



Dear Friends of Old Towne Orange,

We are seeking nominations for our annual Preservation Awards dinner. Once the nominations are received, the committee will select the winners and those winners will be announced at the annual Preservation Awards dinner to be held on Sunday, June 3, 2012 at the Women's Club in Orange. There are several restoration projects in Old Towne. Please take a moment to nominate your neighbor in one of the following categories:

**Sweet, Sweet Orange Award:** Recognition for outstanding restoration and preservation of a residential building.

**Pitcher Park Award:** Recognition for outstanding landscape or garden enhancement on an historic site in Old Towne.

**Plaza City Award:** Recognition for outstanding restoration, preservation or enhancement of a commercial, industrial or public use property which sustains the life and vitality inherent in the original Orange Township.

**Spirit of Old Towne Award:** Recognition to a person or group who has contributed to the goals of the Old Towne Preservation Association.

**Good Neighbor Award:** Recognition for a structure built in Old Towne which demonstrates outstanding compatibility and harmony with the existing historic structure of it's neighbors.

**OTPA Special Merit Award:** This award is not necessarily given every year and is awarded to a program, process, project, building, person or group whose outstanding accomplishments and significant contribution to preservation in Old Towne must be recognized.



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## OTPA 2012 Preservation Awards Nomination

(Submission deadline May 5, 2012)

Category\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Property address\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Property owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Why does this property deserve recognition?\*

Submitted by\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form to: Jeff Frankel  
OTPA Preservation Awards Nominations  
P.O. Box 828  
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714-516-9621 or email at info@otpa.org

Submit your nomination on-line at [www.otpa.org](http://www.otpa.org) —OR— call the hotline at 714-639-6840

\*Required fields

## Community Corner

By: Jeanie Ciulik

Our community is thriving and growing. Please welcome our new neighbors and take time to say hello and invite them to the next General Meeting. A tour of the Old California Lantern Company is a nice way to introduce them to the community and meet their new neighbors.

We are excited to announce OTPA has recently joined forces with Orange Home Grown at the farmer's market. On the first Saturday of each month, swing by our booth to learn the latest preservation news and OTPA activities. We are looking for volunteers if interested, stop by and sign up or send us an email. If you haven't been, take time one



Saturday to stroll through and visit with the terrific vendors and artisans. We look forward to seeing you there.



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## Update on Historic District Rezone to Match the City of Orange's General Plan

By Mary Matuzak

The Southeast quadrant of Old Towne Orange, located within Glassell, Cambridge, Chapman and Hart Park, was rezoned to R-1-6 by a unanimous vote of the Orange city council on February 14, 2012. The council exempted the segment of South Orange Street between Almond and Washington to accommodate a resident who claims to be the only home on the north side of the street of that short block that has not yet built a backyard apartment unit. Council also voted to ease the square-footage requirement ratio, allowing more homeowners citywide to build granny flats.



Example of a multi-family development behind a historic home which would not be allowed under an R1 zoning designation.

The rezone in Old Towne Orange's northeast quadrant was postponed. Council asked that a rezone of this quadrant, which includes the homes of council members Tita Smith and Fred Whittaker, be sent back to the Planning Commission for further consideration. Smith and Whittaker had to recuse themselves from a vote on the rezone of this quadrant due to a perceived conflict of interest. OTPA will send out email blasts and notify members via Facebook when this issue returns to the city council for further discussion. To be sure we have your email address, please send it to us at [otpa.org](http://otpa.org). You can also "like" us on Facebook and receive status updates.

## The Rezone Debacle

By Jeff Frankel

Most of you are probably familiar with the effort to rezone sections of Old Towne Orange's historic district. However, you might not realize that this issue dates back 20 or more years. The most recent chapter of this debate began about eight years ago when the city began its general plan update (GPU). The General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) included two OTPA representatives, including me. This committee, comprised of representatives from all areas of the City of Orange, sat through numerous meetings and made update recommendations to the city council. One of the many recommendations was to designate all of the residential portions of Old Towne Orange as low density residential (LDR) to reflect the current nature of development in the area and also to prevent future high-density development. The city council agreed with this recommendation and included it in the GPU, voting unanimously to incorporate this into the adopted general plan with the understanding that LDR designation would equate to R1 zoning. An R1 zoning designation is a crucial tool in the preservation of our historic resources as it restricts further incompatible development.

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## Save the Date!

The Old Towne Preservation Association's 18th Annual Preservation Award Dinner Gala is set for 5:30 pm, Sunday, June 3 at the Women's Club in Orange.

Awards will be given in recognition of significant improvements and enhancements of Old Towne homes, commercial buildings and other properties.

Last year's award gala drew more than 150 Old Towne neighbors and community leaders for an evening of great food, fun and fellowship.

A Save-the-Date postcard will be mailed soon with ticket prices and reservation information. Tickets will be priced at cost, since the awards dinner gala is not a fundraiser, but an opportunity for members and others who live or work in Old Towne to come together socially.

If you'd like to serve on the planning committee, please email chairman Sandy Quinn at [sandyquinn@earthlink.net](mailto:sandyquinn@earthlink.net).

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