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# MEMORIES OF SAN ANTONIO HEIGHTS WITH MARJORY GARFIELD



Marge with her favorite pals, Mingo, Lulu and Bradley (See Story Page 3-4)



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## MARJORY GARFIELD RESIDENT OF THE HEIGHTS SINCE 1918

#### By Pam Schulz and Donna Hawthorne

Marge Davies was born on July 22, 1917 at San Antonio Hospital when it was located in the old building at the corner of San Antonio and Arrow Hwy. She and her parents lived in the City of Upland and moved to the Heights in 1918 when Marge was one year old. She attended Upland's elementary schools, Chaffey High School in Ontario (there was no Upland High School) and then Chaffey Jr. College (when the campus was connected to Chaffey High School). After college Marge accepted employment with the San Bernardino County Welfare Department.

Marge has many fond memories of growing up in the Heights. She has lived in several different houses owned by her great-grandparents, grandparents, parents or herself. All of the residences were located within a block from her current home near the corner of Euclid Avenue and Vista. In 1941 Marge married Bill Turner and they had a son, Barry, who still resides in the Heights and a daughter, Helene, who resides in Tallahassee, Florida.

Marge recalls living next to the "Resort" which was located where Life Bible Fellowship Church currently stands. The small older buildings were where guests stayed who visited the resort and an Olympic size swimming pool was located at the top of the property near Vista. The Resort came in handy as it actually helped Marge supplement her income during holidays and weekends and it allowed her and her children a wonderful place to swim (employee privilege).

While working at the Resort, Marge met Andre, the Chef, and after several months of courting, they married and moved to Monterey, then to Hollister but less than a year later they returned to the place they both loved and enjoyed so much, the Heights. Andre then became a Chef at the Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles and for a short while at the Silver Slipper in Las Vegas. Andre cooked for many Hollywood celebrities and became very good friends with Jimmy Durante.

Another little piece of history we learned was that Marge's Great-Grandmother owned the property on the corner of Euclid Avenue and Vista where the Chapel in the Wildwood is located. The Chapel was originally a small community church and her Grandmother donated this property to the church but it was documented as being sold for \$10.00

We first met Marge when we all served as volunteers for the Citizens on Patrol and the office was located at Life Bible Fellowship Church. If Marge was not on duty she would often stop by the office, with her favorite friends, "Mingo" and "Lulu". You can still often see Marge sitting out in front of her house on nice sunny days with her little friends playfully running nearby.

How long have you known your "best friend"? Well, Marge would tell you that she and her best friend, Miriam Lewis, met as neighbors in 1925 and lived here in the Upland area until 2005 when Miriam moved to Idaho to be close to her family. Prior to Miriam moving, Marge and Miriam enjoyed dinner together several times a week. Although they are miles apart now, they are still the best of friends, and do chat on the phone regularly.

Marge is a great storyteller unless you are firing questions at her and holding a notebook in hand. However, Pam remembers one of Marge' stories she shared with her in 2002. Marge was upset because her aunt, who rented her guest house, was not speaking to her and had threatened to move. With rising costs, Marge had increased the monthly rent from \$75 to \$100. Her aunt thought this was outrageous and was going to move to something more affordable. They had a good laugh over that and Marge ended up not raising the rent.

Marge will be turning 90 years young this year and has lived in the Heights almost 89 years. To our knowledge, she is our longest living resident. Marge has an incredible sense of humor and she laughs often; an amazing memory (although she admitted she sometimes has trouble remembering some names....and, who doesn't?); is extremely sharp and spunky; and cares deeply for the San Antonio Heights area and residents. We believe Marge has an abundance of history and memories in photographs and hopefully someday she will share more of her 'early day living' in the Heights with us.



For now Marge, we are wishing you an "Early Happy Birthday!" and we will be thinking of you celebrating on July 22<sup>nd</sup> when all 90 candles light up your cake and the Heights.

## President's Message By Ken Petschow



This year thus far our new larger San Antonio Heights Association Board has made progress in forming new committees and reorganizing the existing. We have had new offers of participation from members of the community which helps your Association achieve all of our common goals in the pursuits of keeping San Antonio Heights the independent close- knit place to live that it always has been. The relationships of the Association and Heights residents with the San Antonio Water Company under the direction of Charles Moorrees and the County of San Bernardino through Supervisor Paul Biane and his Field Representative, Tim Johnson, are steadily becoming more cohesive and immediately responsive to

our needs. The San Antonio Water Company has recently undertaken a long overdue large capital improvement program to improve and modernize our domestic water system which has affected nearly all areas of the Heights in one way or another during construction with traffic delays, street closures and torn up streets. The patience of the residents during the past several months has been greatly appreciated and is a tribute to the type of people living here that make up the Heights. I was talking with one of the foremen working on the waterline improvements who mentioned that he has never been on a job where the residents were so friendly and interested in what was going on than here in the Heights and that he normally sees a certain amount of malicious mischief, vandalism and theft of equipment while on a job especially for the length of time that he has had equipment positioned in our area but there was none here and that it must be a great place to live.

I feel a need to once again restate that the San Antonio Heights Association is not a home owners association but rather an association of interested Heights residents with the common goal of preserving our way of life. It is not the intent of the Association to involve itself with issues that homeowner associations traditionally involve themselves with such as house color, architecture, satellite dish location, or the formation and adoption of CC and R's. What we do is provide assistance in interfacing with all the various government agencies that provide services to our small community and assure that the Federal, State and Local regulations, laws and ordinances currently in effect are being followed by the landowners, developers and residents of the Heights. We do this for the purpose of preserving the things that make the Heights the place it is to live and to protect our rights and property values for our future posterity. If you have any concerns about these types of issues or any other, you are welcome to voice your concerns at our open monthly board meeting. We will be more than happy to involve ourselves or assist you to the extent necessary to reach resolutions with the proper agencies to the best of our abilities within the confines of that agency's authority. To assure also that those same agencies do not overstep their authorities within our community. Change is something that most people including myself do not like; we don't want large groups of new homes to be built in our area. The reason we

have the density of housing we do in the Heights is because of the County of San Bernardino's zoning regulations on lot size. We cannot stop a neighbor or land owner from building within the confines of the current zoning laws after going through the San Bernardino County Planning Department for review and compliance with current zoning ordinances. If found to be in compliance and approved, it must be legally allowed and permitted; however we can prevent the variance of these zoning laws and future land use changes such as density and usage, R1 to R4, or from commercial to residential. It is my personal opinion that to preserve the overall feeling of the Heights we should do all we can to prevent these types of zoning changes within our community in the future, but we cannot expect any retroactive changes. Also, it is not in the best interest of any property owner to not be allowed to develop their property to the extent legally allowed at the time of purchase. This is why the City of Chino's attempt to limit growth and development by the creation of the Dairy Preserve was overturned because it placed limits on the individual property owner's rights and negatively affected the value of properties within the preserve. If a neighbor wants to build an addition or use a vacant piece of their property within the confines of the laws and ordinances, it is their right and the only recourse is to discuss the proposed project with the party making the changes and try to reduce the perceived impacts. If the project violates code or is illegal in any way, then it is the responsibility of the County to stop it.

One more important issue this month is the logo of the San Antonio Heights Association - it is legally considered the intellectual property of the Association and any unauthorized use of any part of it without written San Antonio Heights Association Board approval is a violation of U.S. Copyright Law. Please see http://www.copyright.gov. The San Antonio Heights Association has never given any person, organization, group, or company such authorization and will not tolerate such illegal uses because it has and may bring future discredit to this organization. San Antonio Heights Association Board support of your cause does not constitute this permission. We are again requesting that residents do not use our logo to add credibility to their cause or for any other reason.

#### **STATEMENT**

Our Association was formed to protect the interests of San Antonio Heights' home owners and residents. SAHA communicates and cooperates with the many organizations which render us critical services. Our members' diversified experience is being employed to research vital issues. Our goal is to work with all parties concerned to expedite mutually beneficial decisions on matters of social welfare impacting the Heights.

#### INJUNCTIONS STEP UP COUNTY'S WAR ON GANGS

By Paul Biane, Chairman, Board of Supervisors Second District



Two years ago, the Board of Supervisors declared a War on Gangs in San Bernardino County by enacting several initiatives to curtail gang activity and to lock up gang members caught committing crimes in our communities for as long as possible.

In February, we stepped up our battle by starting a new Gang Injunction Unit in District Attorney Mike Ramos' office. Two veteran Deputy District Attorneys in the unit will work with city police departments and the Sheriff's Department to secure gang injunctions anywhere in our County.

A gang injunction is a civil court order against known gang members. An injunction can prohibit gang members from congregating on gang "turf" and can even set a curfew for gang members in the very neighborhoods they are terrorizing.

Law enforcement officers can use injunctions as a tool to attack gangs. Here's one way how: Suppose two known gang members are hanging out on a street corner and a police officer spots them. Normally, the officer wouldn't have the legal authority to stop and search the two, but if a gang injunction is in place, the officer can stop and cite the gang members for violating the civil order.

During this contact, the officer might find drugs or maybe even weapons on the gang members, which would prompt more criminal charges in addition to getting dangerous drugs, weapons or both off our streets.

Los Angeles and other large metro areas have used injunctions to weed gangs out of neighborhoods for years, and the cities of San Bernardino and Victorville have used them to successfully fight gang crime in the recent past.

Normally, a city's attorney seeks a gang injunction in court after police provide detailed information about a gang's territory, criminal activity, and members. Now, all cities have to do is contact our DA's Gang Injunction Unit to get this legal process started. We'll partner with anyone anywhere in San Bernardino County so police can help residents take back their neighborhoods.

Meanwhile, the Board of Supervisors will continue partnering with our non-profit agencies such as the Boys and Girls Club, YMCA and others to offer young people positive environments where they can learn and grow.

We can lock up gang members every day and every night for years to come, but without intervention methods aimed at keeping our youth from ever getting involved with gangs, we cannot win this war.

Pamela Schulz
Notary Public

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#### **AVOIDING A COLLISION**

#### **By CHP Public Affairs Officer Sean Cooper**



The sound of screeching tires, the smell of an airbag, the terror of twisted metal; these are all characteristics of a traffic collision. Unfortunately, too many drivers have had the same shared experiences concerning a traffic collision. Despite warnings to slow down, cut down on distractions, and the tragic consequences of drinking and driving, many motorists continue to make poor choices behind the wheel. Recently in San Antonio Heights, a collision occurred involving a school bus, loaded with students and a big rig gravel truck, a certain recipe for disaster.

Luckily, this collision resulted in only minor injuries, but the potential for far worse was present. All drivers must be aware of those collision factors which lead to tragedy on our roadways. They include speeding, tailgating, unsafe lane changes, fatigue, and inattention, among others. If motorists remain vigilant about their speed, other vehicles around and approaching, and are attentive, the number of collisions will be reduced. Drivers can also

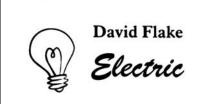
employ sound driving habits to reduce the risk. They include:

- *High Visual Horizon* Drivers need to look far ahead, expanding their field of vision to recognize potential hazards.
- 3 Second Rule Allow sufficient following distance between the vehicles in front; (e.g., when lead vehicle passes a landmark, count 1001, 1002, 1003, following vehicle should pass landmark).
- *Full Attention* Cut down on the numerous distractions when driving. No iPods, cell phones, CD changing, while vehicle is in motion. Remember operating a motor vehicle alone is multi-tasking, requiring 100% full attention.

The California Highway Patrol remains committed to aggressively enforcing those conditions which lead to tragedy. To that end, speeding, seatbelt and DUI violations remain the number one enforcement priorities for the CHP. Lastly, no collision is an accident; a traffic collision results from a purely avoidable, preventable action.

Please refer any questions to Public Affairs Officer Sean Cooper, Rancho Cucamonga CHP (909) 980-3994.

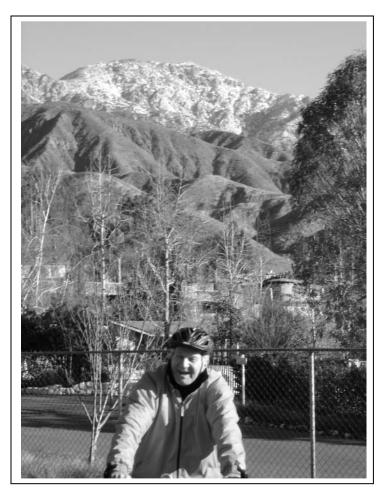




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# RICHARD "Trig" TRIGIANI 25 YEAR RESIDENT RIDES SAH MULTIPURPOSE TRAIL



Richard "Trig" Trigiani on his mountain bike helps ensure safety in the Heights. Trig, age 75 and a 25 year resident of the Heights, heads out each morning shortly after dawn and finishes his ten mile ride in the hills before you have probably finished your first cup of coffee.

Trig was recently profiled in the Daily Bulletin for his numerous volunteer activities in the area. Trig is a member of our local Citizens on Patrol, so while out riding along the Multipurpose Cucamonga Creek San Antonio Heights trail he takes note of anything graffiti to illegal from dumping. In Trig's twenty years of riding in the hills, he has found graffiti, dead or hurt animals, abandoned cars and tractors and once he even found an injured female.

Although there is not much crime in our area, Trig is always aware of suspicious activity, anything abnormal, new graffiti and he reports whatever he feels is a appropriate to the sheriff and encourages all citizens to do the same.

#### SAN ANTONIO HEIGHTS CRIME STATISTICS

By San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department

Although crime in San Antonio Heights is low, Det. Dan Whitten, offered to provide us with crime statistics for the 'three month period' prior to each quarterly newsletter. Last issue we provided statistics for twelve months but please note these statistics are for three months and will be reported as such in all future issues.

#### 11/01/06 TO 02/01/07

Assault w/weapon	1	GTA Just Occ	1
Commercial Burglary J/O	1	Petty Theft	4
Domestic Battery	1	Residential Burglary Rpt	1
Felony Spousal Abuse	1	Vehicle Burglary J/O	3
Statistics by Month	November (2)	December (5)	January (6)

#### CITIZENS ON PATROL SPECIAL REQUEST FORMS



Going on Vacation? Going to be away from home? Have you tried the Citizens On Patrol? One of the services provided by the COP volunteers is to check properties when residents are away. All you have to do is pick up a "Special Patrol Request" form from the box on the front of the COP garage, complete and return it to the appropriately marked box. The garage is the building just north of Fire Station #12 at Euclid and 24th.

#### **SAH's Second Annual Compost Workshop**

Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – 9 am to 11 am

Life Bible Fellowship Church – Monte Vista Room

For more information, leave your name and number at 909.985.6996

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! JOIN SAH CITIZENS ON PATROL

By Tim & Brenda McCleery, COP Volunteers

Have some extra time? The Citizens on Patrol is recruiting new volunteers to serve with the San Antonio Heights Citizens on Patrol.

The Citizens on Patrol was established in 1995. The group began with seventeen trained neighborhood volunteers. Each volunteer usually patrols a two to four hour shift once a week, times and days are flexible. Since the group was organized, it has played a very significant part in the community, such as valuable assistance during the Grand Prix Fire in 2003, traffic control for large events at Fire Station 12, LBF Church and as needed, etc.

Duties performed by COP volunteers permit sheriff deputies to concentrate on other law enforcement assignments. Some of the duties on patrol are:

- Patrols the SAH and Mt. Baldy areas.
- > Checks properties of residents while gone or away on vacation.
- Provides traffic control assistance for accidents, heavy traffic and as called upon by the CHP or Sheriff's Department.
- Attend monthly meetings the last Tuesday of each month.

To become a volunteer, it is very simple. It requires an application, background check, and training course conducted by the County of San Bernardino. To learn more about this very wonderful opportunity to serve your neighborhood, drop in at the next meeting, introduce yourself, meet and talk with our current friendly volunteers.

Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Life Bible Fellowship Church 2426 N. Euclid Avenue (Monte Vista Room) (Look for the volunteer poster/balloons on the door)

If you have any questions and/or would like to speak to someone in the COP group, you may leave your name and phone number on the COP Message Phone 949-4858 and someone will get back to you.

Participation in this group will give you great personal satisfaction and the opportunity to serve your neighbors in a very worthwhile endeavor. We do thank and appreciate our many consistent and loyal volunteers, but, we NEED NEW MEMBERS. Please consider joining our group!

# LAFCO MEETING ADDRESSED "SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION IF FONTANA BECOMES ITS OWN DISTRICT"

By Donna Hawthorne

On February 5<sup>th</sup>, the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) met at City Hall in Fontana to consider the City of Fontana's application to withdraw from the San Bernardino County Fire Department and its reorganization of the San Bernardino County Fire Department. The City of Fontana proposed forming its own fire district and contracting with the SBC Fire Department for personnel and other resources. Ken McNeil, SAH resident and Association Board Member, who attended the meeting said the financial impact to the San Bernardino County Fire Department should the Fontana application be approved was not discussed and in fact no one seemed to know how Fontana's proposal would affect the San Bernardino County Fire Department.

Mr. McNeil's take on this was that Fontana wants to have local control of its fire protection and its tax dollars spent on fire protection in the City of Fontana. Officials at the meeting stated that if the reorganization of the County Fire Department and withdrawal of Fontana from the County Fire Department results in a reduction of service, or an increase in cost to any area of San Bernardino County, those issues must be resolved before changes can be made.

Ken said he could not attempt to explain all of the complicated issues surrounding the proposed changes to the San Bernardino County Fire Department. However, he said that it is without doubt the City of Fontana and San Bernardino County Fire Department are presently working on lengthy reports with pages of facts and figures which will be probably difficult for anyone to understand. Ken McNeil will keep us posted on future meetings and/or reports that he and/or the Association learn about.

Since the Gazette Newsletter is published quarterly, there are often issues that you may want to learn about as they occur. Would you like to know about future meetings and reports on issues concerning fire protection, pertinent information regarding other services and/or future events in the Heights?

Notices of upcoming events are posted on the Home Page of the San Antonio HeightsAssociation Website – www.sanantonioheights.org – Check it regularly for updates.

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# GARY CRITES TO CHAIR FIRE SAFE COUNCIL COMMITTEE

By Donna Hawthorne

Over the past several years, the Association has been interested in implementing a Fire Safe Council here in the Heights. Newly elected Board Member, Gary Crites, has volunteered to chair this Committee.



On February 21<sup>st</sup>, he and committee members met with Ellen Pollema, Executive Director of Lytle Creek Fire Safe Council, Inc. at Gary's home and discussed some of the benefits to residents when a Fire Safe Council is in place in their neighborhood. Director Pollema suggested that the group initially start with an Educational Program. This would provide a valuable checklist of information to residents of items they can

check on their property to assure them of greater protection should the area again be hit with a fire.

San Bernardino County personnel will meet with the group and make available advice on types of shrubs best to surround a home, the distance shrubs should be from the structure, a free chipping program, etc. The San Bernardino County Forestry jointly with Weed Abatement can also be involved with a program which would evaluate and make recommendations on properties with questionable unsafe shrubs, clutter, etc.

The Fire Safe Council, once organized, will also be in a position to apply for grants to provide other services to the community.

Pictured above, left to right, Holly Wood, Ellen Pollema, Gary Crites and Michael Holzman (Behind the camera, Donna Hawthorne)

### 2007 SAHA MEMBERSHIP DONATIONS

We are continuing to receive a greater than usual membership and patron donations to the Association. We are very excited with the early responses for 2007. The following is a list of those who have made contributions through March 1st. If you would like your name omitted from this list, please call the SAHA Message Phone at (909) 985-6996 and leave your name and number or e-mail <a href="mailto:heightsneighbors@aol.com">heightsneighbors@aol.com</a> and we will respond to your wishes. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and we thank you very much!

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The Staff wishes to thank the many residents for the wonderful compliments we receive. It is our desire to continue to publish a newsletter that is informational, interesting and fun to read. We welcome your continued comments and suggestions. But more importantly, we would love to print your articles. You may contact us through the SAHA Message Phone (909) 985-6996.



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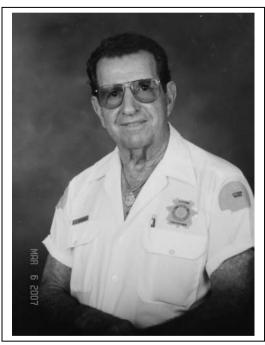
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#### IN MEMORY OF

#### CECIL R. GARRISON 5-3-27 to 1-11-07



Cecil was born in Choteau, Oklahoma and moved to California in 1928. He and his wife, Betty, moved to the Heights in 1977 and loved it so much they purchased their most recent home on Holly Drive in 1996. After high school Cecil enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Japan. Prior to retiring he was in roofing sales and prior to that owned and operated a couple of service stations. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Betty Jo Garrison; children, Cindy Garrison of Phoenix, Arizona, Estal (Bud) Garrison of Ontario, Lonnie (Duke) Garrison of Colton; 11 grandchildren and 1 ½ great-grandchildren

If you didn't know Cecil you may remember seeing Betty and him, in the Citizens on Patrol car doing residential property checks and regular shift duties. Since 1997, the couple regularly served the community by doing a weekly four hour shift. Cecil was also active in the Association and he and Betty were the chairpersons for the Backyard Produce Exchange for several years. He was a member of the Upland Travelers and was the fourth member to join the San

Gabriel Valley Harley Owners Group formed in 1990. He was active in General Dynamics Retirees' Organization and was a member of the Life Bible Fellowship Church.

His favorite pastimes were playing games, camping, boating, waterskiing, shooting, and riding his motorcycles. He loved life, played hard and enjoyed the fellowship of family, neighbors and friends.

Cecil was not only a loving brother, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend but also an outstanding wonderful friendly resident here in the Heights. You could never be a stranger if Cecil was there; he would have probably been the first to welcome you at a meeting or social gathering. Cecil will always be remembered and greatly missed.

Most of us who were acquainted with Cecil knew him pretty much as described above, however, we learned so much more about him at the Memorial Service on January 17th at Life Bible Fellowship Church. His many old and more recent friends spoke so kindly of him and his gift of helping others, that is, if he wasn't playing a joke on them. It seemed evident that he truly loved his friends and family and was ALWAYS there unconditionally when they needed his help.



Last, but not forgotten, Cecil had a very special friend during the last four years of his life that he loved to spoil. Gigi and he were almost inseparable. I recall when he and Betty adopted "Gigi" because their friend could no longer keep her (see picture), they were like proud new parents. Although Gigi was very well behaved, Gigi soon became spoiled (in a good way) and I am sure provided much joy and company to Cecil.

Cecil will be remembered in many, many ways. A few comments of Cecil shared by SAH residents were:

"He was a friendly man with a big smile."

"Seeing him on his Harley motorcycle (his favorite mode of transportation) with a friendly wave."

"A man who adored his wife and treated her with respect."

"A man telling a joke or with something funny to say."

"Someone who would always make you feel welcome."

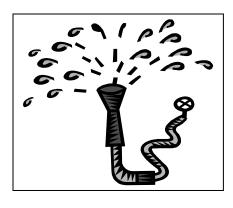
"A man with a BIG heart."

Our sympathy goes out to Betty and the entire Garrison family and we want them to know that Cecil will be in our hearts always.

### San Antonio Heights Historical Society

By Bob Shannon

The Association is in need of interested residents in the Heights to either chair the Historical Society or serve as committee members to continue this project. Bob Shannon is unable to continue with this responsibility because of other more demanding obligations but is interested in working with the Committee and can offer some valuable information to anyone interested in assuming these tasks. If interested, please leave a message at the SAHA Message Phone 985-6996.



# **Running Water Sighted in SAH**

#### By Michael Holzman

How many times when you are driving home or around the neighborhood do you see water running down the street? You might especially notice that the water is always in the same place at the same time every day. Often times the water is the result of a broken sprinkler head or something simpler like pointed in the wrong direction and your neighbor is probably not even aware of it.

If you can see where the water is coming from, take the time to drop your neighbor a note. I believe they would appreciate the information and you would be doing your part to help conserve water.

As spring is around the corner and we will be watering more, it is probably a good idea to give your sprinkler system a good test. Make sure there are no broken heads and that the water is covering the grass and plants and not the street or sidewalk. You can visit the San Antonio Heights website www.sanantonioheights.org for a list of useful links and ideas about water conservation.

#### WATER COMPANY IN THE BLACK

By Ken McNeil, Water/Legal Chairperson

It looks like the San Antonio Water Company will not increase water rates any time soon. This is due to the San Antonio Water Company selling what the Company defines as "stored" water in the Chino Water Basin. When the Water Company sells "stored" water it is selling the right for another entity to pump water out of the Chino Water Basin. Since the Water Company does not fully utilize its rights to pump water out of the Chino Water Basin, the Company is able to sell these rights to the City of Ontario, City of Chino, Jurupa Community Services District and a growing list of other agencies. Every year the San Antonio Water Company accumulates these rights, and if not used, these rights are carried over to the next year. Several agencies who want to pump more water from the Chino Water Basin have entered into contractual pumping agreements with the Water Company. Once the amount of water, per the agreement, is pumped, a new agreement must be signed for additional water.

The benefit to the Water Company is a windfall of millions of dollars to supplement the budget of the San Antonio Water Company. In 2006 over 20% of the Company's revenue came from "stored" water sales. Additionally, the only expense to the Water Company is the minuscule accounting costs associated with these funds. Due to this source of revenue, the Company has been able to establish a capital improvement fund which presently has a balance of over \$4.5 million dollars! That is a lot of money for a small company like the San Antonio Water Company!

As I look at the Company's financial statement for the twelve months ending December 31, 2006, I see a total cash balance of over \$10.5 million dollars! It would be hard to justify raising water rates when the Company's bottom line is very much in the black!

#### BACKYARD PRODUCE EXCHANGE

#### By Robert Shannon, Chairperson

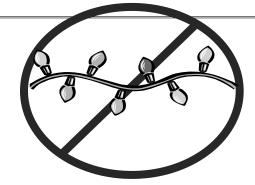
Our Produce Exchange started the year 2007 on a very good note. This time last year we were notified by county and state that we were under Med Fly quarantine which lasted until August. We lost many of our regular monthly attendees and also some residents who donate produce. IMO can end at produce, do not need "to give away."

Although our Produce Exchange started off slowly in January and February many of our regular patrons are back. We had very little produce because of the cold snap which hit our area hard but luckily one of our residents brought grapefruits, oranges and avocados to share and it gave us the feeling of our normal operation from years past.

We are always looking for residents who would like to share their excess produce. If someone has excess produce and would like or need help in picking and delivering produce to the exchange, we would be more than happy to accommodate them. Please contact Robert Shannon at (909) 985-3995 or leave a message on the SAHA message phone (909) 985-6996 and Robert or someone will be in contact with you.

The Backyard Produce Exchange is a service provided by the San Antonio Heights Association and is open to ALL RESIDENTS of the Heights on the first Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the north parking lot of Life Bible Fellowship Church. If you have not ever visited the exchange, stop by and introduce yourself even if you don't need any produce. The "regulars" would love to meet you.

# HOLIDAY LIGHTS By Michael Holzman

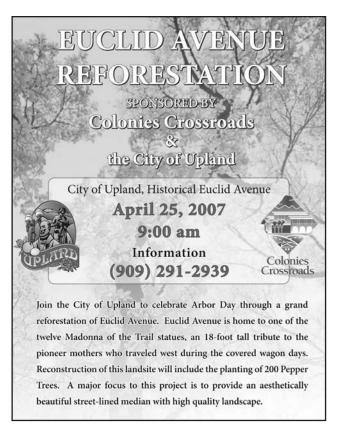


This is just a friendly reminder to our San Antonio Heights neighbors. Be sure and take down those outside holiday decorations and especially those lights. The lights are not intended to be outside all year long and they pose a fire hazard from prolonged exposure to the elements

# City of Upland's Reforestation Project for Euclid Avenue April 25<sup>th</sup> – 9 A.M. By Donna Hawthorne

If you bike, run or walk the Euclid Avenue trail, you will be especially happy to learn that the City of Upland and Colonies Crossroads will sponsor a reforestation project on Euclid Avenue which will include planting 200 pepper trees. These additional trees will provide you with additional shade while exercising but they will also provide an aesthetically beautiful street-lined median with high quality landscape to enjoy when you travel up and down Euclid Avenue. Euclid Avenue is home to one of the twelve Madonna of the Trail statues, an 18 foot tall statue to the pioneer mothers who traveled west during the covered wagon days.

San Antonio Heights residents have been invited to join Upland residents on Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. (somewhere near 19<sup>th</sup>) to celebrate Arbor Day and the planting of these pepper trees. For more information contact (909) 291-2939.





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Albertson's parking lot
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# Life Bible Fellowship Church

Saturday Service 7 pm - Sunday Services 8 am, 9:30 am, 11 am Student Services Jr. High Tuesday, 7 pm - High School Wednesday 7 pm

# San Antonio Heights Community Church

Sunday Worship Service 8:15 am, 11 am
Wednesday Family Night 7 pm
SAH Community Kidz Kount Program (ages 3 thru 6th grade) meets every
Wednesday evening 7 pm to 8: 15 pm. We feature bible stories, crafts, snacks and puppets.

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