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## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

**O**n Monday, January 14, 2008, your Park Paseo Board of Directors met at the clubhouse for its regularly scheduled meeting. Present were Directors Brian Hagadorn, Howard Scott, Ric Cox, Mike Krahelski, and Tanja Fournier. Also present was manager Gus Aarnaes.

The minutes of the December 10, 2007 BOD meeting were reviewed and approved as corrected. The Action Items and Responses Report from the December 10, 2007 meeting was also reviewed.

The Board discussed whether four association fine processes should be initiated for on-going architectural violations relating to un-approved upper/lower utility doors, and upper/lower meter doors. The manager noted that one meter door had been approved in 1998, and a letter was sent to apologize to the homeowners. The association fine processes have begun for the other three homeowners, with \$25 being assessed to their accounts.

A homeowner's appeal to allow the house colors painted without approval and subsequently denied by the Architectural Committee was discussed. The Board agreed not to allow the color scheme.

The manager found that the City of Irvine will not install a 'STOP' or 'YIELD' sign at the intersection of Diamante and Prosa because a legal placement of such a sign would have to be on private property, which is against City policy. A red curb has been painted to help ameliorate any possible hazard.

A homeowner will be placed on the agenda for the February meeting to bring concerns before the Board regarding the association windrow trees and general tree policy.

The issue of an association website was tabled until the February BOD meeting.

The deterioration of the underground electrical wiring serving the main pool facility was discussed. The manager is instructed to retain a major electrical company to review and suggest an overall plan to address the problem.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Northstars Swim Team

The Northstars Swim Team is a great way to develop fitness and swim strokes, continue school friendships or meet new friends. If your child swam last season, you will be receiving your pre-registration information in the mail to reserve your 2008 spot on the team. New families inter-

ested in joining the team may contact Emily Carr to be placed on the waiting list. (Swimmers must be 5 years old by June 1, 2008). Emily can be reached at 714-508-3555 or:

[teenycarr@yahoo.com](mailto:teenycarr@yahoo.com)

### Neighbor Watch

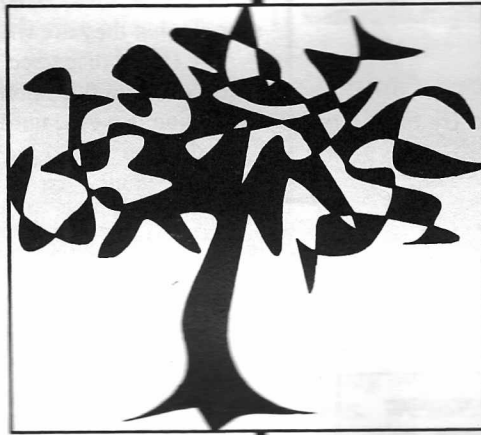
Along with expressions of frustration, I also hear some wonderful suggestions. Due to a tragedy that occurred in another community, a homeowner has suggested that someone on each street have a listing of homeowner's names, their family members and phone

numbers in order to help rally

neighbors to be able to help anyone experiencing an unexpected tragedy. As an example, when a mother was killed by a driver while jogging, a community was able to rally the neighbors to help with babysitting, driving, meals, etc., while the husband/father tried to keep his family together. This was possible because someone on the street had a list of the phone numbers and names of the residents, created for just such a circumstance. Think about it.

### Holiday Lights

Just another friendly reminder to have all holiday lights and decorations removed or put away by February 1, 2008. Thank you.



Park Paseo

Homeowners' Association

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## Board of Directors

### President

Brian Hagadorn 838-2625

### 1st Vice-President

Howard Scott 669-1406

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Ric Cox 731-8848

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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.

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
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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A presentation by Ken Blake regarding the windows version of the currently utilized DOS-based office software was discussed. This will be an on-going discussion item with presentations by other vendors.

A possible raise in salary for the newsletter editor was discussed. The Board agreed to the salary increase.

The Board discussed and agreed to have some new ground shifting-related cracks sealed and to replace some deteriorating sealant at the Prosa pool facility.

The Board addressed the need for clubhouse restroom renovations. It was agreed to research an alternative floor material that might be better suited for the very wet conditions of the summer months.

The Board reviewed and discussed possible solutions to the turf damage next to the school caused by their delivery trucks. Discussion centered on the addition of vertical post(s) to serve as a barrier or the paving of part or all of the turf area. The manager was instructed to explore the cost of paving part or all of the turf area, installation of posts and to discuss with the school what they are willing to do.

The Board discussed possibly planting 14 trees along the greenbelt from the clubhouse towards Hicks Canyon. The discussion is tabled until the February meeting.

A design concept for the monument signs at the corners of Yale and Orange Arrow was discussed. The artistic rendition was painted and detailed by local artist and previous Board member, Ernie Jones. The Board also discussed and agreed to consider replacement of the existing sign in front of the clubhouse with a similar design. A significant change in the design would involve the possibility of utilizing concrete with the association logo and lettering inlaid in the design, similar to the City of Irvine monument sign at the corner of Culver and Irvine Blvd. The manager was instructed to continue the process and to obtain bids and costs for the design. It was noted that construction could not begin until the Southern California Edison company has installed their new equipment on the previously granted second easement on the northwest corner of Yale and Orange Arrow.

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

The financial reports for December 2007 were approved subject to final revision by the accountant and annual audit. The Association bank account statements were reviewed. The delinquent account report was discussed, and management was requested to send four 30-day reminder letters and two attorney warning letters to delinquent accounts and turn one account over to the association attorney.

The consolidation of bank accounts was discussed, and the manager was instructed to begin submitting financial statements and a bank reconciliation to the Board consistent with a newly approved quarterly schedule.

The Architectural Committee meeting minutes of January 2, 2008 were reviewed and were approved as corrected. The architectural violation log was reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 pm and the next Board meeting has been set for February 11, 2008.

## Announcements & Ads

### FREE TANDEM BIKE

Kids are grown and gone, so we don't need it anymore! Still in great shape. Crestline tandem bike, originally \$450. Contact Dorothy at 714-731-8805.

### FOUND

Triax Blade TP3 men's 26" mountain bike. Call Gus at 714-730-1560.

### AU PAIR POSITION WANTED

Young female college student from France is seeking an au pair position in a family with children for 3 weeks (end of June, beginning of July). The main goal is to improve her fluency in English through daily interaction with family members and the community. Can babysit, do some cooking, and participate in household chores and activities. Call Isabelle at 714-505-3422.

### OFFICE SPACE

Located 1.5 miles from Park Paseo at Jeffrey and Trabuco. 1950 sq ft, 6 window offices, 2 sec bays. Ideal for professional living in PPHOA. Be home in 4 minutes. 5420 Trabuco, Jeffrey Corporate Ctr. Contact Greg at [greg@calvisa.com](mailto:greg@calvisa.com).

### HANDYMAN AVAILABLE

For general handyman work (e.g. broken utility doors, mailbox posts and more) you might contact Barry Williams at (714) 625-7637, Craig Davis at (949) 275-6782, or Dan Lemire at (714) 838-4635. All have done some work for homeowners and they appear very capable.

### TRAMPOLINE FOR SALE

Lightly used round trampoline with enclosure. Buyer must transport from our backyard. \$75 OBO. Call Julie at 714-832-6310.

### 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.

### 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.

## Manager's Corner

By Gus Aarnaes

### **Good Neighbor Parking Guidelines**

Oftentimes, this office receives complaints by homeowners relating to the parking of someone else's vehicles in front of their homes. I hope everyone understands that on city streets, people are allowed to park anywhere there is a legal space available. However, given this small, special community, why must anyone constantly park in front of someone else's home? If you have too many cars and can't fit them in your own garage, driveway, or in front of your own home, why should that become someone else's problem? There are parking spaces available next to green belts and in the entry to most of our streets. None of our streets are so long that a little walk wouldn't do someone good. Please, don't park in front of someone else's home on a regular basis. Everyone should understand there will be times when it is necessary. But, let's remember to respect our neighbors and acknowledge that we all have need for parking in front of our homes for guests, family and contractors. Some of us come home late and would like to find a parking space in front instead of someone else's car. Remember, a little consideration, courtesy and respect for others goes a long way in keeping Park Paseo one of the best communities to live in!

### **Dog Poop**

It is most unfortunate that this article even needs writing, but some dog owners must be reminded of their responsibility. If you have a dog, it is your responsibility to pick up your dog's feces. It is not someone else's. I will say that most dog owners are not a problem, but those of you who do not accept this responsibility are creating a very negative image of dog owners, not to mention the mess in some of our greenbelts. We have in our community some irresponsible owners that allow their dogs out real early in the morning or late at night in the hopes their dogs will dump somewhere out of sight of others. We even have some dog owners who think nothing of others when they fail to pick up after their dog during a daytime walk. Have you looked in our greenbelts lately? In too many places there are piles of dog poop that owners have ignored. Is this really what our community should be about? As a property manager, I find it exasperating that anyone can be so inconsiderate of others. Let's all of us remind these inconsiderate dog owners of their responsibility. If we don't tell them, who will?

### **Neighborhood Littering and Trash**

Let's all remember to pick up our own trash. Have you noticed the wrappers from fast food places on our sidewalks, greenbelts and in the streets? Do you ever wonder what is in the mind of someone who thinks nothing of tossing their trash out onto the streets and sidewalks? I'll always thank the special soccer coach my kids had that would keep everyone, parents included, on the field after a game, until it was picked up. Think if everyone had the same attitude about littering and trash...

*Gus Aarnaes*

**STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE**

West of Yale: (Friday) February 1, 15, & 29  
 East of Yale: (Friday) February 8 & 22  
 Please move your cars to keep our streets clean!

**February Landscape Award Winner**

*Eloise and Gary Doone of 5 Ensueno East*



**Editor's Corner**

**I hope you are all sticking to your New Year's resolutions! If you have a "for sale" ad in the newsletter, please make sure that you email me and let me know if it's been sold or if you want your ad run for upcoming months. You can email me at:**

**[tinenelson@gmail.com](mailto:tinenelson@gmail.com).**

*Christine*

**FEBRUARY 2008**

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17 PRIVATE PARTY	18 PRESIDENT'S DAY CUB SCOUTS	19 INDIAN PRINCESSES	20 BROWNIE TROOP	21	22	23
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