

Chit Chat

News for Home and Living

OCTOBER 2012

Happy Halloween 2012

Halloween is especially fun if you're a child; however, in our family the adults have just as much fun creating costumes, decorating our homes, and passing out candy.

After having a bee hive removed from a tree last year, one of the kids came up with the great idea of dressing as a bee keeper for Halloween, and the remainder of the group costume fell into place. Poor Gracie (the bee sting victim) had the worst costume in terms of make-up because we attached plastic bees to her face and arms with spirit gum, in addition to teasing her hair. On her arm she wore a paper lantern painted brown to resemble a bee hive. The young girls were comfortably dressed in store-bought bee costumes, and Elsie put together a bee keeper outfit with her mother's help.

Luckily our "Wood Streets" neighborhood is ultra safe for trick-or-treaters, so the four girls had a wonderful time. We wish everyone a fun and Happy Halloween!



*Bee keeper: Elsie Bee Sting Victim: Gracie
Bees from left to right: Brooklynn and Aubrynn*

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Daylight Saving Time

The saying "Spring Forward, Fall Back" is a great reminder for people to turn their clocks ahead in the spring, and turn them back again in the fall.

This is also a great time to check the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Don't forget to check the clocks in your computers, DVD players and microwaves in case they don't automatically adjust.

Turn your clocks back one hour at 2 a.m. on **Sunday, November 4th** when daylight saving time ends.





“The Sister Team” is known NATIONALLY!

Over five years ago, a news program shot a video clip of one of our signs in front of our “Wood Streets” listing on Beechwood Place.

This clip has been running on television stations across the United States ever since.

We know this because we’ve had friends and relatives from San Diego to Santa Barbara, and from Florida to New York, say they’ve seen our sign on television news programs related to real estate!!

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REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY REPORT

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

SOLD (May 2012—Sep 2012)

8262	Archibald	\$ 174,900	3 bed, 2 bath	1528 sq ft	2-car garage
4686	Beatty	\$ 179,000	3 bed, 1.75 bath	1250 sq ft	2-car garage
4707	Brentwood	\$ 250,000	3 bed, 1.75 bath	1400 sq ft	2-car garage
3558	Castle Reagh	\$ 196,000	3 bed, 1 bath	1322 sq ft	2-car garage
4359	Elmwood Ct	\$ 179,900	2 bed, 1 bath	900 sq ft	2-car garage
4206	Homewood	\$ 185,000	3 bed, 1 bath	1230 sq ft	1-car garage
6177	Hillary	\$ 252,000	3 bed, 2 bath	2023 sq ft	2-car garage
3515	Linwood	\$ 195,000	3 bed, 1.75 bath	1450 sq ft	2-car garage
4142	Linwood	\$ 320,000	3 bed, 1.75 bath	1,900 sq ft	2-car garage
5491	Magnolia	\$ 212,500	2 bed, 1 bath	1527 sq ft	2-car garage
6580	Marguerita	\$ 249,900	3 bed, 2 bath	2440 sq ft	2-car garage
4546	Merrill	\$ 199,000	3 bed, 1.5 bath	1134 sq ft	2-car garage
4254	Monticello	\$ 152,000	3 bed, 2 bath	1122 sq ft	2-car garage
5078	Myrtle	\$ 200,000	3 bed, 2 bath	1637 sq ft	2-car garage
4044	Oakwood	\$ 195,000	3 bed, 1 bath	1116 sq ft	No garage
4795	Sierra	\$ 180,000	3 bed, 1 bath	1040 sq ft	2-car garage
1525	Sweet Bay	\$ 210,000	5 bed, 3.75 bath	3112 sq ft	3-car garage
5444	Tower	\$ 247,500	3 bed, 1.75 bath	1350 sq ft	2-car garage & pool

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18894	Chatfield		4 bed, 2.5 bath	1528 sq ft	2-car garage
4465	Edgewood		2 bed, 1.75 bath	1066 sq ft	2-car garage & pool
4929	Glorietta	Sold	3 bed, 1.75 bath	1400 sq ft	1-car garage
4410	Houghton	prices	3 bed, 1.5 bath	3015 sq ft	2-car garage
4674	Norton	posted	3 bed, 1.75 bath	1383 sq f	1-car garage
7129	Orchard	in	3 bed, 2 bath	1140 sq ft	2-car garage
3406	Ramona	next	3 bed, 2 bath	1778 sq ft	2-car garage
3668	Ramona	“Activity	3 bed, 1.75 bath	1328 sq ft	1-car garage
4192	Ramona	Report”	3 bed, 1 bath	1111 sq ft	1-car garage
1541	Ransom		4 bed, 1.75 bath	1932 sq ft	2-car garage
4947	Rockledge		4 bed, 1.75 bath	1883 sq ft	2-car garage & pool

AVAILABLE

3770	Elmwood Ct	\$ 150,000	2 bed, 1 bath	1078 sq ft	1-car garage
3190	Lemon	399,900	5 bed, 1.25 bath	2728 sq ft	No garage
4415	Mission Inn	324,900	4 bed, 2 bath	2600 sq ft	2-car garage
3760	Rosewood	269,900	3 bed, 1 bath	1400 sq ft	2-car garage

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

HUNDREDS of homes sold!

No one beats our experience and 25 years of real estate knowledge!

Friends Referring Friends!

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

Scott and Courtney Hanes
Velma Sherwood
Buzz and Trisha Alston
Charles and Brenda Koosed
Lee and Lori Schuette
Virginia Keast
Philip and Hope Read (Referred by 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!!!

www.TheSisterTeam.com

October Quiz Question

‘Cascade’, ‘horsetail’, ‘plunge’, and
‘tiered’ are types of what?

*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 10/31/2012*



August Quiz Answer

Question: What was the 19th Amendment
to the U.S. Constitution?

Answer: Pass by Congress in 1920,
the 19th Amendment guarantees
women the right to vote.

**Congratulations to
Patricia Eickman**

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

It's that time of year again..... coyotes are out and about!



In our August 2005 issue of The Chit Chat, we wrote about the numerous coyote encounters in the “Wood Streets” neighborhood, which really isn’t too unusual, since coyotes are found throughout most of California. Due to the “Wood Streets” proximity to the Santa Ana river, recent sightings in this neighborhood are quite common, and you’ll notice more missing pet posters popping up on telephone poles this time of year. From May through October, when adult coyotes are caring for young, and especially in extended heat conditions such as we’ve been experiencing, this is the time when domestic animals are especially vulnerable to attack.



A coyote’s primary diet is made up of small rodents; however, they are opportunistic and will consume a vast array of foods including birds, fruit and vegetables, human garbage and compost, outdoor pet food, and small free-roaming pets. The best **prevention** is to **keep pets indoors** or **within a fenced yard**, on a **tight leash while walking**, and **do NOT feed strays** in the front of your home. This is another reason why it is important to spay or neuter outdoor cats, (a cause “The Sister Team” wholeheartedly supports) in order to prevent too many roaming cats that unintentionally attract coyotes into the neighborhood. Once the coyote has a meal or two, they will continue to return for future meals.

Unless habituated to humans, coyotes are generally shy and wary, and present a minimal risk to humans. Coyote attacks on people are extremely rare. There has only been one human death attributed to coyote predation in the United States. This occurred in California in the 1970s when a coyote that had been deliberately habituated to human handouts preyed upon his human feeder’s three-year-old child. In comparison, over 300 people have been killed by domestic dogs in the U.S. between 1979 and the late 1990s.



The coyote is a native member of the dog family closely resembling a medium-sized German shepherd except that it has an elongated snout, large erect ears, a bushy black-tipped tail, which is carried down as it runs, and they are tan-brown in color with streaks of gray. Most adults weigh between 20 to 45 pounds on average, and can live for 14-16 years. In California, coyotes breed mainly during January through March, with a gestation period of about 60-63 days. Coyotes produce one litter per year, averaging

5-6 “pups.” In the rare event that a coyote attacks you or someone near you, yell at the coyote to make it back off. Don’t run away, since a coyote can outrun you — unless you can run faster than 30 mph!

Residents should respect coyotes, not fear them. Coyotes do not senselessly or maliciously approach or attack humans. It’s proven that coyotes can safely live among us in urban and rural areas. For more insight on our 4-legged neighbors, please go to www.ProjectCoyote.org.

TOP 5 REASONS TO ADOPT A BLACK CAT

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| 5. You can always find them in the snow | 3. They match any décor |
| 4. Lint brush not required for black-tie affair | 2. Love knows no color |

And the number one reason to adopt a black cat ...

1. They are the least likely to be adopted



Interesting Pumpkin Facts

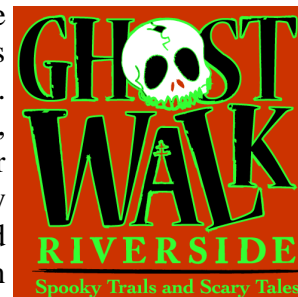
Pumpkin is one of the widely grown vegetables that is incredibly rich in vital antioxidants and vitamins. This humble backyard low calorie vegetable contains Vitamin A and is an excellent source of beta-carotene which may decrease the risk of lung cancer in smokers, protects from “age related macular disease” and is a good source of dietary fiber and mono-unsaturated fatty acids. The plant is a fast-growing vine that creeps on the surface in a similar fashion like that of fruits such as cucumber, squash, cantaloupes, etc.

Did you know that Illinois is the pumpkin capital of the U.S., growing an estimated 500 million pounds every year? That’s nearly half the national total! America spends 7 billion dollars on Halloween every year, and Halloween is the second largest commercial holiday in America behind Christmas.



Riverside Ghost Walk

The night is cast in shadows and all gather to be entertained as California Riverside Ballet presents the 21st annual Ghost Walk Riverside. Featured locations this year include the vacated Coroner’s Building, Fire Station No. 1, Riverside Art Museum, the Historic Fox Theater and the Riverside Library plus a few nooks and crannies never before seen on these tours, for young and old alike!



There will be live entertainment featuring music, dance, and tricks and treats. The highlight of the event will be an appearance by Pure Atoma, an all-teen band playing the latest hits in pop music on the Main Street Stage. Purchase tickets now at www.crballet.com. **When:** October 26-27, 2012 **Where:** Downtown Riverside. For more information please call 951-782-7812 or email susan@adgrlsu.com.



October is...

... not only the month of ghosts and ghouls, but it is also the month of awareness for Domestic Violence, month of awareness for Breast Cancer, and LGBT History month, among others. Support and awareness ribbons are found on cars and lapels all over the U.S. Although some are well known, such as pink for breast cancer or AIDS awareness, you’ll see purple ribbons which indicate domestic violence, in addition to children with disabilities and homelessness awareness. Multi-colored ribbons such as the rainbow pattern signify gay pride. Do your part and wear more than a ribbon.



Pumpkin Spice Smoothie

Ingredients: 1 cup milk or non-dairy milk (almond, rice or soy), 1/2 cup canned pumpkin, 1/2 banana, 1 tablespoon raisins or 1/2 teaspoon maple syrup, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract, 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon, 1/8 teaspoon ground ginger, pinch ground nutmeg, pinch ground cloves, pinch all spice. **Instructions:** Place everything in the blender and blend until smooth. Pour into your favorite glass and place a couple tablespoons of whipped cream (or non-dairy type cream) on top.



Neighborhood News & More

We have a Facebook fan page (www.facebook.com/TheSisterTeam) with helpful real estate and neighborhood information! Please check it out and click on the 'Like' button.



Riverside was noted as the most *Intelligent Community of the Year 2012* (in the world) by the Intelligent Community Forum (ICF) at the annual international awards ceremony at Steiner Film Studios in Brooklyn, New York.

This award honors communities that have overcome challenges to set a global standard for the use of information and communications technology in building sustainable local prosperity and social inclusion in the 21st Century. Riverside was recognized for its commitment to broadband, citywide innovation and its intelligent approach to initiating change.

What did the ghost buy for his haunted house?



Home Moaner's Insurance!

What do you call a fat Jack-O-Lantern?

A plumpkin!

Who won the skeleton beauty contest?

No body!

What's the first thing ghosts do when they get in a car?

They boo-kle their seat belts!

Where do baby ghosts go during the day?

Dayscare centers!

The City of Riverside has agreed to replace all of the street lights in the Wood Streets neighborhood. Getting rid of the metal poles and carriage type lanterns will both beautify and unify our neighborhood. A big thanks goes to Councilman Mike Gardner and the City of Riverside for making our neighborhood more historically correct! Check back for future updates.

Wood Streets Neighbor Network is a group of volunteers helping neighbors in the Wood Streets who don't have family or friends nearby to walk dogs, run errands, drive to doctor's appointments, do minor household repairs, move heavy items and other tasks.



To volunteer or to ask for help, send an email to wsn@att.net. Some of the volunteers have undergone background checks and have been fingerprinted, so you can be assured this is a sincere group of volunteers who are only looking to be of service to those in need — for FREE!

Neighbors of the Wood Streets Association (NOWS) is a terrific resource for neighborhood and city wide information and news. The **last meeting of 2012** will be Thursday, **October 18th** at 6:30 p.m. at the RCC Alumni House at 3564 Ramona Drive. Please sign up to be on the email newsletter list at NowNews1@gmail.com so you can be kept informed of guest speakers and other upcoming agenda. Please visit the new web-site at www.NOWSriverside.com.

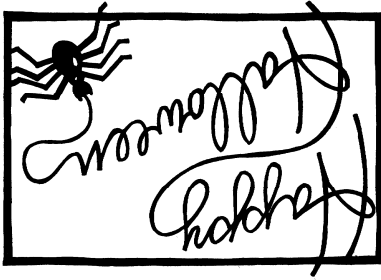


YARD SALE SIGNS (free for your use)

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...





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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 the **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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