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Neighborhood Traditions

By Chuck Livingstone



This year we celebrate our 13th Annual 4th of July Parade and Picnic. It's safe to say that our event has become a neighborhood and City tradition. Each year we enjoy enthusiastic participation from our neighbors, patriotic inspiration from Blair JROTC and outstanding support from City agencies and personnel. The significance of our event reaches beyond our neighborhood and inspires people throughout Pasadena.

This year live music will return to the picnic. We are working to arrange for a live animal experience for the children. This has been a challenge since Mr. Valentine retired as new animal show providers have to be licensed by the City. Our Grand Marshals for this year will be Neil and Judy Kleinman who have served MHNA as Board Members, association officers and event volunteers for 14 years.

Much as we value our traditions we need to recognize that our City is changing in many ways (see page 2). Some of these changes will enhance the quality of life in Pasadena while others appear to be threats. Renovation of the Rose Bowl has made our City more attractive for major concert events that will result in economic development and some additional traffic. Extensive development of apartments and condominiums close to Gold Line stations will result in greater population and, hopefully, won't add significantly to rush hour traffic. Multiple hotel projects will aid convention and tourism activity with economic benefits for the City. The Playhouse District has proposed innovative ideas to create a pedestrian and bike friendly commercial area.

The biggest issue of change that confronts us is the proposed connection of the 710 Freeway via tunnel to the 210 Freeway. Many neighborhood groups including our association are monitoring the status of this project. Metro and Caltrans announced that the expected Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been delayed until February, 2015. This lengthy delay may reflect major problems with the proposed project and as a neighborhood we need to monitor plan changes that may have a major impact on Madison Heights.

**Event
volunteers
needed**
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An Exemplar Neighbor

In Memoriam Sid Tyler 1932 - 2014



With the passing of Sid Tyler this past March, our City and our neighborhood lost a resident who exemplified the meanings of good neighbor and good citizen. His work with many local organizations, and his 12 years as City Councilman, have been recognized in the many eulogies made on his behalf.

For Madison Heights residents, Sid was also a great neighbor. He was always there for us as a neighborhood and always ready to participate in our association events. His bike riding set an example for all of us to be concerned about our environment and the need to reduce our carbon foot print. Sid and his wife Betsy were always ready to make their home available for local meetings on issues of importance to our neighborhood.

Sid will be remembered as a neighbor who helped make Madison Heights a very special place to live. On behalf of all our residents the Madison Heights Neighborhood Association has made a donation to the Pasadena Community Foundation to honor Sid's legacy.

Neighborhood Change

Have you noticed some changes in our neighborhood? As the housing market appears to be rebounding and construction picks up, it has started to have an impact on our neighborhood. We are seeing challenges to our neighborhood with mansionization, speculation home building, flipping of houses that need renovation. In many instances projects have been sensitive to our neighborhood's mix of architectural styles that have evolved since 1906.

A frightening example of what can happen to our neighborhood is the concrete monstrosity under construction on Los Robles. Several residents raised the issue of this house with Terry Tornek at our Annual Meeting, only to learn that the project was in conformance with building codes.

It is time for residents and our Association to become proactive in order to protect our

architectural heritage. A few suggestions that have been discussed with fellow neighbors are:

1. get the City involved to develop various restrictions to control building sizes,
2. have MHNA become a Historic District (some sections within the neighborhood have been designated as such),
3. or section by section, street by street approach to designate historic areas, lastly perhaps a combination of the aforementioned ideas. Several approaches to contemplate for future architectural designs/renovations that would be within the confines of the existing neighborhood need to be considered.

If you have a comment please send us me via our web site: mhnapasadena.org, my email: realtor@chucklivingstone.com, or place a note with your thoughts/concerns in the dues envelope when you make your annual contribution. See you all at our 13th Annual Children's Parade and Picnic.



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THIRTEENTH ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY PARADE AND BLOCK PARTY

FAMILY PARADE

TIME

GATHER AT 10:30 AM

LOCATION

EUCLID, SOUTH OF FILLMORE

ROUTE

SOUTH EUCLID AND FILLMORE, SOUTH TO
ALLENDALE, WEST ON ALLENDALE TO
ALLENDALE PARK

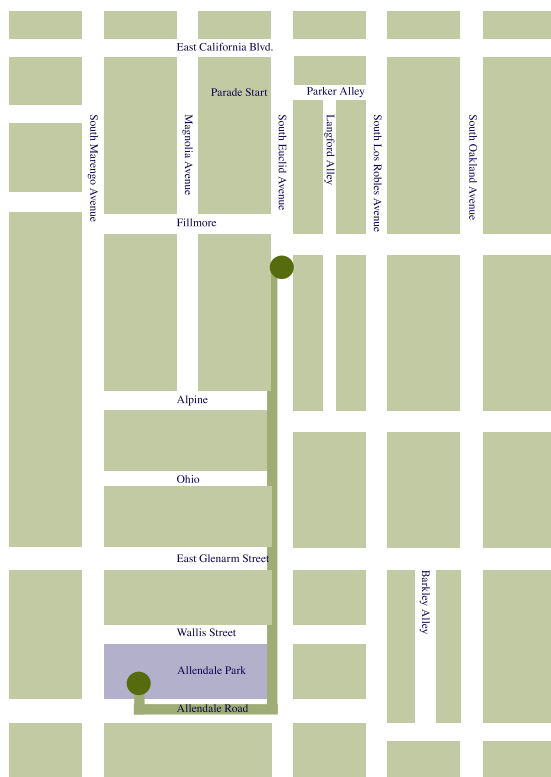
NEIGHBORHOOD CELEBRATION

TIME

11:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

LOCATION

UNDER THE TREES AT ALLENDALE PARK



OUR 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION WILL HAVE MANY OF THE SAME WONDERFUL ENTERTAINMENT AS LAST YEAR, WITH LIVE MUSIC, COLOR GUARD, CRAFTS, AND WONDERFUL FOOD FROM PIE 'N BURGER.



MENU

INCLUDES CHIPS AND DRINK • ALL ORDERS MADE TO ORDER

HAMBURGER, CHEESEBURGER, OR VEGGIEBURGER

\$ 9.00

HOTDOG OR GRILLED CHEESE

\$ 8.00

THIS YEAR WE WILL TRY TO PROCESS ALL ORDERS AT THE PARK AS THE WILL CALL PROCESS FOR PREORDERS SLOWS EVERYONE DOWN WHEN CHANGES ARE MADE. WE WILL HAVE MORE PEOPLE TO PROCESS YOUR ORDERS AND ORGANIZE THE FLOW SO YOU CAN GO DIRECTLY TO THE FOOD TRUCK.



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**4th of July
Parade
& Picnic**

Fun Starts
at 10:30 a.m.

Current Resident or

E-mail Communications Update

Over the years our e-mail list serve grew to over 500 names. Unfortunately we ended up with many duplicates and multiple different addresses for some residents. With great effort we have purged the duplicates. We preserved multiple e-mail addresses where requested by two different persons in the same household.

The list-serve has proved to be an efficient and cost effective tool for informing our neighbors on issues that are important to Madison Heights and all of Pasadena. We are proud of the growing acceptance of the list-serve communications and appreciate your participation and the positive feedback you provide us. If you are not already on the list please make the effort and enter your address on via our new website.

As a reminder, please know that your privacy is valued and all e-mail data provided to us is kept 100% confidential. We do not and will not provide any data to any third party contact or organization.

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