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MANAGER'S CORNER

Stay Safe This Holiday Season

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. With that in mind, I would like to re-run a previous column that residents may find helpful.

TIPS ON SAFEGUARDING YOUR HOME DURING THE HOLIDAYS

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 and radio on timers to make it appear as if you're 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.

Gus Aarnaes

COMMUNITY NEWS

Election Results

The Park Paseo Homeowners Association election results are in, and once again there are no surprises. For the sixth year in a row, only two meetings were necessary to reach a quorum. At the reconvened Annual Meeting, held on October 30, 2008, the Election Inspector, Art Goldstein (also chairman of the Architectural Committee) and his wife Wendy, tabulated the ballots and certified the election results. The Board and Association welcome the re-election of Howard Scott and Brian Hagadorn to serve the next two years on the Board of Directors. Thank

you to both for your participation and devotion to the community!

The Organizational Meeting was held on November 10, 2008, electing Howard Scott to serve as President, Mike Krahel-ski as 1st Vice President, Ric Cox to assume the duties of 2nd Vice President, Brian Hagadorn becomes the Secretary, and Tanja Fournier will again serve as our Treasurer. And a special thank you to all residents for participating in the process.

Clubhouse Rentals

Homeowners are already booking the clubhouse for activities for 2009. To avoid disappointment, please book early. The rental fees have gone up and are now \$175 for Sunday through Thursday rentals and \$200 for Fridays and Saturdays. Be prepared to sign the rental contract along with the necessary payment to re-

serve and confirm your date. Please call me at (714) 730-1560 to verify availability for your desired date and time.

Emergency Preparedness

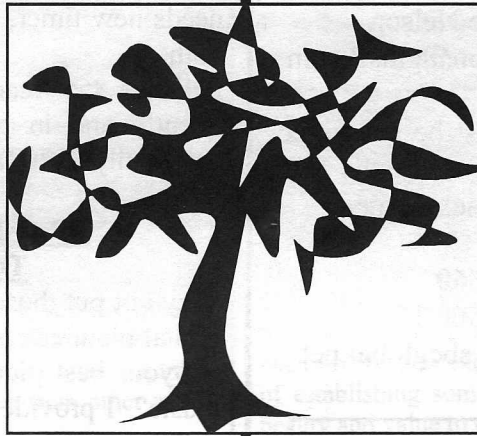
Are you ready for a major emergency, such as an earthquake? Most of us are not! Do you know that the minimum needs are for 3 days of food and water for each family member and pet? What about a week's worth of survival items?

Your Association is sponsoring Emergency Preparedness seminars starting Jan. 22, 2009 at 7 pm in our clubhouse. Our first meeting should last about 90 minutes.

We will hear from an Orange County Fire Authority Liaison about preparing for a disaster. She will tell us what we need to have on hand to survive while at home, while at work, how to communicate with family and how to negotiate not being able to get emergency services for several days and more.

There will be hand outs and valuable information. If you plan on attending, please call the office to reserve a space.

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

On Monday, November 10, your Park Paseo Board of Directors met at the clubhouse for its regularly scheduled meeting. Present were Directors Howard Scott, Mike Krahelski, Ric Cox, Tanja Fournier, and Brian Hagadorn. Also present was manager Gus Aarnaes.

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The latest update on the progress of conversion to the new software by Asyst Data group was discussed, and the system is scheduled for initial installation on Wednesday the 12th.

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The decision of whether or not to have security guards on duty on certain holidays was discussed. It was agreed that New Year's Eve is mandatory.

The General Meeting notes from North Irvine Villages Association for both the September 10 and October 8 were reviewed.

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Happy Holidays! We are enjoying our time as parents to our newest addition to our family, Addison Michelle. She is now 4 weeks old, and develops more and more personality every day! She was born on October 29, and came into the world very healthy, beautiful, and wide eyed. I am adjusting to less sleep, but the nights I spend rocking her back to sleep are precious to my heart. We are enjoying every moment!

If you have a "for sale" ad in the newsletter, please 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.

The happy mother, *Christine*

STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE

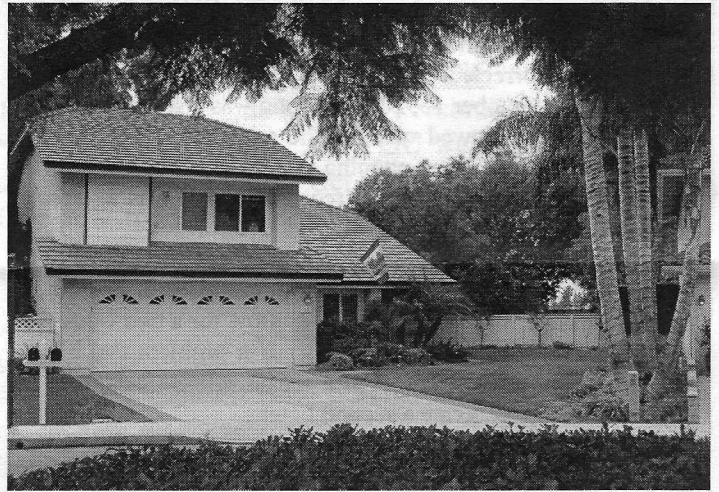
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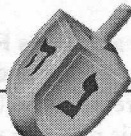
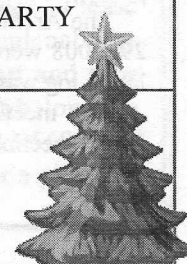
Please move your cars to keep our streets clean!

December Landscape Award Winner

The Weis Family of 61 Diamante



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