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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

On Monday, November 12, 2007, your Park Paseo Board of Directors met at the clubhouse for its regularly scheduled meeting. Present were Directors Brian Hagadorn, Howard Scott, Ric Cox, Miki Krahelski, and Tanja Fournier. Also present was manager Gus Aarnaes.

The minutes of the October BOD meeting, Annual Membership meeting, Reconvened Annual Membership meeting, and Organizational BOD meeting were reviewed and approved as corrected. The Action Items and Responses Report from the October 8, 2007 meeting was also reviewed.

The Board reviewed a letter from the City of Irvine responding to our letter of concern regarding potential traffic safety issues at Fortuna East and the intersection of Diamante and Prosa. The city agreed to paint a section of curb along Prosa red and to stripe the center of the first entry curve into Fortuna East.

A homeowner appeal to have architectural violation fines waived due to sickness and travel was reviewed. The Board declined to waive the fines due to the lack of communication and length of time elapsed.

The successful and exciting Northstar swim season with the President of the Northstars was discussed. Apparently, the team roster will be filled next season.

The Board agreed to hear a homeowner with concerns about the association windrow trees at a future meeting since the homeowner was not present for the November meeting.

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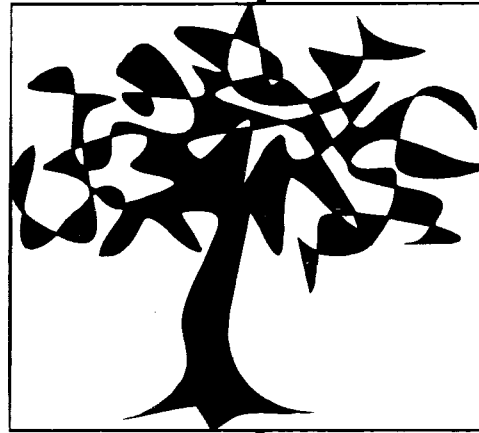
COMMUNITY NEWS LAST MONTHS FIRE STORMS

Last month's fires were a wake-up call to all Irvine residents. The fire came dangerously close to our neighborhood reminding us of the safety that our homes, schools and local businesses provide for our everyday existence. Experts predict this to be one of the worst fire seasons on record, mainly due to our lack of rainfall for the last few years. The prediction is that there are many more "red flag" days ahead.

This neighborhood was born in 1978, almost 30 years ago. And as many of you know, Park Paseo is one of the most popular and desirable of all Irvine neighborhoods. Thirty years is not really that long in the life of a home. But 30 years in the life of a wood shake roof is scary. We are very fortunate that the majority of the homes, including the Clubhouse, have had the old wood shake roofs replaced with fire retardant products.

We would like to encourage those who have been putting off the decision to replace their old roofs to consider this particular renovation a priority.

June of 2008 will mark the 30th anniversary of the Park Paseo HOA. At that time, we would like to say that we have reached our goal of 100% elimination of the old wood shake roofs in Park Paseo. The heart of this goal is to make the safety of all our homes and families our top priority. It would be a tremendous accomplishment to announce in June 2008, our 30th anniversary, that we have reached our goal. We look forward to seeing new applications in the next few months, moving us closer to our goal.



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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.

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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
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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 discussed the up-coming Orange County Marathon scheduled for Sunday, January 6, 2008.

The Board discussed possible inclusion in the Park Press newsletter an article to motivate the remaining wood-shingle roof owners to replace their roofs. It was approved.

A homeowner's request for fee-waived use of the clubhouse for Daisy Girl Scout Troop was approved subject to completion of the contract and receipt of the \$100 deposit.

The Board reviewed and discussed the bid from Bradford Benton, CPA to conduct and prepare the on-going association audit and taxes for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007. Upon a motion by Howard Scott, seconded by Ric Cox, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to accept the bid for \$2165.00 for the annual audit and preparation of tax returns.

The Board discussed whether to store or throw out an original outdoor organization chart. It was agreed to throw it away.

The General Meeting notes from North Irvine Villages Association from October and November were reviewed.

The financial reports for October 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 three 30-day reminder letters and two attorney warning letters to delinquent accounts.

The proposed budget for the 2008 year was discussed. The budget was approved with a two dollar increase in monthly dues, bringing it to \$70.00 beginning with the January 2008 payment.

A summary of proposed, possible, upcoming and future projects for the association was reviewed. This listing is intended to be evolutionary and to enable the Board to prioritize projects.

The Architectural Committee meeting minutes of November 1, 2007 were reviewed and were approved as corrected. The architectural violation log was reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm and the next Board meeting has been set for December 10, 2007.

Announcements & Ads

GIVE THE GIFT OF GREAT DESIGN!

Got hard-to-shop-for people on your list who are selling their home, throwing a party or revitalizing the every day look of their home? Or maybe you're that person. We provide consultation, shopping and placement for:

- Staging for a special event or best price/quicker home sale
- Updating and accentuating the home's best features
- Optimum furniture arrangement for all situations

Gift certificates available. Call Caren at 714-403-0202 or Christel at 714-401-4132.

FOR SALE

Dell laptop, 3 years old, excellent condition. Light weight. \$599 OBO. Call 714-200-5182.

REWARD

Lost pool key #360. \$25 reward, no questions asked. Return to Gus at clubhouse for reward money.

TRAMPOLINE FOR SALE

Lightly used round trampoline with enclosure. Great for the holidays! Buyer must transport from our backyard. \$100 OBO. Call Julie at 714-832-6310.

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.

TUTOR SERVICES

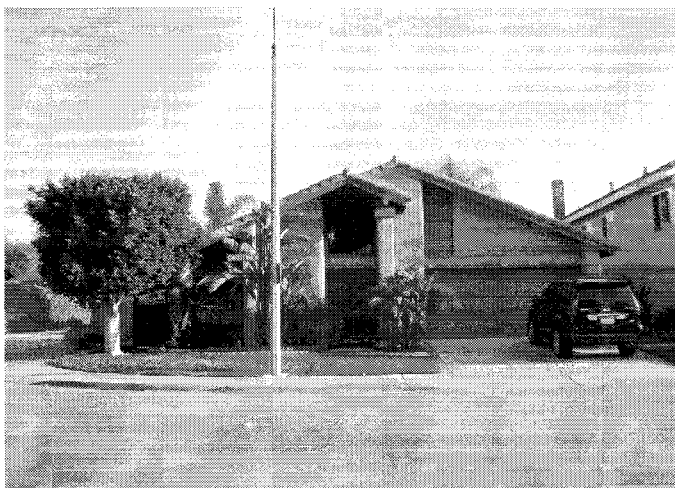
Elementary school tutor available to help with a variety of subjects. Resume and references available for review. If you have any questions, please contact Julie at (949)872-8997.

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.

December Landscape Award Winner

Cara Treadwell and Robert Forman of 38 Christamon West



Manager's Corner

By Gus Aarnaes

2008 Budget

If not already, you will soon receive your copy of the budget for 2008. As noted in the budget letter, there will be an increase of \$2.00 in the monthly dues from \$68.00 to \$70.00. This new rate will take effect with the January 2008 dues.

Holiday Decoration Contest

Let's put our holiday decorating skills to use and see who will be selected as this year's holiday best. The winner will be announced in the January or February issue of the Park Press newsletter.

Clubhouse Rental Reminder

Homeowners are already booking the clubhouse for activities for 2008. To avoid disappointment, please book early. Be prepared to sign the rental contract along with the necessary payment to reserve your date. Please call me at (714) 730-1560 to verify availability for your desired date and time.

Holiday Beautification

For the sake of all homeowners and their guests during the holiday month; please keep our community looking its' best!

- Do place trashcans out Sunday night or Monday morning only and remove them Monday evening. Get them out of sight!
- Do not place items for pick-up out on driveways And sidewalks until the day of pick-up.
- Try not to park in front of another homeowner's house since they may have need of the space for holiday guests.
- And let's put our friendliest face forward and enjoy our families, neighbors and holidays!

Free Stuff

This office has experienced a number of occasions when homeowners have placed various items in front of their home with "free" signs. Please think about what this community would look like if many more homeowners did this. Ultimately, it would become an excuse for someone to tag junk with "free". As with trash, bulky items may only be placed by the street for pickup on the scheduled day of pickup. Please do not place me or any Board member in the awkward position of having to define one persons "treasure" from another persons "junk". "Free" stuff by the curb for many days gives our community a negative image.

Gus Aarnaes

WELCOME NEW HOMEOWNERS
Chia-Ruey Lu and Shu-Min Huang of 16 Delamesa East

STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE
West of Yale: (Friday) December 7 & 21
East of Yale: (Friday) December 14 & 28
Please move your cars to keep our streets clean!

Attention Park Paseo Area Residents

Traffic delays may affect your normal route on Sunday, January 6! The Avia OC Marathon presented by Nutrilite takes place on Sunday, January 6, 2008 and the course route could affect your normal Sunday morning travel time, so please plan ahead! Please visit the Parking & Directions page on: www.OCMarathon.com for resident information, expected delays, alternate routes and more. You may also call the hotline at (949) 222-3327.

TIPS ON SAFEGUARDING YOUR HOME DURING THE HOLIDAYS

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in Park Paseo a safe and happy holiday season. The holiday season is approaching, bringing joy, happiness, and new opportunities for everyone—especially burglars. The rise in burglaries is attributed to the mass purchase of merchandise and the tendency for many of us to let our guard down during the holiday season. We suggest that you follow these security measures to reduce your risk of being a burglar's next holiday victim.

Around The House

Always close your drapes when you're not home so you're not exposing your holiday gifts.
Put lights on timers to make it look as if you're not home even while you're at parties and shopping.
Always remember to lock your doors and windows when leaving, even if it's only for a brief time.

Holiday Shopping

Try to park near a busy entrance to the shopping mall or store.
Carry only \$100 or less in cash when shopping. Many malls have indoor ATM's where you can get money.
Carry only one credit card and use it for all purchases.
When resting, don't leave your packages on the ground.
Have your car keys in your hand so you don't have to linger before entering your car. Keys can also serve as a weapon against an attacker.
Avoid setting down your purchases when getting into your car.
Put purchases in the trunk, not on the back seat of your car, so potential thieves can't see them.
If you think you are being followed, drive to a public place or police station. If it is unsafe to get out of your car, honk your horn and flash your lights.
If your car breaks down, open the hood and attach a white cloth to your antenna. If someone stops to help, stay in your locked car (windows up) and ask him or her to call the police or a garage.
By following these simple security measures, you can help ensure a happy and safe holiday season.

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2	3	4 HANUKKAH BEGINS INDIAN PRINCESSES	5 HANUKKAH BROWNIE TROOP	6	7 GIRL SCOUT TROOP PRIVATE PARTY	8
9	10 BOD MEETING	11	12 GIRL SCOUT TROOP	13	14	15 PRIVATE PARTY
16	17 CUB SCOUT TROOP	18 INDIAN PRINCESSES	19 BROWNIE TROOP	20	21 GIRL SCOUT TROOP	22 WINTER BEGINS PRIVATE PARTY
23	24	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26 KWANZAA BEGINS GIRL SCOUTS ARCH. COMM.	27	28 PRIVATE PARTY	29 PRIVATE PARTY
30 PRIVATE PARTY	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE PRIVATE PARTY					

