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SWIM TEAM REGISTRATION

Mark your calendars! Park Paseo Northstars registration will be held Saturday, March 12th from 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m., and on Monday, March 14th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Park Paseo clubhouse.

This registration is for returning members only. Swimmers who wish to be placed on the waiting list should call Karen Krahelski at 838-7278. If all 120 spots for the team are not filled, you will be called in order of sign-on to the waiting list and asked to register.

Swim team registration fees are \$60.00 per swimmer, made payable to Park Paseo Northstars.

If your swimmer is not going to be registering for the '94 swim season, please call Karen at the above number as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding registration or the swim team please call Karen Krahelski.

The swim team is going to be in charge of concessions for our 4th of July party. This fund-raiser is a lot of fun. If you are interested in working at the 4th please let us know at registration or call.
See you at registration!

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

President Dennis Gerner called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. on Jan. 10, 1994 in the clubhouse. Also present were directors Ric Cox, Mike Krahelski, Ernie Jones, and Lucy Walther-Kral, manager Jean Verbeck, recorder Mary Lou Verbeck, our insurance agent, Lynn Miner, and a Realtor, Marilyn Dreyfuss who was volunteering to run the Easter Egg event again in '94.

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TREE TRIMMING TO BEGIN

Two large tree-trimming projects are set to begin in Park Paseo. Over 300 common area trees and 275 large windrow eucalyptus trees are set to be trimmed in February.

This is a noisy and dirty process that involves trucks, chainsaws, grinders, hydraulic buckets, and other machinery. While the trimmers will make every effort to work quickly and provide a safe environment, please advise your children to avoid areas where the workers are operating.

BULKY ITEM CLEAN-UP

The city of Irvine will be conducting a bulky item "Clean-up Day" for items too large for curbside pick-up on March 5th from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Large items such as furniture, appliances, mattresses, and lawn clippings may be dropped off at Sunset Environmental Industries located at 16182 Construction Circle (Nr. Jamboree and Barranca) in Irvine.

Any clothing and bicycles will be donated to Goodwill Industries. No Hazardous Materials! Please call Mike Byrne at 724-7673 for more information.

VANDALISM IN PPHOA

Recently Park Paseo was the target of a number of acts of vandalism. Eighteen sprinklers were maliciously kicked over in the main greenbelt area between Glorieta East and Ensueno East. Pool furniture has been tossed in the pool over the weekend, and our sign in front of the clubhouse was damaged. We all pay to repair or replace these items. If you know anything about these incidents, please call Jean at 730-1560.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President

Dennis Gerner....838-6157

1st Vice-President

Ric Cox.....731-8848

2nd Vice-President

Mike Krahelski...838-7278

Treasurer

Lucy Walther-Kral.832-8344

Secretary

Ernie Jones.....832-4252

Board of Directors' meetings are held the second Monday of each month in the clubhouse at 7 p.m. Homeowners are encouraged to attend.

Park Press Editor..... Ric Cox

All copy/ads for the Park Press must be submitted to the manager's office in the clubhouse by the 15th of the month to be included in the next issue.

Association Manager

A. Jean Verbeck, Jr..730-1560

LOCAL BABYSITTERS

Brittany Carrier..669-1887

Jenny Cox.....731-8848

Cameron Craver....669-1447

Meghan Finney.....731-4301

Nicole Spencer....838-7269

BABYSITTING CO-OP

Are you interested in sharing babysitting with other Park Paseo moms? If so, plan to come to our monthly meeting. We are a group of moms who trade babysitting time. It's also a great way to get to know other families. We meet monthly to plan social events and discuss babysitting co-op business. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 9th at a local restaurant at 7:00 p.m. Please call Amy Guth at 544-6386 for details or more information.

FEBRUARY 29th-LEAP DAY

An interesting fact; about 100,000 Americans and approximately two million people worldwide celebrate birthdays on February 29... which only occurs once every four years.

LICENSED DAY CARE

Day Care provider in Northwood; licensed and accredited. Has openings for infants and toddlers. Breakfast, lunch and snacks included. 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Nice back yard with lots of toys. Call Barbara, 544-8687.

FOR SALE-CLASSIFIED

Work-out bench with weights, \$20.00
Love seat sofa- earthtones, \$40.00
Please call 730-3609.

TELEPHONE BOOK RECYCLING

Place telephone books in your newspaper recycling bin on your regularly scheduled pick-up day. They will be recycled along with newspapers.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT INSURANCE

From time to time in our board meetings we hear horror stories from the legal files of HOA's around the U.S. A case was recently adjudicated in the federal courts where a woman injured herself in a fall on the stair in a common area. The HOA was not found negligent in any way, but was forced to pay for her care. Since she was permanently disabled, the costs exceeded the insurance policy of the association and homeowners were assessed proportionate shares of the costs. Special Assessments Coverage may be added to your insurance policies on your homes to protect you if the limits of PPHOA policy (presently at \$5,000,000) are exceeded. While there are no pending cases of this nature in Park Paseo, we feel it is our duty to inform you of this information. Contact your agent for more information.

AMETHYST-FEBRUARY'S BIRTHSTONE

The Amethyst has an interesting history. "Amethythios" is a Greek word for "without drunkenness," and at one time it was believed that the stone was a cure for intoxication.

Through the centuries, other magical beliefs have made the amethyst valued-that it insured safety, created pleasant dreams, guaranteed constant love, and protected one from witchcraft.

MANAGER'S REPORT

1994 started off with a bang! So far we have had 10 lounge chairs thrown in the pool, six chairs tossed in the spa, 18 sprinklers broken, and some letters removed from our monument sign in front of the clubhouse.

The cost of this vandalism must be borne by all 625 members of our association. A new lounge chair costs \$154.00; refurbishing one is \$100.00. A new chair is \$120.00 and a refurbished one is \$59.00.

The repair and replacement of the broken sprinklers will be about \$600.00. The replacement of the letters on our sign will be about \$75.00 a letter plus painting/labor of approximately \$150.00.

Altogether, the cost of the last three weekends was about \$3300.00. No one saw anything or reported anything suspicious to the clubhouse.

One may look at the association as some large, distant organization, but it is just US.

Every dollar spent is collected from homeowners and used in the upkeep of our facilities. There is no magic agency that is responsible; only the homeowners.

Every dollar spent or saved came from you the homeowner. It is a shame that the persons responsible do not share in the cost. If you have any information about any of these incidents, please call me at the clubhouse at 730-1560 so I can pursue those responsible and charge them for it.

On the positive side we are now preparing for summer. We have repaired the pool skimmer pump. We are preparing to replace all interior parts of the BBQ's and paint the exterior. We are just beginning a major tree trimming job. The jacuzzi is being shut down for a week to repair a leak in the bubble lines.

A. Jean Verbeck, Jr. Manager

FULL SNOW MOON

The Native Americans name for this month was the "Full Snow Moon." Because the heaviest snows of year often prevented good hunting, some tribes called it the "Full Hunger Moon."

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS (Cont'd from 1)

The Board responded to correspondence from homeowners regarding late fees and deposits. The Board approved December's financial records and Board minutes as corrected.

Six accounts three + months in arrears were sent 30 day pay or lien letters, and two accounts 4+ months in arrears were turned over to our collection attorney.

The NIVA (North Irvine Village Association) request to use our clubhouse for their Feb. 2 meeting was approved. Irvine council members Paula Werner and Greg Smith will be the guest speakers.

The Board requested that Mission Pest Control perform an inspection of our greenbelts to determine if there are rodents present.

The Board voted to increase our D&O coverage from \$2-to \$5,000,000. from State Farm Insurance. The increased cost was \$538.00 per year. The Board also requested that Mr. Miner investigate rates for increased liability coverage for PPHOA.

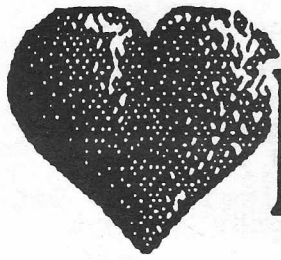
Since the Board is pleased with the amelioration of the landscaping in our common areas, it voted to extend the contract of Earthcare for 12 months.

The Board reviewed proposals from three lifeguard services for possible contracts this summer. All three companies will make a presentation to the Board at the February meeting.

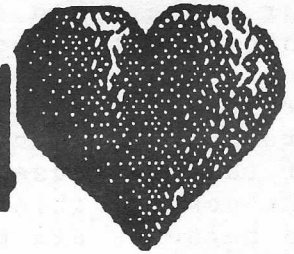
There being no further business, president Dennis Gerner adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

FEBRUARY TIDBITS

Violet is the flower of February. It has been praised in poetry and song, used for medicinal purposes, and, during medieval times, was regarded as powerful against evil spirits. The beautiful Greek city of Athens has the violet as its flower. It is also said to represent modesty and this has led to the characterization of shy people as "shrinking violets."



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		1 Indian Princess	2 Brownies NIVA	3	4	5 Private Party
6 Private Party	7	8 Girl Scouts Cub Scouts	9 Cub Scouts	10	11	12 Private Party
13	14 Board Meeting	15 Indian Princess	16 Brownies	17 Office Closed	18 Office Closed	19
20	21	22 Girl Scouts	23 Cub Scouts Arch Comm	24	25	26
27 Private Party	28					

THOUGHT FOR FEBRUARY

Lives of great men all remind us
 We can make our lives sublime,
 And, departing, leave behind us
 Footprints on the sands of time.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow