



# SGANA

## Neighborhood Outreach

San Gabriel Area Neighborhood Association August 2013

### Neighborhood Annual Ice Cream Social -

Come join in a little visiting time and relaxation at Mitchell Park on Sunday, September 8 from 2 to 4. Back by popular demand is the Dog Parade with prizes for Best Dressed, Best Trick and Best In Show. For children of all ages we'll have the rock climbing wall, soft drinks and ice cream. Dan Jones will be offering his trademark ice cream root beer floats. Do bring your own chair or blanket. If anybody has a croquet set or ring toss there's plenty of room to set up and challenge your neighbors to a game. For those of you who have yet to join this day of celebration we're at the park east of the school on Comanche. There's parking on Comanche east of the school and on Inca south of San Gabriel. Don't miss this opportunity to join in the fun!

### Neighborhood Outreach:

Once again our neighborhood has benefited from the ministry of Rick Brittain (Karen Street) and his team of 44 volunteers, comprised of 22 local and 22 who came to us from Texas. At least 7 residents were visited by teams of willing workers ranging in age from 14 to somewhat older. In the course of 300 collective hours the team did a **lot** of weeding, pruning, grass cutting, weed whacking, bush, shrub and tree removal, and even landscaping and painting. They were not deterred in the least by a prolific carpet of spurge nor even "volunteer" yucca plants and goat heads. They just got down there and dug, pulled and coaxed until the invaders were gone. They laid down new soil,

mulch and rocks which, along with paint where needed, were the only cost incurred by the home-owner. It is rumored that they spent about 8 hours at one home leaving it in A-one condition. They brought their own tools **and carried away all the waste**. These labors were coordinated by our Board Member Cynthia Klaila who not only took calls but surveyed the neighborhood and visited people who had not seen or responded to the email message that had gone out about this effort. She spent time clarifying what the residents wanted and turning that information over to the Rick. The result is a lot of happy people and a much beautified neighborhood. Thank you to Rick, Cynthia and all those helping hands!

In addition to these outreach efforts Rick's team hosted a Block Party at Mitchell Park on Sunday morning August 4 complete with games for children of all ages, music, reading and quiet areas, soft drinks, a snow cone machine, snacks and lots of fellowship. Then on Tuesday evening there was a showing of the Disney / Pixar movie **UP** also at the east end of the Mitchell campus. About 45 movie-goers attended this showing and the Sunday morning Block Party, attended by many residents, was a great opportunity to simply hang out and celebrate neighborhood! We have learned that it is Rick's intention to create a neighborhood gathering again next year. We will try to provide more information as summer 2014 approaches.



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SGANA dues \$10.00 for October 2012 through October 2013 is enclosed. Make checks out to SGANA.

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