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President's Report: A Milestone

By Neil Kleinman



We're ready for our Tenth Annual 4th of July Parade and Picnic. It seems only yesterday I attended my first MHNA "Pot Luck Dinner" that occupied one block of Alpine Street. At this point I want to express special thanks to people who have worked tirelessly over the years to make our annual event a success.

Initially Rick Dinkel and Kelley Holmes brought the idea of a parade and picnic to fruition. Consistently Lucian Carter, Joyce Kelly and Chuck Livingstone have made sure that all the details are attended to and the booths are manned during the event. Judy Jenkins and Lucian have been mainstays at our booths and last year Peter Perez did a great job of chairing the event. This year we've asked Joyce Kelly to be our Parade Grand Marshall in recognition of her past work on the event and her long service as a board member.

It is important to recognize the wonderful support we get from the City Police and Fire Departments. Our event couldn't happen without the help of Michelle Bernal in the City's Special Events Department to complete required forms, arrange for event insurance and makes sure required fees are paid. The participation of Blair's JROTC enhances the patriotic spirit of our parade. We also want to recognize donations from Armstrong Nursery of "thank you" plants that we provide to homes along the parade route.

This year we're adding a more neighborhood feel by having a local business, Pie 'N Burger, provide cooked to order meals. We've had many requests for vegetarian burger options in the past, and these will be available this year.

Each year the costs for our event rise so it is important that you use the enclosed envelope to contribute your membership dues. Please give some thought to earmarking a little extra to help support our event.

This year marks a milestone for me as I've completed over three years as President of this remarkable neighborhood association. It's time to reenergize things with a new president and some new board members. Our board is short of members who have young children and can help us shape the future of our neighborhood. Please give some thought to how you can become involved with MHNA and let us know your interest at the 4th of July event.

Our Tradition Continues

We will be celebrating our tenth “Family Parade” this 4th of July. It is very special that our neighborhood can join together and watch our children ride down a tree-lined street to a beautiful park. The gathering in the park of neighbors of all ages

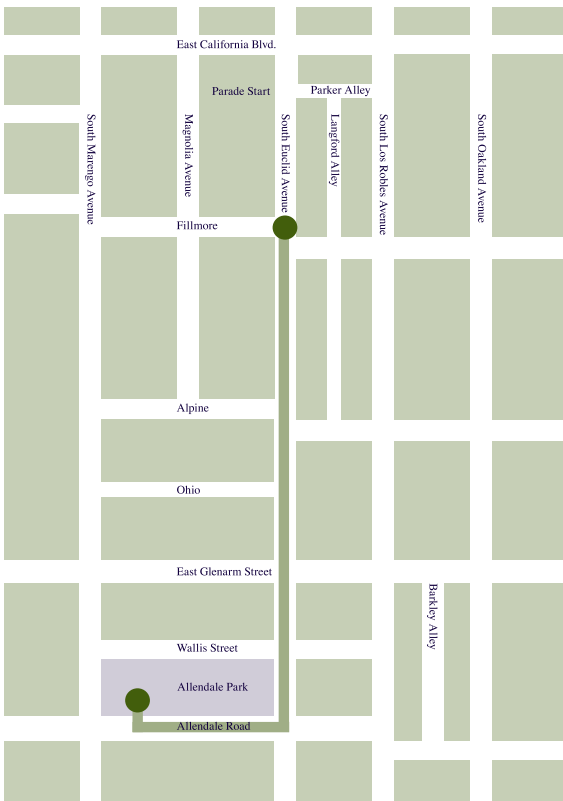
to honor our flag as we say the Pledge of Allegiance recognizes the privileges granted each of us by our nation. So let each of us in Madison Heights be sure to invite new neighbors and friends to our grand celebration.

The Blair High School JROTC color guard will again lead the parade and Pledge of Allegiance in the park. We invite all of our children to join in the parade with wagons, bicycles, scoot-

ers and, of course, strollers for the very youngest. Please remember the Police Department recommends safety helmets for the older riders.

We gather at 10:30 am on South Euclid Avenue just north of Fillmore for the start of the Parade. The Parade gets underway at 11:00 so we can reach the Allendale Park in time for our picnic lunch. This year lunch will be provided by one of our home town restaurants, Pie and Burger. Its owner lived in our neighborhood and graduated from Blair High School. Once again, Mr. Valentine will amaze our children with unusual animals and the Armory Art Center will provide exciting art projects.

We are sure you appreciate that an event of this size doesn't just happen. Volunteers are needed to man barricades at intersections during the parade, to help at the park for set up, booth duty and some clean up. This year we have a strong organizing committee including Chuck Livingstone, Joyce Kelly, Kelley Holmes, Kathy Gibson and Peter Perez. If you can volunteer to help please contact Chuck at 641-1264.



Exciting Developments at Blair

Blair High School was named a 2011 California Distinguished School Award winner by the California Department of Education. Blair is one of 97 secondary schools statewide to win the award and is the first Pasadena High School to gain this honor.

The California Distinguished School Award program identifies and honors the state's most exemplary and inspiring public schools. Although participation is voluntary, the award is highly sought after by schools in all areas of the state. Elementary and secondary schools are recognized during alternate years.

Our neighborhood can be proud of this outstanding level of achievement that is the result of the

sustained ten year effort of hard work and dedication on the part of school staff and students.

The new Blair Middle School across from Allendale Park is nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy at the start of the fall semester. The award winning design building is LEED certified Silver based on its energy saving features. The building provides 26 classrooms around a central inner courtyard. The overall design is conducive to keep students within the buildings campus. A newly reopened pedestrian tunnel under Marengo Avenue will reduce street level crossing and promote safety. A formal dedication for the school building is scheduled for June 2.



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TENTH ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY PARADE AND BLOCK PARTY

FAMILY PARADE

TIME

GATHER AT 10:30 AM

LOCATION

SOUTH EUCLID AND FILLMORE

ROUTE

SOUTH EUCLID AND FILLMORE, SOUTH TO ALLENDALE, WEST ON ALLENDALE TO ALLENDALE PARK

NEIGHBORHOOD CELEBRATION

TIME

12 NOON

LOCATION

UNDER THE TREES AT ALLENDALE PARK

OUR 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION WILL HAVE MANY OF THE SAME WONDERFUL ENTERTAINMENT AS LAST YEAR, WITH LIVE MUSIC, COLOR GUARD, CRAFTS, AND MR. VALENTINE'S TRAVELING NATURE CLASS.



INCLUDES CHIPS AND DRINK

HAMBURGER, CHEESEBURGER, OR VEGGIEBURGER MEAL

\$ 8.50

HOTDOG OR GRILLED CHEESE MEAL

\$ 7.50

PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDER IN ADVANCE ON OUR DEDICATED ORDER LINE,
626 588 4738

NO LATER THAN JULY 1!

COME TO OUR "WILL CALL" TABLE ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT TO PAY FOR YOUR MEAL. IT'S CRITICAL THAT YOU ORDER IN ADVANCE SO WE DON'T RUN OUT OF FOOD! "WILL CALL" TABLE OPEN AT 10:30 CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO MHNA PREFERRED. EXACT CASH APPRECIATED.



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**4th of July
Parade
& Picnic**

Fun Starts
at 10:30 a.m.

Current Resident or

Web Site, Email and Dues

Each year we urge our residents to provide an email address so we can inform them on a timely basis about Pasadena and neighborhood developments, critical issues and public safety concerns. Our mailing and email lists are confidential and are not used for any commercial purposes. We have taken care that “reply all” responses to our emails cannot occur. Please note that we do get many “out of office” bounce back emails so we prefer a personal rather than a business email address.

As you know, membership dues are voluntary, and giving levels have been established that begin with a modest donation. We have approximately 1,200 households in our neighborhood, but less than one-third contribute membership dues. We need a 40% to 50% membership giving rate so we can provide frequent newsletters, successful events and activities that benefit our neighborhood.

MHNA Officers and Directors

Neil Kleinman <i>President</i>	Janine Abell
Chuck Livingstone <i>Vice President, Operations</i>	Joe Crowley
John Latta <i>Treasurer</i>	Jay Dupre
Judy Kleinman <i>Secretary</i>	Judy Jenkins
Lucian Carter <i>Vice President, Membership</i>	John Latta
Chuck Livingstone <i>Event Committee Coordinator</i>	Rey Rodriguez
Gordon Squires <i>Webmaster</i>	Gordon Squires
Suzie Boyer <i>Neighborhood Beautification</i>	