

TAORMINA STREETLIGHTS and Mailboxes

When our community was founded, in the late 1960's, original gas lantern streetlights and rural mailboxes were installed and cypress trees planted to create the ambiance of a French Norman village.



Drawing by Elaine Needham



Later, former resident Tootie Hogenboom encouraged neighbors to convert to low voltage electricity (with the two small bulbs replacing the gas mantles). Recent years have seen the introduction of solar lantern fixtures that incorporate LED illuminators.

New options include an LED conversion kit, LED fixtures and low voltage conversion kits*. In addition a new 'hard mantle'** is available for gas lamps

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Owner/Resident Responsibility:

The regulations of the Taormina Historic District, and the CC&Rs, require that each property owner keep the house's streetlight in working order. In addition, the Insurance underwriter for our road recommends that ***all of us maintain functioning street lights.*** This is the only form of street lighting we have along Taormina Lane and contributes to the safety of our community, providing illumination for those who walk after sundown.

Since walkers from all over Ojai use our roads, and there are no sidewalks, it is strongly suggested that you ***periodically check your street light and make necessary repairs.***

Where to Get Supplies:

Gas Mantels:

TRUE VALUE HARDWARE: package of 2 silk mantels
Location: Vons Shopping Center

Hard Gas Mantles:

PROPANE AND NATURAL GAS LIGHTING- Three Lakes, WI
<http://www.propanegaslight.com>

Solar Lights:

Solar 'Regency' Post / Pole Top Light
<http://www.solarilluminations.com/>
Baytown Solar Lamp Post with 3" Post Mount
<http://www.outdoorsolarstore.com/solar-lamp-post-planters.aspx>

Original Lanterns:

MODERN HOME PRODUCTS in Antioch, Illinois
<http://www.modernhomeproducts.com/>

Everglow Gas Lighting/ MHP Outdoor Gas Lights/ Modern Home Products

<http://www.mhpgrills.com/everglow-gas-lights>

* **Gaslight Conversions, Inc.**- John Watkins, owner
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[http:// www.gaslightconversions.com](http://www.gaslightconversions.com)

- Low voltage kits for converting gas to electric products:
 Socket assembly or Socket assembly with bulbs
- Six pack of low voltage bulbs
- LED fixture (attaches to electric fixture).
- Free shipping is included.
- New LED versions are constantly being developed and improved
- Call or email to talk with John Watkins with any questions you may have

Glass Replacements:

OJAI VALLEY GLASS- Lee Criger
525 N. Ventura Avenue, Oak View, CA Tele. 646-3319
Glass panels to fit the original lamps

Replacement Mailboxes

ACE HARDWARE
Location: Meiners Oaks

The Taormina black rural mailboxes are part of the original concept of the community. The streetlamp and mailbox were originally installed as one unit. We encourage you to maintain your mailbox and streetlamp as originally designed.

* If you have a low-power streetlamp, it is possible to have an electrician pull 110 volt wires through the existing conduit allowing you to place a low-wattage LED light in the streetlamp.

If you switch your lantern style please recycle the old lamp to Marqui Bury (#67) for future use in our neighborhood.