the Robin Hood stories,
what was the real name of Little John?

Answer: John Little

**Congratulations to
Bruce Haymond**

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

How Do Fall Leaves Do It?

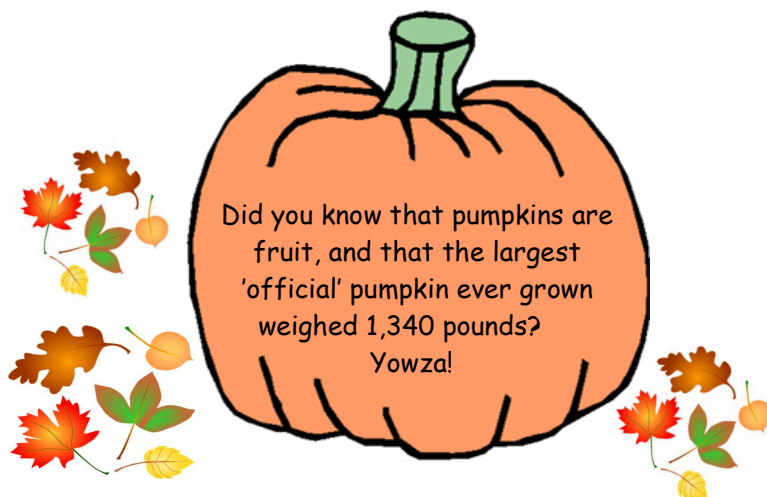
Why do trees put on their spectacular fall show every year? Think of them as animals going into hibernation.

Leaves produce a chemical called *anthocyanin* that accounts for the striking reds and purples often found in the sugar and red maples, northern red oaks, sumacs and tupelos. As the weather gets cold, trees start shutting down their systems for winter. Nutrients move out of the leaves and into the tree trunk, branches and roots. The yellow and orange tones always present in leaves begin to show as the green of chlorophyll begins to disappear.

Eventually, trees shed their leaves to prepare for the deep sleep. As leaves continue to lose color and moisture, the wind picks them up and scatters them onto the ground. Fallen leaves help contain warmth and moisture throughout the winter, thus protecting grasses and other plants until spring.



It's never too late to begin again
no matter how many times you've tried to do
WHATEVER it is you need to do, to change,
to overcome, or to be.
NOTHING is impossible. Each day that the sun
rises, know that if you're still breathing,
there is another chance to start all over again.
No sorrow, just hello tomorrow!



\$259,900
4326 Linwood Place
Riverside 92506

“Wood Streets” 2-owner
mid-century 1527 sq ft block home
with 3 spacious bedrooms (including
a master suite), 2 bathrooms,
gorgeous hardwood floors throughout,
large living room with fireplace,
formal dining area and eat-in kitchen,
indoor laundry,
central air conditioning and heat
pool-sized backyard with fruit trees,
1-car garage and guest quarters!



The Pet Page

2nd Annual Spay-ghetti Dinner



Mary S. Roberts
Pet Adoption Center

Serving Since 1997



Stay for dinner
or take it to go!

**For a
\$10 Donation**
You receive dinner and
raffle ticket to win a great
prize.

All proceeds enable the
Mary S. Roberts
Pet Adoption Center to
help low-income pet owners
who cannot afford to have
their pets altered.

When: October 23, 2011

**Where: Elks Lodge 643
6166 Brockton Ave.
Riverside, CA**

**4pm, 5pm or 6pm
Seating's**

To purchase tickets or for more info contact Leslie at 951-688-4340 ext 315
or visit our website www.petsadoption.org

Animal lovers and "foodies" alike are invited to a scrumptious spaghetti dinner for a great cause! The Mary S. Robert's Pet Adoption Center is opening a Spay/Neuter Clinic that will provide low income pet owners the opportunity to get their cats and dogs spayed or neutered at a very low cost. The more pets that are serviced through this program will lessen the overwhelming number of homeless pets in our community! Help with this problem by becoming a part of the solution!

**Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center (formerly the Riverside Humane Society)
is a non-profit 501(c) 3. Your donation is tax deductible!**

Please Don't Breed or Buy
While Shelter Pets Die



**OPT TO
ADOPT!**



Each day approximately
10,000 humans are born in
the United States, and
each day approximately
70,000 puppies and kittens
are born.

As long as these birth rates
exist, there will never be
enough homes
for all of the animals.
As a result, every year
4 to 6 million animals
are euthanized because
there are no homes
for them.

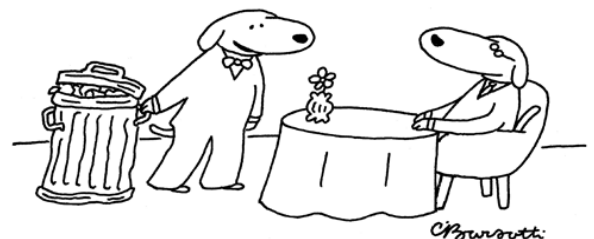
PLEASE

spay and neuter your pets.

It's good for you,
your pets,
and the community!

If you've lost, or found, a 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 (www.TheSisterTeam.com/community/lost-found), so a happy reunion can be arranged with the proper owner! We also showcase adoptable pets as well. "Dirty Nose" from the July/Aug issue of Chit Chat found his new forever home!

You should also go online to Riverside County Department of Animal Services (www.rcdas.org) to view all dogs and cats that are either lost, found, or adoptable. This is a great service — and convenient! And don't forget to contact www.NOWSRiverside.com.



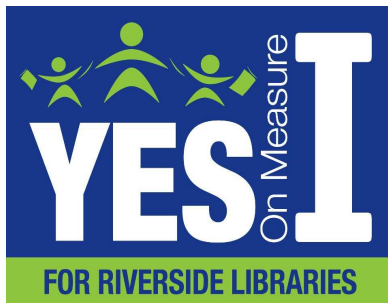
"The special, sir. Shall I spread it out
or will you knock it over yourself?"

Don't take an apple (or real estate advice) from just anyone!
There's nothing scary about working with "The Sister Team"! You get a FREE market analysis on your home and over 15 years' experience as "Wood Streets" specialists!!

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



FROM BROOKLYNN (AS SNOW WHITE) AND GRACIE (AS THE WICKED WITCH)



Our libraries proudly serve all of Riverside and provide essential services to school children, seniors, and individuals with special needs. With NO increase to current tax rates, Measure I will continue the \$19 annual parcel tax, approved by voters, that has provided 22% of the funding for Riverside's Public Libraries for the last 10 yrs.

Please don't forget to **VOTE** on **November 8th!** Measure I will:

- ◆ Retain librarians & preserve after-school programs for teens/children
- ◆ Maintain adult literacy and job search programs
- ◆ Preserve free access to computers and internet for children/families
- ◆ Replace, upgrade, and purchase new books and computers

A mechanic was removing a cylinder-head from the motor of a Harley Davidson motorcycle when he spotted a well-known cardiologist in his shop. The mechanic says, "So doc, look at this engine; I open its heart, take the valves out, repair any damage, then put them back in, and when I finish, it works just like new. So how come I make \$39k a year and you get the big bucks, when you and I basically do the same work? The doc replied, "Try doing it with the engine running!"



OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

The "Breast Friends" of Riverside, California is comprised of an amazing group of women and survivors who put forth their time, energy and efforts to raise awareness. "The Sister Team" walked with the "Breast Friends" in a 3-day 60-mile walk in Santa Barbara. Each year that the group participates in a walk, we all support each other and hope to be that much closer to a cure.



Four-yr-old Brooklynn is determined to fill a 24 oz. water bottle with dimes (\$100) to donate to the "Breast Friends" 2012 cancer walk, so just a few weeks ago she convinced her mommy to put together a lemonade stand in front of her house so she could raise money. Her bottle of dimes is half full already.

Go Brooklynn!! Go "Breast Friends"!!





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Chit Chat

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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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