

Chit Chat

News for Home and Living

OCTOBER 2006

INDEPENDENCE DAY—2006

For the ninth consecutive year, we (and some of our dearest friends -- see photo) set out at 6:30 a.m. and personally hand-delivered 1700 American flags to the "Wood Streets" neighborhood on the morning of July 4th, our wonderful country's Independence Day! We hope you enjoyed the festive flags and look forward to our patriotic gesture again next year.

- - Tara & April



Left to right: Bethany, Angel, April, Javier, Debbie, Heidi, Gregg, Ivan, Teri, Tara, Gracie, Ruth, Eddie and Dorette

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Historical October Days

- 1636 - Harvard College was founded
- 1849 - Writer/Poet Edgar Allen Poe died in Baltimore
- 1858 - President Theodore Roosevelt born in NYC
- 1860 - A telegraph line opened from LA to Frisco
- 1886 - The Statue of Liberty was dedicated in New York
- 1888 - The Washington Monument opened to the public
- 1915 - 25,000 women in NYC demanded right to vote
- 1924 - President James Carter was born in Georgia
- 1929 - The New York Stock Market crash occurred
- 1933 - Alcatraz became a federal prison
- 1933 - The five-day workweek was officially sanctioned
- 1940 - The 40-hour workweek went into effect
- 1951 - "I Love Lucy" premiered on CBS-TV
- 1982 - *Cats*, the musical, opened on Broadway in NYC

Enjoy the colors and coolness of Autumn!

-- Tara and April

Halloween Crafts and Games

Baked Pumpkin Seeds

Save those seeds! After you've carved your pumpkins, put the seeds aside for a homemade Halloween treat! Just wash your seeds well, and dry. Then mix with melted margarine, put on a cookie sheet and sprinkle with salt. Bake at 350 degrees for about 40 minutes. If you don't want to use margarine, you can also spray with butter flavor PAM. Just cover your cookie sheet with aluminum foil to avoid the PAM sticky residue.

Apple on a String Game

A less messy version of bobbing for apples! Just use some lengths of string to hang apples from a ceiling, tree, or patio cover. When you say "GO" each person tries to eat as much of his/her apple as possible without using their hands. You can also substitute apples with doughnuts.

Jack-o-Lantern Orange Desserts

Just cut off the top of an orange using a zig zag pattern. Scoop out the inside of the orange. Now draw a pumpkin face on the orange with a permanent black marker. Fill your "jack-o-lantern" with orange sherbet and top with chocolate sprinkles.

Toilet Paper Mummy Wrap Game

This fast-paced game will turn a normal child (or adult) into a mummy in a matter of minutes. Divide the players into teams of two. The object is to be the first team to wrap your mummy so that no skin or clothing shows (do not wrap mummy's nose and mouth). The team that finishes first, wins. Breaking OUT of the toilet paper is just as fun, but a bit messy. A second prize can be awarded to the team that unwraps their mummy the fastest.



Stick the Witch Game

Using a dummy dressed to look like a witch, use a felt tip and put a devil's mark on the body somewhere. Now cover the dummy with crepe paper. As guests enter the Halloween party, give them a pin with their name written on it and ask them to stick the witch. When everyone is done, remove the crepe paper from the dummy to see which guest's pin is closest to the devil's mark to receive a prize.

Bloody Fingers

Take hotdogs and cut them in half and then slice three cuts (not all the way through) in two quarters to look like knuckles, and a slot out of the top for the nail. A water chestnut cut in half is used for the nail. Put the hotdogs in a baking dish and bake them for a very short time, and put BBQ sauce at the base of the fingers.



It's that time of year again..... coyotes are out in force!



In our August 2005 issue of The Chit Chat newsletter, 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, they can be aggressive, and 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!

No More Hand-Held Phones While Driving

Effective July 1, 2008, any cell phone use while driving must be designed to allow for hands-free listening and talking and used in that manner. Exceptions include calls made for emergency purposes and calls made while driving on private property. Any violation of this law will be an infraction punishable by a base fine of \$20 for the first offense and \$50 for each subsequent offense. Source: Assembly Bill No. 1613 (State of California)



Welcome New Clients!

Here are some past clients, and new clients who became members of our "Real Estate Family" recently. We'd like to welcome you and wish you all the best!

Warren and Anne Myers

Bob and Rita Palma

Patti Harp (referred by Don Harp)

Lee Kreinbrook and Rich Bell (past and treasured clients)

Julie Williamson

Jason and Candace Fournier

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.

May Quiz Answer

Question: It's a little-known fact that June 18 is National Picnic Day, a day observed by picnic-basket-loving cartoon character Yogi Bear. At what *fictional* park does Yogi celebrate this occasion?

Answer: Jellystone Park

Congratulations to Eric-Allen Warren

Your name was selected at random from all of the correct quiz entries and you'll receive a \$30 gift certificate for a store of your choice!

October Quiz Question

The first Jack-O-Lanterns were made out of what type of food?

- 1) watermelons**
- 2) coconuts**
- 3) turnips**
- 4) pumpkins**

Everyone responding by calling or e-mailing us with the correct answer will be entered into a drawing for:

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Drawing to be held on 10/31/06



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The Pet Page

Your new best friends!! How would you like the kind of friend that doesn't judge you for your messy hair, bad breath, or dirty dishes in the sink?? The owner of three dogs died about five years ago and the dogs were left in the backyard to fend for themselves. The neighbor, who is 94 and on a fixed income, has been feeding and watering them since their owner died. The dogs haven't been bathed, seen a vet, or been exercised because there is a padlock on the gate. They are approximately 8 years old, very friendly, and would love to be adopted, or fostered until they are adopted. There's Casey, a blonde Newfoundland mix; Rocky, a black and tan shepherd mix; and Cindy, a red shepherd mix. If you, or someone you know, would like to adopt or foster, or donate to help maintain their care, please call Animal Rescue Friends of Idyllwild at (951) 659-1122 or Nona at (951) 956-7675.

Cindy



I'm Cindy Lu (on the left), 3 yrs old, and have lived with Cody (5 yrs old) since we were young. Our parents are moving out-of-state and we need a new home. We are healthy, have our shots & microchips, are housetrained and kennel-trained, and love to walk on a leash. We love laps and we sleep through the night. Please call Scott or Debra @ (951) 369-6692 if you would like to adopt us. Thank you!

Casey



"The Sister Team" will deliver any any of these pets to your front door, complete with a big red bow and a starter supply of food!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

"The Sister Team" is willing to donate money to help those who would like to adopt a needy (and doomed) pet from any animal shelter!

And **remember**....spaying and neutering is the most important thing we can do to help dogs and cats!

We are willing and able to *confidentially* help those who are unable or unwilling to spay or neuter their companion (or stray) animals.

Please contact us and we will donate our time and money to this most-important cause!

Together, forever and always for the animals!

--Tara and April

REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY REPORT

Listed and Sold by "The Sister Team"

SOLD (May through Sept 2006)

3559	Beechwood	\$420,000	3 bed, 1 bath	1626 sq ft	4-car garage
4190	Beechwood	\$400,000	3 bed, 1.75 bath	1782 sq ft	2-car garage
4483	Beechwood	\$450,000	3 bed, 1.75 bath	1911 sq ft	2-car garage
4555	Edgewood	\$340,000	2 bed, 1 bath	875 sq ft	1 carport
3564	Elmwood Drive	\$550,000	5 bed, 3 bath	3105 sq ft	2-car garage
4953	Jurupa	\$331,000	2 bed, 1 bath	814 sq ft	2-car garage
2254	Karendale	\$800,000	5 bed, 3 bath	3014 sq ft	3-car garage
3588	Ramona	\$545,000	3 bed, 1.75 bath	2150 sq ft	2-car garage
4201	Ramona	\$365,000	2 bed, 1 bath	1017 sq ft	1-car garage
4411	Rosewood	\$377,500	3 bed, 1 bath	1154 sq ft	1-car garage
10641	Village	\$447,000	5 bed, 3 bath	2300 sq ft	3-car garage

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3608	Jurupa	Sold prices posted in next "Activity Report"	3 bed, 1.5 bath	1700 sq ft	2-car garage
4490	Linwood		3 bed, 1.75 bath	1700 sq ft	2-car garage
4033	Maplewood		2 bed, 2 bath	1140 sq ft	1-car garage

AVAILABLE

3968	Bandini	\$349,900	2 bed, 1 bath	950 sq ft	1-car garage
4659	Brentwood	\$593,000	4 bed, 2 bath	2400 sq ft	2-car garage
4210	Highland	\$384,900	3 bed, 2 bath	1306 sq ft	2-car garage
3551	Larchwood	\$439,900	4 bed, 2 bath	2036 sq ft	3-car gar & guest
3920	Larchwood	\$364,900	2 bed, 1 bath	1320 sq ft	1-car garage
4259	Oakwood	\$344,900	2 bed, 1.25 bath	1030 sq ft	2-car garage
4684	Rosewood	\$439,999	3 bed, 1.75 bath	1800 sq ft	1-car gar & pool

ALL of the properties above were listed and/or sold by "The Sister Team."

If you would like information on other properties in your neighborhood, please contact us at (951) 205-4429.

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

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\$349,900 One of the most immaculate homes in the "Wood Streets" — 2 bds/2bths 1140 sq ft, central air, gorgeous hdwd floors!



\$364,900 Custom California Bungalow 2 bds + sunroom (3rd bed?), 1 bth, over 1300 sq ft, eat-in kitchen, fireplace, large yard!!



\$384,900 Curb appeal galore!!! 3 bds, 2 *full* bths, large kitchen, central air/heat, hardwood flrs, 2-car garage, pool-sized yard!!



\$344,900 Classic 1939 Cottage on great street. 2 bds *plus* sunroom, 1.25 bths! Low-maintenance backyard, central air/heat, newer appliances in awesome eat-in kitchen, and bull-nosed ceilings. Approx 1029 sq ft!!



\$439,999 One-of-a-kind "mountain retreat" 2 fireplaces, 3 bdrms, 1.75 bths, central air/ht 1800 sq ft, inground pool, almost 1/2 acre!!!



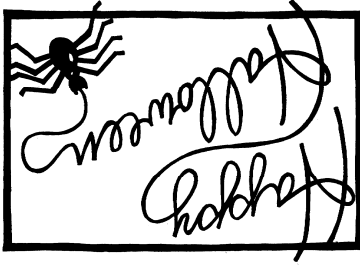
\$439,900 Stately round columns welcome you to this 4 bdrm, 1.75 bth 2036 sqft "Wood Streets" beauty w/**guest house** plus 3-car gar!



\$593,000 Wow! Stunning "Wood Streets" 4 bd/2 bth **2400** sq ft ranch with new wd flrs, 2-car garage & pool, central air and heat!!

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