



THE TRAILS

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Orange Park Community Association

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FUN UNDER THE SUN AND STARS! Camping At The Lakes And Pancakes



Tent City!

The fun was under the stars during this years Camp Out At The Lakes.

Campers were entertained after dark by a magician and woke up to our delicious pancakes for breakfast.

BROADMOOR PARK/SADDLEHILL 2001 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

June 3rd
Rhythm 'n Blues Concert
4:30 - 6:30 pm

July 14th
Pot Luck Bar-B-Que
2pm

July 29th
Country Music Jamboree
Time to be determined

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."

Gandhi

Chapman Entry Gate... It's Working, It's Not, It's Open, It's Closed... So What's Up?

As you know, several weeks ago a visitor to our association damaged the exit gate. It was decided that the monies collected from the party causing the damage would be put toward the refurbishment/redesign of our entry [and as the exit gate had been removed the entry gate was locked open]. This is still the plan.

But somehow signals got crossed and the gate was repaired without any authorization from the community. And as we are not going to pay for a gate that we did not order we can not expect the gate com-

pany to make it operate either. But we have received several complaints from residents that people were speeding through the entry gate and some of them had difficulty backing out of their driveways – so that is why the entry gates is now in operation.

In the next week, the Master Planning Task Force will be making a recommendation to the BOD on a design plan. At that time, bids can be solicited and we can move forward in the gate/entry refurbishment.

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OPCA Board Meetings



1st Thursday
of Every Month

Fellowship Hall
Salem Lutheran Church
6500 East Santiago Cyn

Open Session Begins at 7:00 p.m.

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



Orange Park Community Association Business & News

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Minutes and Financials for March were reviewed and approved.

The meeting for the month of July has been moved by one week to the 12th, as the regularly scheduled meeting time was the day after a holiday.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

• **Community Action**

Met with representatives from the Irvine Company along with members of the Pheasant Run Board of Directors recently. There have been some changes in the Irvine Company plan for Santiago Hills Phase II since its original presentation. Gone is the retail center on the Peltzer Pines Tree Farm, bordered by Santiago Canyon Road, Jamboree Road, and Chapman Avenue. This is now scheduled to be housing for active adults. Both Chapman Avenue and Santiago Canyon Road may be widened to a total of three lanes in each direction sometime in the future. There may be a traffic signal installed at the entrance to the college along Newport Avenue in the future.

The task force now has a copy of the EIR and will be studying it to insure that the interests of Broadmoor Park and Saddlehill Ranch have been taken into consideration. But more help is needed – call Harvey Moore to volunteer your time [714-532-9500].

• **Stables Expansion**

There will be a joint subcommittee from to study the stable expansion issue. This subcommittee will include members of the Stable Committee, the Arena/Trails Committee, existing members on the waiting list, and interested residents including those who live on Calico Trail.

Under consideration will be the use of some of the triangular shaped area below the lower parking lot and/or a com-

pletely new layout using the existing stables area. The inclusion of a round turnout pen and a hot walker is also being considered. This subcommittee will keep the association informed as new information comes available.

If you have any suggestions or concerns, please feel free to send them via email to: stables@broadmoor-saddlehill.org

• **Lakes**

Reeds in our lakes are due to be cut during the month of June.

• **Recreation and Hospitality**

The campout and pancake breakfast was another successful event brought to you by your Recreation and Hospitality Committee. The magician and the bonfire were some of the highlights [pardon the pun]. Look for other events coming up in this issue.



Message From The President

Summer's here, at least the recent weather sure felt like it. Even though, we still have a few cool days left. School is almost over and summer vacation is just around the corner. And the days are getting longer. Our children want to play outside, and have more time to do so. We must all remember that this is a community of diversity. Some of us are the original owners. Some of us have young families. And some have just moved into their home. The safety of all is of concern to this board and to our association as a whole. Please remember safety as you drive our streets – and remind your guests to also be careful. Remember that there are children playing. You can't always see them and they don't always see you. But remember that we have a responsibility to our children so be EXTRA careful after dusk and on into the night. Parents, teach your children to be courteous to others and to move to safety as someone drives down your street.

At the April meeting of the Board of Directors meeting there was no participation in the Homeowners Forum. We invite ALL residents to join their neighbors in the Homeowners Forum. This is a time set aside at the beginning of the monthly Board of Directors meeting [first Thursday of the month] for homeowners to bring to the attention of the Directors and the Committees their thoughts and concerns. We reserve the right to delay an item that may be on the agenda for that evening, and to handle that as it comes up in the schedule. But we invite you all to join us.

Finally, please take a moment and visit the web site for Broadmoor Park & Saddlehill Ranch. Just point your favorite web browser to <http://www.broadmoor-saddlehill.org>. Remember that this should be typed in the address bar, not in a search engine. There you will find links to issues important to our area, local restaurants, home improvement sites. We will soon be adding a classified ad section - so that you can get rid of some of the stuff filling your garage, recommendations from your neighbors on a contractor, and a listing for babysitters. We will also have a place where you can give feedback to the Association. Be sure to come back often.

J.W. Norris
President

Special Feature

A Light Hiking Jewel That's Close To Home... Santiago Oaks Regional Park... Right Around The Corner

Since our hiking and leisure specials seem to be more popular and lighter reading, we thought we'd bring you details about another little jewel that's only five minutes away by car... beautiful Santiago Oaks Regional Park.

Santiago Oaks Regional Park Hiking Facts

Distance: 4-mile loop

Difficulty: Easy to moderate

When to go: Year round

Location: Windes Drive off Santiago Cyn Rd

Elevation Gain: 800 ft.

Phone: (714) 538-4401

Dogs: Yes (on leash only). Call ahead.

Directions: Go out Santiago gate and turn left.

Travel to the first stop light and that is Windes.

The park is at the end of Windes.

Parking is \$2/vehicle weekdays, \$4 weekends.



One of the many shaded trails that adorns the wonderful grounds of Santiago Oaks Regional Park.

The park is one of very few that has been here since the turn of the century.

Hiking Santiago Oaks

By Forrest Ellsworth, Hiking Scout

All of the land upon which the trail passes is owned by public agencies, but one central portion called Barham Ranch may be sold for a "market" profit to developers who hope to build more homes on potential parklands.

But today you can enjoy a long hike that's relatively unfringed upon by development. The beauty of a thick green creek bed gives way to trails that provide high hilltop views that can reach to the Pacific coastline, Orange County's city skylines, and sometimes downtown Los Angeles.

We started our hike along the Santiago Creek Regional Trail, which passes by a most interesting dam that was built in 1892. It's a "submerged dam" built deep below the natural bedrock to restrict the flow of seasonal water through Santiago Creek. The area known as the "narrows" allows the 101-foot earth and rock dam to exist between stone canyon walls, forcing water to the surface and creating a year round source of fresh water and a natural riparian habitat.

We left the pond and waterfall to follow the trail through eucalyptus, pepper and other exotic trees to the base of the Oak Trail. Here you may want to stop under

the largest oak in the canyon and perhaps the largest in all of Orange County. Massive trunks support the largest canopy I've ever sat under.

The Oak Trail wastes no time moving upward from the old Oak to Robbers Peak and other higher points beyond. A wide and easy hike initially, the cool canopy suddenly faded and we began to warm and burn calories going uphill. There were several walk-throughs (gates, etc.) to allow continuous access to the Anaheim Hills trail system as we crossed through different ownership boundaries.

At about the climb's mid-point, Christmas Ridge on the left offers a steep singletrack that drops to a point downstream of the park entrance. But we stayed on the fire road and continued up to Robbers Peak.

Just short of Robbers Peak, where a chain link gate crosses the trail, a singletrack marked only by a sign showing a horseback rider veers right. It shoots across and down the bowl like a skier might traverse. From the singletrack you get a great view of the steep bowl that supports Robbers Peak and the canyons to the east. We could even glimpse down into the Villa Park flood Control Basin and Irvine Regional Park flood-

plain about a mile away.

When we finally reached Robbers Peak, we envisioned the landmark's Old West history. Thieves frequently waited up here to watch for approaching stagecoaches, then quickly ride down to a narrow passage to rob the stage. There are several accounts of hideouts, posies and shootouts that are easy to believe from this view.

Either Robbers Peak or the singletrack next lead to Cardiac Ridge, where we shot the panoramic photo that offers a view of much of the Old Barham Ranch and the surrounding hills and canyons. We saw several different groups of equestrians, hikers and mountain cyclists. I still think walking is the best, capturing the scents of sage, turning all directions to really feel the land and it's treasure of pristine nature.

Following the ridge nearly to its end point, you'll find a singletrack that drops to the right. It's steep and technical so watch your step. The trail returns to the park near the old Villa Park Dam. Wandering through lush canopies, soon you'll be back to the trail head where you started.



Classifieds and Services

The Trails provides ongoing notices of services available in our community. These notices will continue to be posted until withdrawn; no fee is involved. If you 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

Special Offer For You!

Anaheim Doors is offering a special to Broadmoor Park and Saddlehill residents. If 4 or more neighbors get together and purchase & install garage doors at the same time, Anaheim Doors is offering a 10% discount [openers included].

Our contact is George Gable and he can be reached at 714-779-1919.

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It is delivered exclusively to the membership of the Association.

24 Hr. Emergency/After Hours Services Call:
—714-739-7736—

Electricity Blackout Safety Tips

BE PREPARED WHEN THE LIGHTS GO OUT!

We've been fairly lucky in Orange at avoiding the rolling electricity blackouts but with summer predictions seeming very likely to see more forced electrical outages, here are some safety tips to consider when the juice goes out.

- Prepare for the worst. Have enough food, water, flashlights and other necessities to last 72 hours. Have fresh batteries.
- Unplug all appliances and electronics, even if they are plugged into a surge protector, during an outage to prevent damage from a power surge.
- Stay home if possible. If you have to drive, remember to stop at every four-way intersection because traffic signals will be out.
- Have a telephone that does not require electricity.
- Have candles and matches handy. (Keep out of a child's reach.)
- Fireplace should be ready to use. Have extra blankets on hand. Do not use barbecue grills or hibachis indoors. Fire and carbon monoxide poisoning could result.
- Use only fresh gasoline for a generator. Old gasoline won't ignite well.
- Familiarize yourself with your main electrical panel. You may have to trip a reset switch in an outlet or circuit breaker.
- Settings on microwaves, ovens, digital clocks, VCRs, programmable thermostats and some burglar-alarm systems may have to be reset.
- Always unplug old, small appliances when leaving home.
- Avoid opening refrigerators. It generally takes about six hours for a closed refrigerator to get above 40 degrees.
- Buy appliance thermometers to check temperatures. Refrigerators should be at 40 degrees or colder. Freezers should be at zero degrees or colder.
- Generally, food-borne bacteria can multiply in perishable foods left at temperatures above 40 degrees for more than two hours.
- To make refrigerators colder, freeze a jug of water and place it in refrigerator.
- Generally, it takes about 17 hours for food to thaw in a closed freezer.