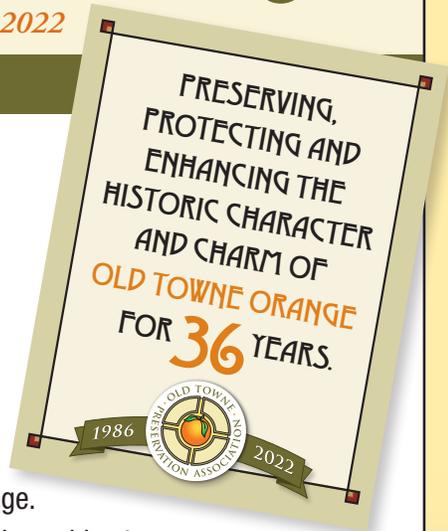




# ORANGE PRESERVES

Spring/Summer 2022

## We're Back! OTPA's POPULAR Preservation Awards Garden Party & Dinner Gala Returns!



The 25th Preservation Awards recognizing significant improvements to historic homes and other buildings in Old Towne will be 5:00 pm, Sunday, May 15 at The Woman's Club of Orange.

It's where friends, food and fun combine to make it Old Towne's social event of the year, with a sold out crowd of neighbors and civic, business and government leaders. **ORDER TICKETS NOW online at [otpa.org](http://otpa.org)**

The evening highlight will be the Preservation Awards, given to recognize improvements in five categories.

### See a welcome improvement in the hood? Nominate it!

If you spot a significant neighborhood preservation or restoration at a home, business structure or garden, submit an online or email nomination at [otpa.org](http://otpa.org). **Yes, nominate your own work!**



*Recent Sweet, Sweet Orange Preservation Award winners were these two Old Towne classics.*

**Nominations deadline: Friday, April 8**

**Official judging: Saturday, April 16**

**Tickets are \$75. VIP Tables of eight are \$550**, with preferred location and recognition by the MC and in the printed program.

- Sweet, Sweet Orange Award:** Honors outstanding restoration, preservation, or rehabilitation of a historic residential building.
- Pitcher Park Award:** Honors exceptional landscape or garden enhancement on an historic site in Old Towne.
- Good Neighbor Award:** Honors a new structure, or a non-contributing in-fill project, that is sympathetic in design as well as materials that demonstrate outstanding compatibility and harmony with neighboring historic structures.
- Plaza City Award:** Honors superior restoration, preservation, adaptive reuse or enhancement of a historic commercial, industrial, or public-use property that sustains the life and vitality inherent in the original Orange Township.
- The Phil Brigandi Spirit of Old Towne Award:** Honors a person, group or building who has contributed most to the mission of OTPA, which is to preserve and enhance the unique Old Towne Orange area through education, communication and community involvement.
- Dale Rahn Volunteer of the Year Award:** Honors an individual who demonstrates a commitment to Old Towne Orange by volunteering his or her time in various community programs and concerns to support the goals of OTPA.



# 2022 SPECIAL EVENT CALENDAR



## OTPA 7th ANNUAL STATE OF OLD TOWNE FORUM

6:00 pm • Thursday, April 14, 2022

Orange City Hall Council Chambers

Come hear Mayor Mark Murphy, District One Council member Arianna Barrios, City Manager Rob Houston, Police Chief Dan Adams and Chapman Community Relations VP Alisa Driscoll discuss and answer questions on key issues facing Old Towne and the City of Orange, from parking and growth, to crime and homelessness. Free and open to the public. Refreshments. **RSVP NOW to [otpa.org](http://otpa.org).**

## OTPA 25th PRESERVATION AWARDS GARDEN PARTY & DINNER GALA

5:00 pm • Sunday, May 15, 2022

The Woman's Club of Orange

Enjoy Old Towne's most popular Spring social event. Join us in celebrating improvements in legendary homes, gardens and business buildings. **ORDER TICKETS AND TABLES NOW online at [otpa.org](http://otpa.org)**



THE FUTURE RICHLAND HOTEL.

## OTPA DISCOVERY TOUR

July 2022 • Date To-Be-Determined

An exclusive members-only Reception and Sneak Preview of The Richland, the hotel and meeting venue at the corner of E. Maple and N. Orange with a restored two story Craftsman as the centerpiece.

## 50th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL STREET FAIR

Friday Night, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 2, 3 and 4, 2022

OTPA will be there, offering delicious, hot bangers to raise funds for our mission of preserving, protecting and enhancing Old Towne. **Want to help? SIGN UP NOW to volunteer at [otpa.org](http://otpa.org)**

## OTPA 2022 ORANGE CANDIDATE FORUM

6:00 pm • Thursday, Oct. 6, 2022

Orange City Hall Council Chambers

Key positions are on the 2022 ballot including Mayor and the District 1 Council seat, plus others. We'll invite all candidates to present their views and respond to voter questions. Free and open to the public. **RSVP NOW ONLINE at [otpa.org](http://otpa.org)**



## OTPA 18th HISTORIC HOME TOUR

10:00 am to 4:00 pm • Oct. 8 and 9, 2022

One of Southern California's most popular presentations of historic heritage. Come go back in time to explore period homes, gardens and structures in Old Towne, California's largest Residential Historic District. **ORDER TICKETS NOW online at [otpa.org](http://otpa.org)**



## OTPA 5th ANNUAL HAUNTED HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST

Judging 4:00 to 8:00 pm • Saturday, Oct. 22, 2022

Award Presentation Ceremony on winning Creepy Street, 11:00 am, Sunday, Oct. 23.

Spook up your home or business in the Historic District for Halloween fun. The Judges will decide witch is best in categories of Creepy Street, Orange & Black, Horror House and Spirit of Old Towne.

## OTPA 3rd ANNUAL ART OF WINE GALA

5:30 to 7:30 pm • Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022

Hilbert Museum of California Art

Proceeds benefit the Anne Siebert City of Orange/OTPA Preservation Interns. Enjoy the best in boutique wines from California's most interesting vineyards. Music and hors d'oeuvres. **\$75 per person. ORDER TICKETS NOW online.**



## OTPA 35th ANNUAL SPIRIT OF OLD TOWNE HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

Judging 4:00 to 8:00 pm • Dec. 10, 2022

Award Ceremony and Caroling on the Best Block, 7:00 pm, Sunday, Dec. 11.

Old Towne loves to decorate for the holidays, and OTPA loves to recognize the best and most original. Judges will tour homes and businesses in the Historic District to find winners in categories of **Most Beautiful, Most Old Fashioned, Best Use of Lights, Most Original, Most Whimsical, Best Block, Most Festive (Commercial), and Honorable Mention.**



## 2022 OTPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Tony Trabucco, *Past President*

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# BEFORE YOU RESTORE OR MODIFY YOUR HISTORIC BUILDING, *Check the City's Design Standards First.*

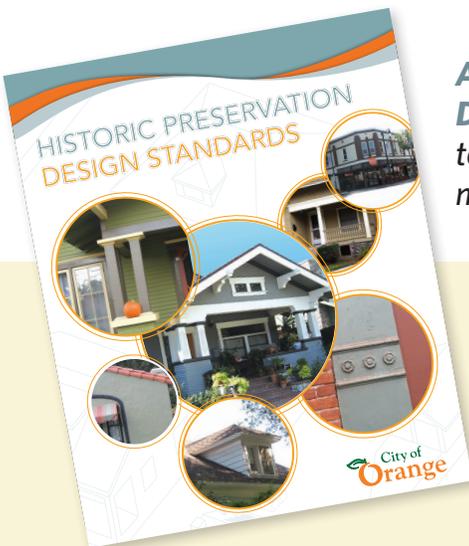
By **Anna Pehoushek**, Assistant Community Development Director, City of Orange

**L**iving in Old Towne Orange, as I do, comes with the unspoken responsibility of also being a steward of the collection of historic homes and other buildings that comprise our beloved Historic District.

Because of the uniqueness of the historic heritage and character of Old Towne, maintenance and modifications to historic buildings must be performed in a manner that is consistent with the City of Orange Historic Preservation Design Standards and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (Secretary of the Interior's Standards).

There are a multitude of architects, engineers, contractors, handymen and modern building products that may be well-suited for projects outside of a historic district, but work on a historic building often takes a special touch and appreciation for materials and craftsmanship that are harder to come by. As you contemplate home improvements, the following basic principles will set you off on the right foot:

1. Maintain historic features that are in good condition. Regular maintenance is critical to long-term preservation of historic buildings.
2. Repair features that are deteriorated to the original condition. In most cases, repair is better than replacement because it preserves the historic materials on the building.
3. Replace only the features that cannot be repaired. Replacement should be in-kind, matching the materials, details, and finish of the historic feature.
4. Reconstruct missing features. The reconstruction should be based on documentary or physical evidence on the building.
5. Design new features or additions to be compatible with the historic building and minimize the impact to original features.



**AS ALWAYS, BE SURE TO CONSULT THE CITY OF ORANGE PLANNING DIVISION AT (714) 744-7220 if you are unsure of the appropriate way to take care of your property or have any questions about building materials, the need for permits, or project guidance. We're eager to help!**



## From the Historic Design Standards:

**Q:** *Our sidewalk and walkway are cracked and need to be replaced. Any rules?*

**A:** Yes, historic sidewalks may include unique score patterns, textures or materials which need to be preserved.

**Q:** *Are there Standards for damaged doors and windows?*

**A:** If you have damaged historic doors or windows, they should be repaired rather than replaced. If beyond repair, they should be replaced in kind.

**Q:** *Where may satellite dishes, AC units and solar panels be installed?*

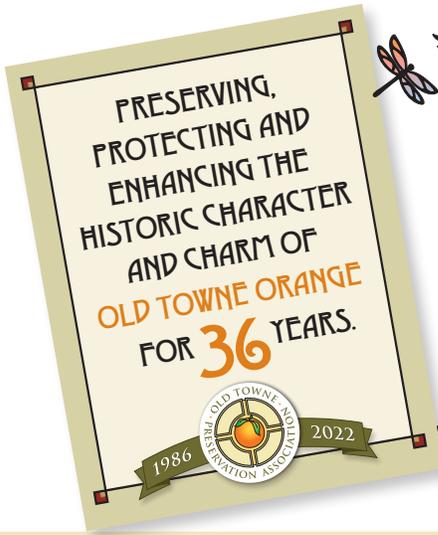
**A:** The Standards call for such contemporary fixtures to not be visible from the street. They weren't around in the early days!

**Q:** *Where are trash barrels to be kept between pick ups?*

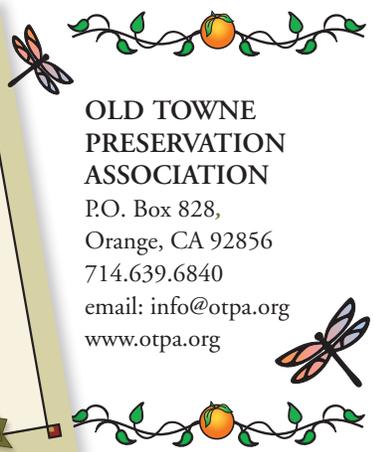
**A:** They need to be placed where they are not visible from the street.

**Q:** *Are vinyl fences allowed?*

**A:** No, fences need to be wood and not an artificial material.



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## Important News For Our Valued Old Towne Preservation Association Members



## WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

### THE PLAZA PASEO

Although the closing of Glassell to allow outdoor dining and retail sales was widely supported to rescue Old Towne Plaza restaurants and stores during the Covid lockdown, the Paseo generated many disturbing results and negative impacts. Old Towne residents objected to the revised traffic patterns which put a heavy volume of cars, trucks and buses driving throughout the residential neighborhoods. Parking was unusually hard to find because spaces on Glassell and Chapman were unavailable. When the temporary Paseo ended after Christmas, OTPA called for a "time out" while impact studies were conducted. The City agreed, and when the studies are finished, we'll report on the findings. The City Council will decide to either end the Paseo permanently, allow it all year, or consider a temporary seasonal extension — maybe from Labor Day to the Street Fair. Another option would be the creation of parklets where restaurants may extend platforms over the curb side Glassell parking spaces. This concept would allow Glassell to remain open to traffic. OTPA opposes a permanent Paseo because, as OTPA Preservation Co-Chair Tony Trabucco told City Council, the Paseo "blocks a historic Old Towne thoroughfare, creates traffic in the residential area, covers up the visual of the vintage Plaza buildings, and is contrary to the original intent of the Plaza. **FOR UPDATES, check online at [otpa.org/Paseo](http://otpa.org/Paseo).**

### ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS

To increase affordable housing, the California Legislature now allows single family homes to add an attachment or to convert a garage into a rental unit, and developers to build apartment houses next to single family homes. OTPA opposes the legislation since it allows bypassing the traditional review processes, and owners aren't required to provide additional parking. There is no regard for the resulting neighborhood increases in density, traffic, street parking and other impacts. That's not good news for Old Towne. A community action group known as Our Neighborhood Voices opposes the new laws and is working to place an initiative on the ballot to void one of the original bills, SB#9. The group is focused on an initiative for the 2024 ballot. Meanwhile, we urge Old Towne residents to write state representatives to request amending the legislation to exclude Historic Districts from ADU legislation. See who you should email and suggested bullet points **online at [OTPA.org/ADU](http://OTPA.org/ADU).**



*OTPA's first Preservation Intern, Caroline Gardner, reviews projects with City Community Development Assistant Director Anna Peboushek.*

### ANNE SIEBERT PRESERVATION INTERNS

In collaboration with the City of Orange, OTPA has launched an innovative Preservation Intern program which funds assistants for the Community Development Preservation Planning staff. OTPA funds up to \$5,000 annually to provide honorariums for two interns for the Fall semester, two for Spring, and two for Summer. The program was created in honor of the late Anne Siebert, one of OTPA'S founders and former Presidents, and a longtime civic leader who was instrumental in getting Old Towne designated as a Residential Historic District, the largest in California. OTPA's first Preservation Intern is Caroline Gardner, a Chapman University senior with a History major. To request an intern application, email us at **[OTPA.org](mailto:info@otpa.org)**. The program is funded by OTPA's annual Art of Wine Gala at the Hilbert Museum. The 3rd annual Art of Wine is November 12.

*Join us in protecting Old Towne!*

OTPA'S paid membership has never been bigger, with more than 440 Old Towne households and businesses. **If you're not a member, sign up now at [otpa.org](http://otpa.org).**