



# MORNING SUN

## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

*Neighbors Working Together For A Safe, Beautiful Community*



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### IT'S REALLY HAPPENING!

Some time ago we announced that we were going green and transitioning from a printed newsletter to an Association website. It didn't happen then for various reasons, but it's happening now and we're pretty excited about it! It won't be easy to say goodbye to our old friend, the printed newsletter, but it's time to move forward with new technology, go green, and put those \$\$\$ spent on printing the newsletter to better use.

Now, don't let that word 'technology' scare you. We'll make the transition as easy as possible, we promise. Think of it this way....right now you're holding one piece of paper that comes every three months which only gives you access to what can be fit onto it. Our new neighborhood website will hold an abundance of information that is UP TO DATE and ready for viewing when you're ready to log on. Another great feature is that if there is something that the Association needs to inform you about immediately, we can do a 'blast' email to everyone on the contact list. Also, like Nextdoor.com, you can set your personal preferences to be emailed when someone comments on something you've entered in a "Discussions" thread.

You might ask, *How is it different from Nextdoor.com?* Well, Nextdoor.com was a good start and a good number of residents use it. There are many similarities, but our new website is ours and ours alone so we can focus on what's going on specifically in Morning Sun. For instance, you can still post a lost & found, a classified ad, or comment on an ongoing conversation.

In addition, you will have links at your fingertips that immediately take you to:

- the City of Santa Ana website (*Have a question about how a particular issue is addressed in the Municipal Code? You'll find it here*);

- our elected officials (*put that pen, paper & stamp away and instantly email our councilman, David Benavides, to let him know where you stand on the issues that affect our ward*);
- the police department (*obviously not for emergencies, but for communicating with our men & women in blue...maybe you have a question about parking*);
- the State of California Contractors' website (*easy way to check on the validity of a contractor you're considering using!*);
- fun things to do for Santa Ana residents (*like Bowers Museum and the Discovery Cube*).

These are just the start of the handy links you'll find.

The website is [www.MorningSunAssn.org](http://www.MorningSunAssn.org) and it is sponsored by Neighborhood Link. You can browse around as a visitor, which won't give you full access but will still enable you to see general stuff, or if you're ready to enjoy all the benefits of membership, you can register your name, address & email address now.

Here's how you do it:

1. Log on to [www.MorningSunAssn.org](http://www.MorningSunAssn.org).
2. Under the heading "Our Neighbors" in the right-hand column, click on the "Add Yourself" link.
3. The registration page will pop up. Follow the directions by entering your information. **Make sure to enter your street address in the "Message to Admin" field or your membership request will be declined.**
4. Within 24 hours you should receive an approval of your request. After that, you will have full access to every page and link.

*Concerned about privacy and safety?* Of course you are - we are too. Neighborhood Link has a very strict policy regarding the privacy of the information registered by members. They do not sell or give out user information to any third party. They also have a secure certificate for their email server.

Remember, the website is still in beta phase (to techies that means it's still in the testing phase) but we invite you to take a peek and look around. Check back often to see new links and information being added as we prepare for the final transition in January.

**IMPORTANT:** There will only be one more printed newsletter before the transition to the website, and there will be a full demonstration of the new website at the January Association meeting. If you have a laptop or tablet, bring it to the meeting to follow along. But don't worry - if you don't have one, you'll still be able to see how the website works.

Finally, if you have any suggestions for the website, please don't hesitate to contact the Administrator by email at [MorningSunAssn@gmail.com](mailto:MorningSunAssn@gmail.com).

## SECOND HARVEST FOOD DRIVE

An ambassador from the Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County will be attending the September Association meeting to provide us with current updates on their operation, their community partnerships that feed the hungry at more than 480 locations in Orange County, opportunities to become involved, and how to access their services.

Please open your heart to this worthy cause by meeting our challenge to fill five donation boxes from September 22-30. Donations can be brought to the September Association meeting, and additional donations can be dropped off at 2229 W. Hemlock Way until September 30.

Contributors at the Association meeting will be entered into a special "HOPE" raffle drawing. You will also be able to sign up to attend a Hope Tour of their warehouse facilities near the Great Park in Irvine.

Most needed items are canned meats, fish, soup, fruits & vegetables; pasta; hot and cold cereals; macaroni & cheese mixes; rice; beans; and peanut butter. Also needed are diapers, toothpaste & toothbrushes, toilet tissue, and soap. **Please no glass containers or expired items.**

## PRESENTATION OF CITY WEBSITE & PHONE APP

As we prepare to transition to our own neighborhood website, we thought it might be a good idea to familiarize you with the City's website. Experts from the City will be attending the September meeting to present a demo of the City's website, as well as tell us all about the City's free phone app, "MySantaAna" for iPhone or Android where you can instantly report and send photos of maintenance issues such as graffiti removal, potholes, trees damaged or down, street light repair, water wasting, weeds, etc.

## COYOTE SIGHTING!

Coyotes have been sighted in the neighborhood in broad daylight. Keep pets and children under close watch when outdoors!

## GARAGE SALE WEEKEND

The next garage sale weekend is September 5 & 6.

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## NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING

**Tuesday, September 22**

Jim Thorpe School Library  
Alton at Greenville  
7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

**Door Prizes!**

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