

COUNCILMEMBER VINCENT SARMIENTO

NEWSLETTER

CITY OF SANTA ANA

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Message From Vincent Sarmiento



I would like to dedicate this edition of my newsletter to the many families in our City that have devoted much

time, care and effort to the rehabilitation of our historic homes. Whether it is the impressive work in Historic French Park, or the crusade to rescue homes in Heninger Park, the ultimate mission remains constant — to salvage architectural cornerstones that represent the legacy of our City.

As the owner of the Borchard House, built in 1925 by Fredrick Eley, my wife and I have found a new sense of purpose as owners of a historic home. Our home was designated a historic property pursuant to the State Secretary of Interior standards, and given landmark status in 2005. As a former Santa Ana Historic Resources Commissioner, I realized the responsibility this created.

Today our entire family enjoys the house and uses it for different purposes. My wife and I have our law practice in the office section, while the rest of the house is our kids' domain.

Finally, this house has a special meaning to me because I was raised three blocks from where we now live — in a much more modest home — and as a young boy I used to admire this house and dream about who lived inside. I can honestly say, I am now living in my dream house.

Downtown Façade Improvement Rebate Program

If your commercial building needs a “facelift,” we have the answer. The Santa Ana Redevelopment Agency has developed a program that enables you to receive a cash rebate for improvements made to the exterior of your building. Improving your storefront helps stimulate business and revitalizes the community.

Any business located within the Downtown Façade Improvement Area (Civic Center Dr. to First St., and Ross St. to French St.) is eligible to receive a cash rebate for improvements. Eligible improvements include those that enhance the appearance of a storefront. The maximum rebate for physical improvements, including City permit fees, is \$75,000. The availability of rebates will vary in accordance with yearly budget.

Request an application today by calling 714-647-5360 or visit us online on www.santa-ana.org/csa/redevelopmenthomepage.asp

Santa Ana Business Expo

More than 325 business owners attended the City of Santa Ana Business Expo on September 20 where they networked, met with local government officials, and learned strategies for starting and growing their companies.

Attendees appreciated having a variety of business experts and resources in one location, enabling them to gather useful information and meet one-on-one with representatives and exhibiting vendors. The City of Santa Ana Business Expo was free to attend and was held at Regent West. The City plans on hosting additional business expos in 2009.

City Employee Spotlight

T.C. SUTARIA **TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING**

T.C. Sutaria has been with the City of Santa Ana since 1981 and currently serves as the Transportation Manager in the Public Works Agency. He holds a PH.D. in Civil Engineering from the University of Texas and is a registered Civil and Traffic Engineer.

He recently helped the City secure \$5.9 million Measure M funded Go Local Step 2 grant to study the feasibility of the modern streetcar system, linking Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center with the City of Garden Grove at Harbor Boulevard by a 5-mile east-west multi-modal transportation corridor along Santa Ana Boulevard and the PE right-of-way. The system will extend the reach of Metrolink commuter services into central Orange County.

Calendar of Events

Boo at the Zoo

October 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 5:30-8pm

Santiago Street Loft Art Walk

Santa Ana Blvd. near SA Train Depot
October 18, 7-10am

Bowers Museum—Free day for SA residents

October 21, 10am-4pm

Washington Square Fall Concert

October 25, 6-10pm, Lowell @ 15th St.

Discovery Science Center SA Free Day

November 3, 10am-5pm

Santa Ana Zoo @ Prentice Park—SA Free Day

November 11, 10am-4pm

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