

# neighbor to neighbor

COMMUNITY NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF ORANGE

## Forthright dialogue begins with Chapman and community members



At a recent meeting of the Neighborhood Advisory Committee, members discussed a variety of topics, including the need for more campus-based student housing.

Coming on the heels of its swift formation, a local citizens committee has met several times with Chapman University officials and made progress to identify top concerns of Old Towne Orange residents living near the University.

Called the Neighborhood Advisory Committee, the group includes representatives from a variety of leadership organizations, ranging from the Old Towne Preservation Association to the Orange Barrio Historical Society. Chancellor Daniele Struppa praised the committee for its commitment to enhancing community and university relations.

“I am grateful for the time, energy and ideas the committee members have already contributed to this process. I’m certain that by working together we’re going to identify

solutions to key neighborhood issues that will have a positive impact in the near future and over the long term,” Struppa said.

At its first meeting Nov. 5, the committee listed concerns it most wanted to address. They include:

- Student housing – ways to house more students on campus and fewer students in the community.
- Parking in areas surrounding campus – ways to park more student vehicles in Chapman parking facilities instead of surrounding neighborhoods.
- Party houses – ways to address loud, large, disruptive repeat party houses on private property in residential neighborhoods.
- University growth – address the issues related

to Chapman’s proposed expansion plans and talk about issues surrounding campus growth.

- Request for Chapman to appoint a primary lead person for community interaction – make it easier for the public to understand how to communicate with Chapman.

The idea for the committee grew out of fall semester conversations Chapman President Jim Doti had with community leaders. The minutes for the meetings are available at [neighborsofchapman.com](http://neighborsofchapman.com).

### Meet the Committee

- Robert Baca, *Orange Barrio Historical Society*
- Pat Buttress, *Orange Chamber of Commerce*
- William Crouch, *Community Development Director, City of Orange*
- Jeff Frankel, *Old Town Preservation Association*
- Robert Hitchcock, *Old Towne Preservation Association*
- Dan Jensen, *Jensen Associates*
- Brian Lochrie, *President, Communications LAB*
- Dennis McCuiston, *Principal, Orange Unified School District*
- Sandy Quinn, *President, Old Towne Preservation Association*
- Judy Schroeder, *Schroeder Studio*
- Teresa Smith, *Mayor, City of Orange*
- Tim Virus, *TAIT & Associates, Inc.*
- Harold Hewitt, *Executive Vice President/COO, Chapman University*
- Jack Raubolt, *Vice President of Community Relations*
- Daniele Struppa, *Chancellor, Chapman University*

## Did You? ? Know?

Chapman University pays \$1.76 million in property taxes. In addition, it pays \$1.53 million in sales taxes and \$227,362 in use taxes. And to offset the loss of hotel taxes on the former hotel that is now Panther Village, the University pays the City of Orange \$500,000 each year. The total is \$3,517,362.

### Need to report a concern?

- Please contact Chapman University at **714-289-2035** or email [neighbors@chapman.edu](mailto:neighbors@chapman.edu)
- To report a disturbance that needs urgent attention, please call City of Orange PD dispatch at **714-744-7444**.

## Design awards go to Chapman’s Digital Media Arts Center on Cypress Street

A historic industrial building that sat empty until it was transformed into a unique arts facility by Chapman University has won two design awards, including one that honors the University’s preservation efforts of the building’s heritage.

AC Martin Architects was awarded a Citation Award in the Historic Preservation Category for its design of the Digital Media Arts Center on Cypress Street by the American Institute of Architects Long Beach/ South Bay Chapter. The Orange County Chapter of the American Institute of Architects also honored the building with a Citation Award in the Commercial Built Category.

The awards are the latest honors to acknowledge Chapman’s preservation activities as it adapts historic buildings on its campus. In May, the Spirit of Old Towne Award was awarded to Chapman for the makeover of the former Mennonite Pilgrim Church at 145 W. Sycamore. In 2014, the Orange Barrio Historical

Society and Chapman received the Orange Public Library Foundation’s Legacy Award for their collaborative work in preserving the historic Cypress Street Schoolhouse, which once served as a segregated “Mexican school.”

Among the distinct elements of the Digital Media Arts Center, called the DMAC for short, was the restoration of the original brick façade.





Save the date for  
**fun!**

And music, dance, theatre and a variety of family-friendly entertainment! It all happens on Saturday, April 2, at the Community Open House & Arts Festival at the Musco Center for the Arts at Chapman University. The day of FREE performances kicks off at 11 a.m. A dazzling array of presentations by community arts organizations from throughout Orange County will run from noon to 3 p.m. Complimentary parking for this event will be available in non-reserved spots in Lastinger and Barrerra parking structures.

The open house will be one of the first events at the center, following its Grand Opening on Saturday, March 19, that will feature a 6 p.m. concert with opera legend Placido Domingo. Learn more about other great events at [muscocenter.org/events](http://muscocenter.org/events).

## ‘NEIGHBORS OF CHAPMAN’

New website invites residents to share ideas

The University’s web team has created a new website that is a one-stop place for Old Towne residents and business people interested in following the work of the new Neighborhood Advisory Committee.

“Neighbors of Chapman” features minutes from the Neighbor Advisory Committee meetings, along with University news, Q&A columns and a campus events calendar. This online communication tool was designed in response to community members’ request for more information regarding the University’s planning and responses to community questions.

Please explore [neighborsofchapman.com](http://neighborsofchapman.com) to share your thoughts, ask a question or suggest additional features you’d like to see included.

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## YOU'RE INVITED!

*Join us for engaging events this spring at Chapman*

There are many free or low-cost events available at Chapman University, and neighbors are always welcome. Here are just a few of those events. Find more at the University’s online events calendar, [chapman.edu/events](http://chapman.edu/events). Advance tickets for performing arts events may be purchased online at [chapman.edu/tickets](http://chapman.edu/tickets).

### **The Presidency at War: With author Evan Thomas**

Tuesday, March 8, at 7 p.m.  
Fish Interfaith Center

Presidential biographer Evan Thomas, author of *Being Nixon*, and former editor at both *Time* and *Newsweek* magazines, will talk about some of the larger problems presidents face when the nation goes to war, discussing the importance of humility in presidential leadership in wartime. Free admission. For more information, call 714-997-6752.

### **Orange County Guitar Circle**

Saturday, March 19, 8 p.m.  
Salmon Recital Hall

An evening of classical guitar music performed by musicians from Chapman and greater Orange County. Admission \$5 to \$15. Tickets are available at the door. For more information, contact Jeff Cogan at [cogan@chapman.edu](mailto:cogan@chapman.edu).

### **The Merchant Of Venice by William Shakespeare**

Friday and Saturday, April 15-16  
and Saturday, April 23  
Musco Center for the Arts

Shakespeare’s immortal story of deceit, prejudice and justice is searingly portrayed in this new student production directed by Thomas F. Bradac and starring acclaimed Shakespearean actor Michael Nehring of the Chapman theatre faculty as Shylock. 7:30 p.m. - April 15-16 and 2 p.m. - April 16 & 23. Tickets \$10-\$25. Purchase advance tickets at [chapman.edu/tickets](http://chapman.edu/tickets).