



# THE TRAILS

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**Orange Park Community Homeowners Association**

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## Speeding Vehicles and Close Calls Raises Concern for Safety In Broadmoor

**R**ecently, a rash of close calls have occurred on and around the streets of our Association. Excessive speed, inattention and poor judgement are factors associated with these incidents.

Cutting down the speed and paying close attention to your surroundings can prevent years of guilt and sadness. Consider the prospect of running over one of your neighbors, their children or their pets. Sound a bit harsh? Well, it

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is. So is the reality of a "simple accident." The result can be lifelong dev-

astating effects, all in return for trying to shave a few minutes off your drive.

What can you do? Conscientiously practice being courteous and safe when behind the wheel. Drive *slowww* through our neighborhoods.

While the Orange Police does not patrol the streets that run through our neighborhood, that does not mean that you can't take action. Call or write a letter to the property management company, attend an association meeting and voice your concerns.

As the days get longer and weather improves, pay more attention to children playing and riding scooters and skateboards up and down our streets... above all be smart.



### BROADMOOR PARK 2001 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

**March 31 – Chili Cook Off!**  
4:00-6:00pm \$3 per person (\$2 per refill)

**April 14 – The Great Easter Egg Hunt**  
Laughter, Celebration and Family Fun !

**May 4-5 – "Camp Out At The Lakes"**  
Bring Your Tents & Sleeping Bags! \$15 per Family

**May 5 – Wake Up... To Pancakes!**  
Adults \$3 Kids \$2 (per child)

*There's a New Fish In Town...*

## “FISH HOUSE” Good Seafood At Reasonable Prices

**T**here's a fresh catch across the street... FISH HOUSE which just opened in the strip mall across the lot from Pacific Ranch Market. This great little place offers fresh seafood for dine-in, take-out and take-home to-cook. The prices are reasonable and the seafood is fresh. A great alternative if your looking for a local change of pace!

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**OPCA Board Meetings**  
1st Thursday  
of Every Month



Fellowship Hall  
Salem Lutheran Church  
6500 East Santiago Canyon

*Open Session Begins at 7:00 p.m.*

Visit Our Web Site – <http://www.broadmoor-saddlehill.org>



## Orange Park Community Association Business & News

### HOMEOWNERS FORUM

The rains came and with them some water runoff problems. One homeowner expressed anxiety over runoff from a neighbor's property.

The Board expressed concern but affirmed that they had no jurisdiction over matters not affecting the common areas.

### BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Minutes and Financials for January were reviewed and approved.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### • **Horse Arena/Trails**

The Committee is discussing plans to install a round ring that would be used to exercise untethered horses. Several sites are under consideration.

#### • **Security**

On February 28 the Chapman entry gate failed because of cracks in the control box footing thus warping the gate's extension arm. Cause of this failure is not known at this time.

The Board called for increased surveillance of the Chapman entrance and the Broadmoor/Newport gate area. Vandalism has increased with car tracks marring the grassy areas on Broadmoor Trail, around the Lakes, and near the Pool area.

Residents are urged to watch for and report any vandalism, either to Patrol One offices or the Orange Police. Try to identify any cars by type, color, and license number if possible. Only by constant vigilance can we protect our area from this recurring vandalism.

#### • **Community Action**

A number of development issues are going to have a major impact on our homes and the Orange Park Acres community.

### **Community Action (Continued)**

Expansion of the Santiago Community College campus, new housing planned by the Irvine Company, and expanding traffic arteries all will impact on our daily lives.

The Community Action Committee needs concerned residents to participate in its work.

If you have concerns and wish to act on them, contact the Committee for further information.

#### • **Pool**

Lamp wattage in the pool area has been reduced to conserve power usage. And a couple of lights have been turned off.

#### • **Grounds**

More members are needed to participate in the Grounds Committee. Cardinal staff will join in the drive-by inspections of our area that are planned for this Spring.



## Message From The President

As we move into the new year – can't believe that it is March already – there are many changes taking place around our neighborhood that may effect us for years to come.

The College is moving forward with plans for a new look. To quote their November 6, 2000 press release, "It will transform Santiago Canyon College's current 52-acre campus with over 8,000 students into a 64-acre campus that will serve the educational needs of a projected 17,000 students". A new sports center is planned for the N/E corner of Santiago and Newport, directly across from Broadmoor Park.

Santiago Hills Phase Two is located in the area west of the Eastern Transportation Corridor and east of Jamboree Road. Irvine Regional Park lies to the north with Peters Canyon Regional Park located to the south. This hillside community will encompass 1,746 homes, two neighborhood parks and a 10 acre site for a new elementary school.

Fieldstone plans to develop the old Sully Miller sand and gravel property on Santiago Road, adjacent to The Reserve. This area backs up to the Maybury Ranch property across Santiago Creek. The plan calls for a maximum of 190 single-family detached homes on the 117-acre property. The lots will range from 8,000 to over 20,000 square feet with the median lot equaling over 10,000 square feet. The time table for this project is not known.

The area's arterial road system also has been planned to accommodate the traffic from developments on these sites. Road improvement plans include the widening of Chapman Avenue from Jamboree Road to the Eastern Transportation Corridor (ETC) to its ultimate width of six lanes. There have been rumors of a plan to widen Santiago Road to six lanes also. In addition, Santiago Canyon Road will be extended from Jamboree to the ETC as a two-lane road.

Just keeping up with the changes is quite a task. The Board of Directors has authorized the forming of the Community Action Task Force. Volunteers are needed. You NEED to become involved. For more information contact Harvey Moore at 532-9500 or JW Norris at 771-1164. Find out what is going to affect your life style. **Do it, and do it now.**

J W Norris  
President

*Special Feature*

# History and Hiking: Peter's Canyon Regional Park

*Courtesy O.C. Parks & Recreation*

Peters Canyon Regional Park offers a unique blend of native habitat and man's influence on the land.

The park encompasses 354 acres of coastal sage scrub, riparian, freshwater marsh and grassland habitats.

The 55-acre Upper Peters Canyon Reservoir is home to many resident and migrating waterfowl. Willows, sycamores and black cottonwoods line the lake and Peters Canyon Creek which meanders through the canyon.

The park offers a variety of graded roads and trails providing opportunities for hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians. The East Ridge View Trail provides a panoramic view of Peters Canyon and the surrounding area. Visitors can enjoy the beauty of Upper Peters Canyon reservoir while traversing the Lake View Trail. Peters Canyon Creek Nature Trail guides hikers through lush groves of willows and rare black cottonwoods supported by a running creek. Visitors will encounter the park's grassland, coastal sage scrub and riparian habitats as well as eucalyptus groves on the Lower Canyon Trail.

The wildlife population includes mule deer, bobcats, coyotes, opossums, raccoons and an occasional mountain lion. Many smaller amphibians, mammals and reptiles abound, attracted by the lure of Peters Canyon Reservoir and Creek. Cactus wrens, gnatcatchers and rufous-crowned sparrows may be found in the park's coastal sage scrub and grassland communities. The eucalyptus groves are home to Cooper's, red-tail and red-shouldered hawks that can be seen patrolling the skies for unwary prey.

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Peters Canyon Regional Park was part of the original Spanish land grant, Rancho Lomas de Santiago. During those Spanish days, Peters Canyon was called Canon de las Ranas or "Canyon of the Frogs." This was attributed to the canyon's drainage into the Cienega de las Ranas or "Marsh of the Frogs," which is known today as Upper Newport Bay. In 1897 the rancho was purchased by James Irvine, who leased out the canyon to several farmers. Beginning in 1891, and continuing after the Irvine purchase, James Peters, whom the canyon is named for, dry-farmed barley and beans in the upper part of the canyon. Peters built his home and planted a eucalyptus grove near Lower Peters Canyon Retarding Basin.

In 1899, a group of sportsmen from Orange and Santa Ana introduced the game of golf into Orange County. Leasing land in Peters Canyon from the Irvine Company, a nine-hole course was laid out by the Santiago Golf Club. Greens were made of oil-soaked sand and fair ways of native soil. A red clubhouse was built on the ridge that now extends into Upper Peters Canyon Reservoir. The conspicuous building was seen by those who crossed the canyon between the El Modena Grade and Irvine Regional Park, hence the name "Golf Canyon" came into use.

To supply Irvine Ranch's water needs for its growing agriculture industry, two reservoirs were built. The first, Upper Peters Canyon Reservoir, was completed in 1931. The lower reservoir was constructed in 1940. Both lakes were used to regulate the Irvine Company's draft from Santiago Reservoir, as well as conservation of run off from Peters Canyon watershed. Today the lower reservoir is dry and serves as a flood control basin.

During World War II, Peters Canyon was used as a training area for the U.S. Army. "Camp Commander," as it was known, was established in the eucalyptus groves near Little Peters Lake, or what is known today as Lower Peters Canyon Retarding Basin. Mock battles were staged between Camp Commander and "Camp Rathke," an Army post two miles away in Irvine Park.

On March 3, 1992, the Irvine Company dedicated 354 acres of Peters Canyon to the County of Orange to be preserved as open space. This land was turned into the beautiful park that exists today.

Open: 7am to sunset, 7 days a week.  
Closed for 3 days following rain.

**MINORS SHOULD BE UNDER DIRECT ADULT SUPERVISION AT ALL TIMES.**



## Classifieds and Services

The Trails provides ongoing notices of services available in our community including babysitting, computer help, tutoring, and the like. These notices will continue to be posted until withdrawn; no fee is involved. If you have a skill or service to offer the community or wish to place an ad, please contact the Trail's editor, Bill Way, at 997-2262.

### Baby Sitting

Megan Norris, in Broadmoor Park, offers baby sitting. Contact her at 771-1164.

**Box stall with run**, Available in Saddlehill, full care at \$275. (Negotiable/share chores) Broadmoor/Saddlehill residents preferred. Call 997-3125.

**Total Gym Pro Exercise System**  
Near New \$100 OBO – The machine strengthens and tones every major muscle group by using your own body weight as resistance. Instructional video & flip chart included. Machine is simple to use and folds flat. For picture & demo, check out this web site showing the similar Total Gym 1000. Call Julie Maurer, 771-2932

### IMPORTANT DATES TO RE-MEMBER

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## Rain Brings Benefits and Problems for the Garden

**O**K, floating away aside, all of the rain that was received this winter has done our gardens a tremendous benefit. Not only do you get to save money on water, there are numerous benefits by having the natural rainfall. Many beneficial nutrients are added to the soil that can not be replicated by our standard fertilizers. Also, unfavorable conditions, such as high salts in the soil, are leached away with all the rain. A water "reservoir" has also been created by the rain that is a huge benefit to the plants, especially during the growing season. It helps to encourage a deep root system in the plant.

Now for the bad news. Weeds, diseases and bugs are going to be the byproducts of all the winter moisture. Weeds love water! All of the water we've received will germinate all kinds of weed seeds in and around the gardens. You may want to try a pre-emergent herbicide to apply to the soils to prevent the weeds before they emerge. Diseases and bugs also thrive in moist climates. Leaf spot, Powdery Mildew and Rust are some common disease that are treatable with the appropriate fungicide. Bugs, such as Aphids and Red Spider mites will also be out in full force and can also be controlled with a reasonable insecticide or a biological control such as Ladybugs.

If your looking for answers to your gardening questions, try a visit to your local nursery. Bring a sample of your specific problem so they may suggest an appropriate course of action.

Have A Question? Submit your queries to  
Cardinal Property Management Attn: Annette U'Ren

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### SERVICES/EMERGENCIES

<b>Orange Police</b>	744-7444
<b>Orange Fire</b>	288-2500
<b>Patrol One Security</b>	541-0999
Animal Control (Strays)	935-6848
Animal Control (Barking)	834-6942
So Cal Edison	1-800-684-8123
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City of Orange City Hall	744-5500
City Water Department	288-2475
Waste Management	685-5108
Pacific Bell	1-888-884-2375
Time Warner Comm	898-3800

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