

# ◆ THE PARK PRESS ◆

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## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

On Monday, September 10, 2007, your Park Paseo Board of Directors met at the clubhouse for its regularly scheduled meeting. Present were Directors Brian Hagadorn, Ric Cox, Howard Scott, Ernie Jones, and Manager Gus Aarnaes. Brian Grochow was absent.

The minutes of the August 13, 2007 meeting were reviewed and approved as corrected. The Action Items and Responses Report from the August 13, 2007 meeting was also reviewed.

The Board discussed whether 3 different association fine processes should be initiated for on-going architectural violations relating to a sub-par and dying front and side yard, a front wood decorative wall that is leaning and in need of repair or removal, and palm plants overhanging the sidewalk, blocking unimpeded access and usage by pedestrians.

A homeowner's appeal for an exception to be allowed to keep the existing utility doors replaced approximately six years ago, though these doors are in violation of the original louvered design was discussed. Carried by majority vote, the Board agreed the utility doors must be replaced to meet the existing standard which is the original design for the association.

A homeowner's request for fee-waived use of the clubhouse for Girl Scout Troop 1287 was discussed. The Board agreed to this request subject to completion of the contract and receipt of the mandatory \$100.00 deposit.

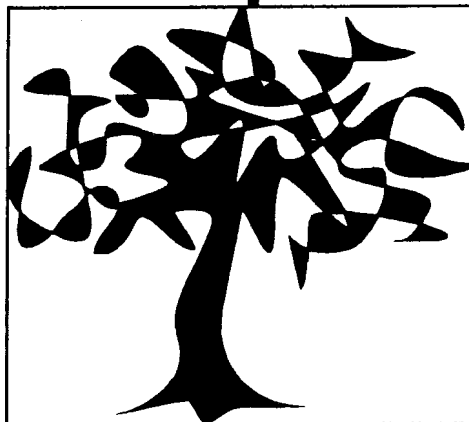
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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### SUPPORT NORTHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Support Northwood high school by signing up for club cards at your Pavillions, Albertsons and Ralphs. It's easy and doesn't cost you anything. Every time you use your card at a store,

Northwood will receive a donation. Go to these store websites, enter your card number and the NHS number as follows: Ralphs.com and click on "Community Contribution Program" and enter 80801 as the NPO number; Albertsons.com/cp/ and click on "Shoppers" and enter NHS number 49000117299. For Pavillions, go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and set up an escrip account and enter NHS Group ID 140972412. What a great way to support your local high school! THANK YOU!



Park Paseo  
Homeowners' Association  
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### Pool Season Winding Down

The pool heaters are currently scheduled for shutdown on October 15th. In the meanwhile, take advantage of the wonderful temperatures and enjoy some exercise and fun!. The spa, as always, will be heated year-round.

### Lost and Found

Please remember to check the lost and found basket at the main pool facility for any items that may have been lost or forgotten over the summer. After the end of this month, the remaining items will be donated to Goodwill.

## Board of Directors

### President

Brian Hagadorn 838-2625

### 1st Vice-President

Ric Cox 731-8848

### 2nd Vice-President

Howard Scott 669-1406

### Treasurer

Ernie Jones 832-4252

### Secretary

Brian Grochow 730-7231

Board of Directors' meetings are held the second Monday of each month in the clubhouse at 7:00 p.m. Homeowners are encouraged to attend.

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All copy/ads for the Park Press must be submitted to the manager's office in the clubhouse by the 12th of each month to be included in the next issue.

Association Manager

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*Would you like to add your name to our babysitter list? Drop a note by the office with your name and phone number and we will add it to our list.*

### LOCAL BABYSITTERS

Michelle Cavanagh	474-6075
Sophie Miller	949-697-3653
Tyler Killion	665-8078
Melanie Duncan	838-2389
Chelsea Feller	669-5720
Erica Grochow	730-7231
Heather Sprague	832-4864
Nikki Morris	734-0192
Rachel Gross	368-1088
Megan or Peter Gilroy	505-3033
Jolene Collins	734-6896
Megan Kelley	731-6009
Hannah Cooper	253-8725
Shannon Thomas (CHOC Safe Sitter Certified)	730-7028

## Board Highlights Cont.

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The Board reviewed and discussed the upcoming annual election. The mailing material was reviewed and upon receipt of the remaining candidate statements, the election material would be mailed to homeowners.

A proposal from Ron Wallace for needed concrete work and block wall repairs was reviewed. The Board agreed to have Ron Wallace commence with the necessary work for the proposed \$2237.00.

The Board reviewed and discussed a homeowner's request for consideration of waiving some or all architectural violation fees. The Board agreed to waive all but \$100.00 of the assessed fines.

The General Meeting notes from North Irvine Villages Association had not arrived for the meeting.

A recess was called to adjourn to Executive session at 9:00 p.m. to review the minutes of the Special Executive Meeting of July 16, 2007, to discuss the issues relating to managing home expansion projects with the Association Attorney. The Board also reviewed and discussed the contract renewal for the association property manager.

The financial reports for August 2007 were approved subject to final revision by the accountant and annual audit. The Association bank account statements were reviewed and discussed. The delinquent account report was discussed, and management was requested to send six 30-day reminder letters and one attorney warning letter to delinquent accounts. The manager noted that one home was recently unexpectedly sold under foreclosure. After discussions with the association attorney, it was determined that \$392.00 would effectively be uncollectible.

The Architectural Committee meeting minutes of August 29, 2007 were reviewed and were approved as corrected. The architectural violation log was reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 pm and the next Board meeting has been set for October 8, 2007.

## Announcements & Ads Continued

### PET SITTING/HOUSE SITTING SERVICES

Very friendly, responsible, and prompt. Enjoy animals very much. Have 3 cats of my own and plenty of prior pet sitting experience. Willing to sit for any kind of animal (cats, dogs, reptiles, fish, mice, etc.) Also willing to do house sitting while you're out of town. Pricing is flexible. Call Heather Sprague at 714-832-4864.

### FOR SALE—ALL IN EXCELLENT CONDITION

Maple roll top desk 60"W x 56"H x 30"D, \$350.00  
Thomasville wardrobe with drawers 62"H x 40"W x 19"D, \$250.00  
Oak bookcase with glass doors 78"H x 32"W x 16"D, \$150.00  
3 piece maple entertainment center, \$450.00  
2 - 76"H x 33"W x 19"D Cabinet Towers  
1 - 65"W x 31"H x 19"D Entertainment Console  
Pine twin bunk bed set, \$100  
88" 3 cushion traditional sofa, \$250.00  
Contact Alan at 714-832-0099.

### FOR SALE

Full-size wooden loft bed for sale. Includes desk underneath with 3 drawers, bookshelves, computer keyboard slider, computer tower holder, space for monitor, over desk lighting and ladder. Approximately 7' tall x 4'7" wide x 6'8" long. Bought from Ikea for \$1000. Will sell for \$400 OBO. Call 714-544-2067.

### TUTOR SERVICES

Elementary school tutor available to help with a variety of subjects. Resume and references available for review. If you have any questions, please contact Julie at (949) 872-8997.

### TRANSFER YOUR PICTURES TO DVD'S OR CD'S

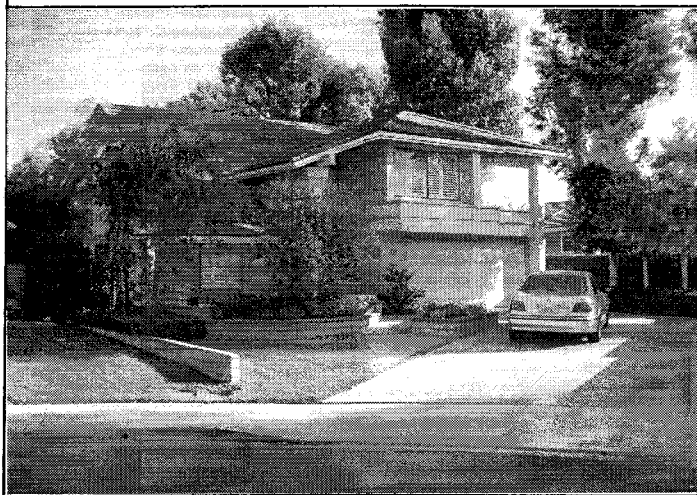
Why not put those old pictures, slides, film strips, and digital picture onto a CD for safe keeping or to show off your best pictures with a photo slideshow set to music. I provide comprehensive photo scanning and archival services. Call Neil at 731-5241.

### FOR SALE

Two twin mattresses extra long, in good shape, \$40 each. Call 714-838-7615.

### **October Landscape Award Winner**

The Kyser family of 23 Kara East



## Manager's Corner By Gus Aarnaes

### **Plants Overhanging Sidewalks**

Please note that the Association CC & R's specifically prohibit any overhanging of plants over a sidewalk that can interfere with the right-of-way of pedestrians. This should be a matter of common courtesy. The CC & R states: (Article IX, Section 7) "no tree, shrub or other planting of any kind shall be allowed to overhang or otherwise to encroach upon any sidewalk or other pedestrian way, from ground level to a height of ten (10) feet. Think in terms of the elderly, people with strollers, and especially children on bicycles, skateboards and scooters who may run into these plants. The potential liability should be of concern.

### **Car Break-In**

Recently, one of our homeowners had their car burglarized in their driveway. A door lock was forced and broken and items in the car were stolen. Please do not leave valuables in your cars! If you see someone suspicious, call the police and let them create a presence.

### **Utility Doors on Zero-Lot Line Homes**

For your information, the utility doors were originally louvered and they must continue to be of a horizontally louvered-type design. Apparently these doors were louvered to allow for appropriate ventilation of the lower compartment which houses the gas meter. There is a real safety concern behind the need for this ventilated design. This office will continue to send letters to homeowners needing to comply with the Association standard.

### **Found Photo in the Clubhouse**

A 9 1/2 x 11 1/2 inch, framed photo of a cute little red-headed tike positioned on or near a tree trunk, has been found in the clubhouse. No doubt lost from one of our many parties in the clubhouse. Please check with me to get this returned properly.

### **Election Ballot Problem**

Unfortunately, there have been a very few ballots returned to this office that do not comply with the written instructions. These ballots can not be counted. The law is clear, the ballot must be sealed in the green "ballot" envelope and then placed into the white envelope. The return address must be filled in and the homeowner must sign the signature line. The Election Inspector will check the white envelopes (return address) against a community roster. Next, the Inspector will open all the white envelopes and place the green "ballot" envelopes in a box. Then, with all the green "ballot" envelopes together, the Inspector will begin to open them and tally the votes. This process assures homeowners that the ballot is in fact confidential.

For those who have not yet returned your ballot, please follow the instructions. There is still time to turn in your votes before the election meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2007.

### **Phone Messages**

It would be helpful when leaving a message on the association office message machine if you would clearly leave your name, address and phone number. There have been a few occasions when neither a helpful Board member nor I, have been able to discern enough information to call anyone back. *Gus Aarnaes*

**Editor's Corner**

**If you have a "for sale" ad in the newsletter, please make sure that you call me and let me know if it's been sold or if you want your ad run for upcoming months. Drop it by the Clubhouse or email me at:**

**tinenelson@gmail.com. Christine**

**HISTORY OF THE 'JACK-O-LANTERN'**

The Jack-o-lantern custom probably comes from Irish folklore. As the tale is told, a man named Jack, who was notorious as a drunkard and trickster, tricked Satan into climbing a tree. Jack then carved an image of a cross in the tree's trunk, trapping the devil up the tree. Jack made a deal with the devil that, if he would never tempt him again, he would promise to let him down the tree.

According to the folk tale, after Jack died, he was denied entrance to Heaven because of his evil ways, but he was also denied access to Hell because he had tricked the devil. Instead, the devil gave him a single ember to light his way through the frigid darkness. The ember was placed inside a hollowed-out turnip to keep it glowing longer.

The Irish used turnips as their "Jack's lanterns" originally. But when the immigrants came to America, they found that pumpkins were far more plentiful than turnips. So the Jack-O-Lantern in America was a hollowed-out pumpkin, lit with an ember.

**STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE**

West of Yale: (Friday) October 5 & 19

East of Yale: (Friday) October 12 & 26

Please move your cars to keep our streets clean!

**OCTOBER 2007**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6 PRIVATE PARTY
7	8 BOD MEETING	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 PRIVATE PARTY	20 PRIVATE PARTY
21	22	23	24	25	26 PRIVATE PARTY	27
28	29	30	31 HALLOWEEN ARCHIT. COMMITTEE MEETING			

