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**Dear OTNA Member:**

Happy summer to you! With all the talk that's been going on in our City regarding housing these days (over development, moratorium, zone changes, Historic Preservation Overlay Zone, etc.), it's got many people thinking about their *own* home. With that in mind, we invited Michael George, Reference Librarian for the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, to give a presentation entitled, *If walls could talk — Researching the History of Your Home*. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 15th, at 7:30 PM in the Bartlett Center. See the enclosed flyer for details.

Michael George is also a history aficionado, and serves on the Board of the Torrance Historical Society. A few of the things you'll learn by joining us for the meeting that night, include how to . . .

- Search for deed & title information
- Access information from the Los Angeles County Assessor's (what year was your house built, how much did your neighbor pay for his house?)
- Research information on homes that were built prior to 1921 (county records, Sanborne Maps)
- Learn about homes built after 1921 (City Planning Department)
- Use the Herald and other newspapers to find old real estate ads showing your house & how much your house sold for

As always, this meeting promises to be informative (and fun!), and will offer something for every homeowner — no matter how old, or young, your house is. *I hope to see you there!*

Best regards,

**Debbie Hays**  
*President, OTNA*

*P.S. Janice Plank, Broker Associate for Prudential California Realty, is sponsoring this OTNA mailing (Thank you!). Janice has 28 years of real estate sales experience, specializing in historic Old Torrance where she has lived for the past 28 years. She is also a founding member of the Old Torrance Neighborhood Association, has served on the Torrance Historical Society Board for many years, and co-chairs their bi-annual Historic Home Tour.*