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To preserve and enhance the unique Old Towne Orange area through education, communication and community involvement.

2008

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AT&T Lightspeed Boxes in Old Towne

AT&T is moving forward with the installation of their Lightspeed utility boxes throughout Old Towne. There may be one or two boxes at each location. An example of these utility box installations can be found on the northeast corner of Almond and Cambridge. It is our understanding that the State Office of Historic Preservation and the FCC has determined that these equipment boxes are not

subject to Section 106 Review. Section 106 Review is a process in which the applicant is required to submit to the state certain information relating to their project to determine whether or not the project has an impact on historic resources. Just because it has been determined that this project is not subject to state review does not mean that the city should exempt this project from the city's review

process. This project should be subject to the Design Review process like all projects that may negatively impact historic resources. All wireless antennae sites must be reviewed by DRC and planning commission, so why the exemption of these facilities?

It is our opinion that these installations as proposed will have an adverse visual impact

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President's Message

By Bob Hitchcock
OTPA PRESIDENT

Since this is the last issue of "Orange Preserves" for 2008, I would like to review some of the highlights of the past year.

Our Preservation Event was held at the Woman's Club for the first time and it was certainly one of the best in recent history. As usual, there were deserving recipients of the Preservation Awards, some interesting presenters, good food, and

some lively entertainment. Our thanks to Vickie Laughlin and her committee.

Kudos go to Brady MacDonald and his committee for managing OTPA's Street Fair beer booth. It is a pretty intense time for all during the Street Fair, but Brady and his crew pulled it off and a nice addition to OTPA's treasury was made!

The Ice Cream Social at Pitcher Park was also a success, as was OTPA's

involvement with Treats in the Streets. I would like to thank the committee chairs and their volunteers for the good work to make all of these events happen!

OTPA tried some new things last year. For example: "Orange Preserves" was published four times this past year. A real effort was made to make each issue full of pertinent information. In order to get that information to all of the people that live in

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Home Tour

OTPA will present the 2009 home tour on November 7-8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We will be featuring five historic homes and one recently renovated commercial project. Ticket price will be the same as 2007: \$16 when purchased in advance and \$20 at the door. At this time, we are looking for citizens who would like to help with the tour. We have many rewarding positions available. If you are interested, please call the OTPA Hotline: (714) 639-6840.

OTPA General Meetings

All Meetings will be held
7-8:45 p.m. in the
Orange Public Library
and History Center's
Community Room.

Happenings Around Town

January 21 – OTPA General Meeting, 7 p.m., Orange Public Library and History Center.
Annual meeting with Board elections.



The house at 344 S. Center St. won the award for Most Original in OTPA's 2008 annual holiday decorating contest.

Membership News

OTPA extends a warm welcome to its newest members:

Jeffrey and Lisa Blackwell-Bradley
Gabriel & Carrie Frisby
Mary Litch
Gary & Debra Luke
Bob & Susan Midstokke
Joseph & Sharon Mule
Cindy Page-Fitzgerald

Raymond, Christy, & Sandra Platz and
Patrick Salver.

New life members include **Brady & Nancy MacDonald** and **Tony & Leticia Trabucco.**

Did you know that you may now pay your dues online? We are using PayPal on our website to accept major credit cards for dues payment. Visit www.otpa.org to see how easy it is to do.

Proposed Slate: OTPA 2009 Board of Directors

The following candidates for the 2009 Board have been selected and will be voted on at the January 21 General Meeting, 7 p.m., Orange Public Library and History Center. Specific positions will be assigned after the election.

Sue Vaurs	Jeff Frankel
Sandy Quinn	Patty Ricci
Michelle Carder	Laree Lopez
Janet Crenshaw	Analisa Goode
An Ngo	Leslie Webber
Bob Hitchcock	

OTPA HOTLINE

(714) 639-6840



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The house at 205 N. Pine St. won the award for Best Use of Lights in OTPA's 2008 annual holiday decorating contest.



The house at 714 E. Maple St. won the award for Most Old Fashioned in OTPA's 2008 annual holiday decorating contest.

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the Historic District, this is the first time all of the issues were sent to all of the residents of the District, not just members of OTPA. We plan to continue this into 2009 and hope that Old Towne residents find this useful and informative. We also continued the "working group" with Chapman University that meets on a regular basis. OTPA, Chapman and the City of Orange have benefited greatly from the information exchanged at those meetings.

We have also had our challenges this last year. There was the demolition issue on Washington Street

that took some time to resolve, but it did get resolved! There are the issues that come up for the City and homeowners regarding restorations, additions, etc. Most of these are dealt with at the Design Review Committee Meetings. We thank our Preservation Committee, led by Jeff Frankel, for attending and providing input at these meetings that have Historic District issues on the agenda. Your OTPA faces the ongoing challenges of providing accurate information about Orange's Historic District to its citizens and to the City of Orange Officials that have the

responsibility for administering the Historic District Standards and Codes. Your Board works very hard on preservation issues in Orange. However, you should not assume that just because you have not heard of any "burning issues" that the Old Towne Preservation Association does not need your support. As always we need volunteers for the various events in which

we participate. If our organization is to grow, we need some of you to become Board Members. It may seem easier for the same 10 or 12 people to sit on the Board year after year, but any organization needs the new ideas and energy that new Board Members can bring.

I thank the 2008 Board and wish the 2009 Board Good Luck!

Lightspeed, continued from page 1: *Unsightly Installations in Old Towne*

on our historic district, and that AT&T should be required to mitigate this impact by installing this equipment underground.

Apparently AT&T is not receptive to this option

because of the costs of an underground installation.

As owners of historic homes located within a National Register District, we know all too well that the cost of projects associated with our

historic properties is almost always higher than non-historic properties located outside the district.

AT&T must realize that the cost of installing these boxes in a historic district will be higher to minimize the negative visual impacts these boxes will have on our streetscapes.

We need to make sure the city does not allow AT&T to go forward with their plans at the more sensitive sites without the appropriate review. Many installations

have already been approved (and some installed).

Check out the Almond and Cambridge installation and see for yourself how unsightly and obtrusive they are--and imagine one of these in front of your home.

If you believe that these installations will be as visually offensive as we do, please contact the Mayor's Hotline and/or our City Council members please contact the Mayors Hotline at (714) 744-2200 and or our City Council at (714) 744-2211.



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Holiday Razzle Dazzle



The 200 block of N. Pine St. once again won the award for Best Block in OTPA's 2008 annual holiday decorating contest.



The house at 258 N. Center St. won the award for Most Beautiful in OTPA's 2008 annual holiday decorating contest.