



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY

May 5th- Monthly Cal Heights Committee Meeting. Open to all residents of California Heights. Meetings begin at 7:00 PM at Jan's Antique Mall, info 989-0970.

JUNE

Date: TBD Cal Heights Community Meeting. Open to all residents of California Heights. Meetings begin at 7:00 PM at Jan's Antique Mall, info 989-0970.

June 27th: Bixby Knolls 9th Annual Street Fair. Event hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Info: 562-595-0081.

OCTOBER

October 3rd-California Heights Home & Garden Tour is now scheduled for October 3rd, 2004. Mark it on your calendars for another fantastic day in California Heights.

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Wanted: Historic Cal Heights Photos

We are currently looking for anyone in Long Beach that may have photographs of the California Heights neighborhood area.

The purpose of collecting the old photos is to preserve them in one central location for future reference; to use them in the home and garden tour book; and to publish them in the newsletter. We would also use the photos on the Cal Heights Web page that is being developed.

If you have any photos that you would like the community to see of Cal Heights we encourage you to contact us at 981-2258.

We would be happy to come and pick them up and return them to you, unharmed within 48 hours. Our own Newsletter staff would do all the scanning.



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THE HEIGHTS
CALIFORNIA HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

**Cal Heights Neighborhood Association
Looking for a Few Good Homes**



Once again its time for the Cal Heights Home and Garden Tour Committee to begin looking for homes and gardens for the annual home and garden tour. If you are a new resident and have no idea what I am talking about the annual home and garden tour is held every October and raises funds to support the neighborhood newsletter, "The Heights", as well as other community projects including continuing lamppost restoration, historic signage and the new California Heights kiosk.

Our first step will be to send letters to the homeowners of potential homes and gardens asking if they would be interested in participating on the tour. If you would like us to take a look at your home or garden or if you have a friend in the neighborhood with a great home or garden please let us know as

soon as possible. Letters will be sent by the end of April and home selection is usually completed by mid-June so please don't wait too long to let us know that you are interested.

The 8th Annual Home and Garden Tour has been scheduled for Sunday, October 3rd, 2004. As usual volunteers are needed to assist with recruiting docents, working the docent sign-in table, Cal Heights truck and raffle table as well as an assortment of last minute tasks. If you are interested in having your home on the tour, volunteering or just have questions please contact the committee at 562-424-6727 or webmaster@calheights.org

Above Photo:



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone!

As many of you already know property values have been on the rise for a long time. However, California Heights has been outpacing other areas of the city. Why you ask? I believe it has to do with our historical designation, our sense of community and our collective willingness to keep California Heights looking its best.

And with summer fast approaching I see that many residents have started home improvement projects.

As you begin to plan your projects please consider the local businesses that advertise in our newsletter. Many of the advertisers live in or near California Heights. Who better to call on than someone who cares about your home as much as you do?

Two new advertisers, The Tile Zone and B & B Hardware may be particularly helpful with your projects. The Tile Zone, features marble, wood and ceramic tiles as well as a new display dedicated to vintage

style tiles appropriate to the Spanish and bungalow homes in California Heights. Joe and his partner are more than willing to assist with on site consultation and personalized service. The Tile Zone is located on the southwest corner of Atlantic and 37th Street.

The B & B Hardware store will finally be opening in May. B & B's owners are California Heights residents that feel they can provide a quality store to meet the specific needs of our neighborhood that a "box hardware store" can't.

B & B Hardware will feature specialty items including custom doors, hardware and decorative period accents. The store will also carry much needed basics, everything from plumbing repair to sprinkler repair, as well as a custom order desk and contractor area.

Even though B & B has not yet opened they have already been active in our community. Several months ago the owners pledged to do what they could to help irradiate graffiti. Since then they have kept their promise and painted out graffiti on Wardlow Road whenever they see it. Hats off to B & B! B & B Hardware is located on the corner of Wardlow Road and California Avenue.

The best way to show your appreciation to our new and current advertisers is to spend your "hard earned dollars" locally. These advertisers support your neighborhood association and the least we can do is thank them with our business.

Last but not least I'd like to give everyone a friendly reminder to please follow the historic guidelines set for our neighborhood. The guidelines apply to any exterior improvements, including windows, extensive landscaping, driveways and fences. The guidelines can be accessed at www.calheights.org.

Albert Guerra,



Art Mortimer designed and painted the mural located on the corner of Orange Avenue and Wardlow Road.

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Reminiscing – Sheldon Olson

As an eleven-year-old boy I lived at 3636 Brayton Avenue with my folks during World War II. It was a bungalow with a drive through arbor on the right side leading to the garage which had a storeroom attached at the rear. The neighbors' on the driveway side of the house were Bill & Mary Henderson.

It wasn't too peaceful living there during the war as large bombers took off from the Long Beach Airport and flew over the house. That runway probably isn't used anymore.

My uncle, Lt. Roger Peterson, spent his last night with us before leaving for England to be part of the D-Day Operation as a B-24 Navigator. His plane was shot down and he died from flack wounds in a German prison camp.

I do have fond memories of that era though. I bought my "Victory" bike from a gentleman across the street and he painted my name in Old English manuscript on the black (no chrome in WWII) handlebars. I sold Collier's Magazine to our neighbors. I wonder if the huge fig trees are still in the backyard or if the termites are still chewing away on the garage?

That's me on the bicycle in front of our house in 1944.



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-By Jill Rubinelli

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Contrary to its' name, Fatburger is anything but. They use one of the leanest meats of most hamburger chains and offer turkey burgers and grilled chicken sandwiches as well. They use fresh USDA beef, not frozen, cooked to order every time; cook French fries in 100% cholesterol free oil, hand scoop real ice cream for shakes and offer a multitude of great toppings. My personal favorite is the fried egg with bacon fat burger with cheese. Mmmmm!

What Fatburger offers that the other burger franchises don't is jukebox dining with great '50s style music, great tasting burgers grilled or charbroiled to order, and fun. It's definitely not your run-of-the-mill fast-food joint.

Unfortunately, the closest Fatburger to our great neighborhood is in Redondo Beach. If you've never had one, drive over, enjoy the heck out of it, and get on board for the latest Cal Heights write-in campaign. With all the new development in our neighborhood, why not have a great tasting, fun burger joint that has Southern California history, just like we do. They started in Los Angeles in 1952 and have been around ever since. They must be doing something right.

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Spectacular cal Heights Spanish

For years I've walked past the beautiful two-story Spanish residence located at 901 East 37th Street and wondered who owned it and what it looked like on the inside. Well, I recently had the opportunity to find out when the owner invited me to tour the property.

Don Baker and his sister, Marilyn Averbach, are the third generation owners and inherited the home when their father recently passed away.

The home was built in 1936 for their grandparents, John and Emma Gunn, and remains in almost original condition. The home has three bedrooms, three baths, a generous living room, dining room and a den.

An unusual feature of the home is the faux stone application on the floor of the formal entry and steps of the curved staircase. The home has the original fireplace, coved ceilings and lighting fixtures. Amazingly, all three bathrooms have escaped

remodeling and are completely original.

A good-sized kitchen still has the original red and white tile, garbage chute, and an interesting stepped tray ceiling. The adjoining breakfast nook has its' original corner cabinets and milk door.

The master suite, my favorite, has a large bedroom, adjoining dressing room with laundry chute and extremely large bathroom with the original dual sinks, bathtub and separate shower and toilet enclosures.

Since I love Cal Heights history it was especially fun to learn that the family originally planted a small orchard in the back yard. The original owners removed the orchard in 1949 in order to build a small rental property.

-Kerrie Weaver



901 East 37th Street, Built in 1931

A Big Thank You to B.i.G Studio!

Recently, Cal Heights resident Mitch Kron contacted the CHNA with an idea on how to raise money for the neighborhood association. His idea was to create the first official CHNA T-Shirt and donate the first seventy-five T-Shirts at no cost to the association.

Mitch's company, B.i.G. Studio, designed the logo and layout for the T-shirt with the assistance of our own Brenda Schultz in one weeks time. The T-Shirts were printed locally and were unveiled during the recent Mural dedication.

The CHNA would like to Thank Mitch and his family for the wonderful donation.

Editors Note:

B.i.G Studio can be contacted at (562) 989-2444 . Mitch and his wonderful staff are available to assist you with any of your silk-screen and merchandising needs.

T-Shirts can be purchased at Jan's Antique Mall. The cost is \$ 12.00 and is sold in Adult Sizes. Get your while supplies last.

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