



ORANGE PRESERVES

A HISTORIC PRESERVATION NEWSLETTER | *Spring 2017*

Dedicated to protecting, preserving and enhancing the unique character of the Old Towne Historic District through education, communication, community involvement and public service projects.

Update: What's Going on in Old Towne by Jeff Frankel, OTPA Preservation Chair

CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY

Big news from Chapman is the acquisition of two-and-a-half acres at Chapman Avenue and the I-5. This vacant property is adjacent to the school's Panther Village student housing. The land is not in Old Towne and Chapman is already at work designing a project that could house possibly 800 to 1000 students. They are considering replacing the existing Panther Village to accommodate additional housing. This could absorb a significant number of students who now rent in Old Towne. **MORE GOOD NEWS** is that the university has pledged to require freshman and sophomore students to live on campus. We're working with Chapman to expedite the new student housing planned for the Villa Park Packing House which will provide more than 400 beds. Both of these projects will enable more students to live in safe and properly supervised on-campus housing with attractive amenities.

METROLINK PARKING STRUCTURE

The City is in the process of awarding construction contracts for the 611-space Metrolink Parking structure at Chapman and Lemon. We hope there'll be an official public ground breaking in late May or June. We need this additional parking to lighten the load in Old Towne.



Villa Park Packing House – An artist's concept rendering of student housing.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

OTPA has a regularly scheduled monthly meeting with the City's Code Enforcement management. We review violations reported in Old Towne and make sure they're being followed up, including illegal parking, trash cans left on the street, sofas and other unacceptable items on the porch, and maintenance issues. If you want to report a violation, email Melissa Castillo at castillo@cityoforange.org or call at 714/744-7244. She's a specialist in the Code Compliance Division of the City's Community Development Department.



*2016 Sweet, Sweet Orange Award
Kurt and Hope Porter's 1895 Victorian*

LET'S HAVE DINNER!

TICKETS AND TABLES are available now for **OTPA's 21st Annual Preservation Awards Garden Party and Dinner Gala** at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 21st at The Woman's Club. It's one of Old Towne's most popular social and civic evenings, full of great fun, fine dining, Old Towne fellowship and neighborhood recognition.

Plus the mightiest multitude of fabulous door prizes ever offered! Mix and mingle with friends, neighbors, City Council and senior City staff members at the lovely Garden Party in the beautifully landscaped grounds. We'll dine in the colorfully decorated ballroom with a bit of surprise entertainment and the eagerly anticipated presentation of awards.

Award categories: **Sweet, Sweet Orange** for outstanding preservation, restoration or enhancement; **Pitcher Park** for outstanding garden enhancement; **Good Neighbor** for recognizing a new structure or a non-contributing in-fill project; **Plaza Park** recognizes superior restoration, preservation, enhancement or adaptive reuse of a historic commercial, industrial or public use property; **Spirit of Old Towne** honors a person, group or building that has contributed most to the mission of OTPA; and the **Dale Rahn Volunteer of the Year** award.

If you'd like to submit a nomination, check otpa.org online to see the nomination form, or email us at info@otpa.org. If you'd like to serve on the Gala Committee, contact chair Teri Lepe at otpa.org

TICKETS: \$50 per person. **\$375** for preferred location table of 8 guests. **RSVP to info@otpa.org.**



2017 SPECIAL EVENT CALENDAR



OTPA 2nd ANNUAL STATE OF OLD TOWNE FORUM

6:00 pm • Wednesday • April 12

Come hear community leaders talk about the issues concerning our neighborhood. Panel participants include Mayor Tita Smith, Community Development Director Bill Crouch, Police Chief Tom Kisela and Chapman VP of Community Relations Jack Raubolt. They will each make comments on key concerns, progress and future plans for Old Towne, then answer audience questions. Narrated by OTPA President Sandy Quinn. Free refreshments. Orange Public Library Community Room. Space is limited, so make reservations now. **RSVP to info@otpa.org.**

OTPA PRESERVATION AWARDS GARDEN PARTY AND DINNER GALA • 5:30 pm • Sunday • May 21

Enjoy a wonderful evening of great fun, fine dining, Old Towne fellowship and neighborhood recognition at the 21st Annual Awards Gala. Say hello to friends and neighbors at the lovely 5:30 pm Garden Party in the beautifully landscaped grounds of The Woman's Club of Orange. We'll dine in the colorfully decorated banquet room with a bit of lively entertainment followed by the eagerly anticipated presentation of awards. \$50 per person. \$325 per preferred location table of 8 guests. **RSVP to info@otpa.org.**



CENTER FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: View from Center Street now and when finished in fall, 2018.



WHAT'S GOING UP AT CHAPMAN

2:00 pm • Sunday • June 4

OTPA'S membership meeting will feature the university's VP of Campus Planning and Operations Kris Eric Olsen taking us on a sneak preview tour of the 135,000 sq. ft. Science and Technology Center under construction at Center and Walnut. Afterwards, we'll enjoy refreshments while Kris briefs us on what else is underway, including the latest on what's planned for student housing projects. **SPECIAL NOTE:** All guests must have proper clothing and safety equipment to join the tour. Closed toe, flat bottom shoes and pants (no shorts, skirts or dresses). Hard hats and vests will be provided. Eye protection – you may wear glasses or sunglasses – safety glasses will be available. Tour is limited to OTPA Members. Non-members may request to be placed on the standby list. **RSVP to info@otpa.org.**

OTPA STREET FAIR • September 1-3

We'll be back with a spectacular food offering!

OTPA SIP, SAVOR & SAVOR WINE PARTY • Fall

An elegant afternoon featuring excellent wines, hors d'oeuvres and door prizes. Join your neighbors and friends as we raise money for the Anne Siebert Academic Scholarship Fund. Anne was one of Old Towne's Godmothers who was a tireless preservation advocate. Last year, OTPA honored three university students pursuing preservation careers with \$7,000 in awards. Date and venue to be announced soon.

PASADENA CRAFTSMAN WEEKEND

9:00 am • Saturday • October 28

It's another exciting OTPA On-the-Road Discovery Tour, this time to see historically significant Craftsman homes of old Pasadena during the city's 26th annual Salute to the Arts & Crafts Movement. We'll ride in a luxury coach from Old Towne Orange to Old Towne Pasadena, then we'll check out great home treasures inspired from the famed architectural team of Charles and Henry Greene. After the tour, we'll visit the Exposition Show & Sale before we enjoy a no-host lunch in Old Towne. We'll announce the cost per person soon. **RSVP to info@otpa.org.**

OTPA'S 16TH HISTORIC HOME TOUR

Saturday & Sunday • November 4-5

This popular self-guided exploration of Old Towne icons returns for two days this fall. We're selecting homes now, looking for the most interesting in Craftsman, Victorian, Mission, Bungalow, Revival and other historic styles found in Old Towne. Email chair Joe Peters at Joe-Peters@att.net if you have ideas or would like to volunteer. Tickets are \$25 per person for non-OTPA members, and \$20 for members. Tickets available now. **RSVP to info@otpa.org.**

OTPA ANNUAL HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

Judging, Saturday & Sunday • December 16-17

Start thinking about your home (and block) decorating now! OTPA selects outside judges who tour Old Towne and select awards in the categories of Most Original, Most Old Fashioned, Most Beautiful, Best Use of Lights, Honorable Mention and Best Block.



Pamela Daniels in front of her S. Olive home which won Most Beautiful in 2016.

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT



Dear Members (and Non-Members, too):

The Old Towne Preservation Association is now billing all members the first of the year online. We think it will be more convenient for you and more efficient for OTPA's record keeping. You can use the form below, and pay by credit card or Pay Pal.

Members, please renew today. If you're not a member, please join! Here's why:

For more than 30 years, OTPA's mission has been to protect, preserve and enhance the special and unique character of Old Towne. We work constantly and effectively with the City, Chapman University and our community. *For example:*

OTPA asked Chapman to form the Neighborhood Advisory Committee to resolve issues like student housing, parking and student conduct. We attend every meeting.

OTPA supported the City Council in passing the tough Party Ordinances to keep Old Towne peaceful.

OTPA works closely with Chapman and the City to expedite the building of more on-campus student housing, including the Villa Park Packing House project and Panther Village expansion.

OTPA attends City Council, Design Review Committee, Zoning Commission meetings, and have a positive working relationship with the City staff, including Community Development and Code Enforcement.

OTPA works with home owners and businesses, architects and developers on remodeling and improvements to make sure the City's Design Review Standards are followed.

OTPA knows Plaza parking is a major problem and is urging the City to propose solutions.

OTPA has supported the Metrolink Parking Structure which will break ground soon to provide 611 spaces at Lemon St. and Chapman Ave.

OTPA awarded \$7,000 in academic scholarships last year to college students pursuing preservation careers.

OTPA held its State of Old Towne Forum featuring Mayor Tita Smith, City Manager Rick Otto, Police Chief Kisela and Chapman VP Jack Raubolt to report to our members on the status of important issues. Next one is April 12.

OTPA recognized improvements to Old Towne historic homes and structures at its 20th Annual OTPA Preservation Awards Garden Party and Dinner Gala in May, the biggest and most successful yet. Next one is May 21.

OTPA hosted 1,500 visitors for its bi-annual Historic Home Tour of Old Towne's most significant structures. The next one is November 4 and 5.

Old Towne is California's largest Residential Historic District, and OTPA works hard to protect, preserve and enhance the rich quality of our neighborhood.

It's easy to pay online at www.otpa.org. Please renew or join today!



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



YES, I want to help protect, preserve and enhance our great Old Towne!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

EMAIL _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY:

Household \$25 Business \$50 Lifetime \$250

PAYMENT:

My check for \$ _____ payable to OTPA is enclosed.

Bill my credit card: AMEX VISA MasterCard _____

Name on card _____

Card # _____ Exp. Date ____ / ____

It's easy to pay online at www.otpa.org or mail to Old Towne Preservation Association, PO BOX 828, Orange, CA 92856.



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*Elegance! 1895 Victorian staircase.
Home received the Sweet, Sweet Orange Award, 2016*

JOIN UP ONLINE!

Become a member of **The Old Towne Preservation Association** and help us protect, preserve and enhance the special character of Old Towne. We work with the city, university and community on the serious issues impacting our homes and quality life. **\$25** for Households; **\$50** for Businesses and **\$250** for Lifetime membership. **JOIN ONLINE TODAY** at www.otpa.org

STAY INFORMED: check out our web at otpa.org and on Facebook.

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WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

PUZZLED BY PLAZA PARKING PROBLEMS?

It's a growing problem and we're working with the City to find appropriate solutions. The City has recently formed an Old Towne Parking Group as a downtown parking district stakeholders outreach to discuss and propose long and short term ways to meet the problem.

The first meeting was held February 16 with representatives from the City, the Plaza business community and Old Towne attending. Former OTPA President Bob Hitchcock is OTPA's representative.

Many options have been proposed, including two or three level parking structures in existing parking lots, parking meters, paid parking in existing lots, relocation of the Senior Center, parking partnerships with Chapman University, modification of the existing merchant parking program, improved signage, valet parking, restriping to allow more spaces, and construction of a parking structure at the Civic Center.

"It was a very positive discussion and the City was prepared with an analysis of the existing parking capacity, plus the various options which are being explored as solutions," Hitchcock said. Email your ideas and suggestions to **Bob at otpa.org**.

SETTLING ON SOLAR?

We've asked the City to clarify rules regarding solar installation. Old Towne Design Standards require that solar panels must be installed so they are not viewed from the street.

MULLING OVER THE MILLS ACT?

State legislation giving home owners property tax relief for making improvements is a major benefit to Old Towne residents. OTPA is working with the City to clarify specifically what is covered and what's not. Send your thoughts to Preservation Chair Jeff Frankel at otpa.org.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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| Edna Bayliff | Robert and Michelle Grosse |
| Angie Catale | Donald Blair/
Masonic Temple Assn. |
| Brian Lochrie/
The Communications Lab | Cathy Miner |
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| | Dr. Paul and Michelle Turek |
| | Marceline Wright |

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