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MANAGER'S CORNER

Monthly Dues

The monthly Association dues changed to **\$81.00 beginning with the January 2010 payment.** Unfortunately the dues change was not noted on the January statement. A correction will be made on the February bill. As a reminder, always send your coupon along with your check to the ASYST Office P.O. Box 15525, Santa Ana, CA 92735-0525. Thank you for your understanding.

Tree Trimming

The large Eucalyptus windrow trees along our greenbelts are scheduled to be trimmed through the end of January. The trimming typically takes two to three weeks and involves large trucks and wood chippers operating along our greenbelts. Please advise children to avoid the areas where heavy equipment is being used.

Sidewalk Repairs

The repair of cracked and damaged sidewalks along our greenbelts is scheduled to occur in January through mid-February. Please advise your children to steer clear of the wet cement to avoid accidentally leaving a permanent mark in the sidewalks.

Design Review Process

Like many community associations, we have a set of written design review standards and processes. Some homeowners mistakenly believe these standards restrict their freedom of individual expression; actually they provide a framework within which each homeowner can express individual tastes and preferences. And, if you have been living in Park Paseo for any time, you are aware that homeowners participated in crafting the guidelines and rules. Most important in the process is the underlying tenet that all homeowners need to be treated fairly and reasonably. Written guidelines allow you and the Architectural Committee to work from the same criteria. The application and approval part of the process allows input from the homeowner, architect, contractors, and the committee to reach equitable, consistent decisions.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Northstars Signups to Occur Soon

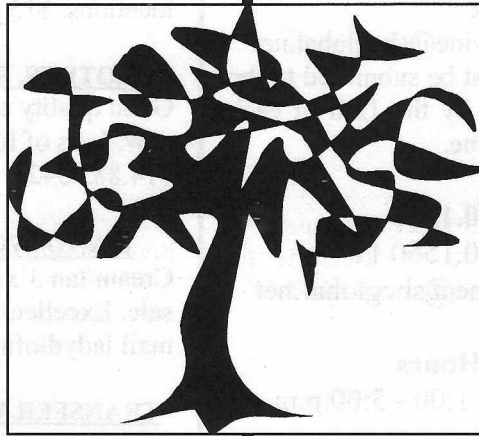
It is that time of year again! The Park Paseo Northstars swim team will be having registration soon. Returning swimmers from last summer please watch your mailbox for upcoming swim team information. If you have never participated in our swim team and are 5-18 yrs. of age and want information, please contact Kim Knoell for registration information at kimknoell@cox.net. We look forward to seeing you at the pool this summer.

Landlord Information

If you are an owner who leases or rents your unit in Park Paseo, we'd like to make the experience a positive one for everyone by informing you of your responsibilities. We currently have 13% or 81 units out of 625 being rented. Having some basic information available to your tenants can make the experience a more successful and enjoyable one. Your tenants may not be familiar with common-interest community living. Please take a few minutes to explain to them that living in a community association is very different from living in a rental apartment community. Specifically, your tenants, like all residents, are subject to the rules and regulations of the association, and it's up to you to educate them and see that they comply. We recommend you provide your tenants with written copies of rules and regulations of association facilities.

Coyote Seen on SHS Playground

A coyote was recently seen on the Santiago Hills school playground. A homeowner approached the animal while clapping his hands, attempting to frighten it away; the animal simply backed up, sat down, and waited for the homeowner to leave. Coyotes sometime enter our community and prey on animals in our neighborhood. This occurs during times when their normal food supply in the hills and groves north of Park Paseo is disrupted. When a coyote is seen, please call Irvine (Police Dept.) Animal Control at 949.724.7092 immediately and give them the location of the coyote.



Park Paseo

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Board of Directors' meetings are held the second Monday of each month in the clubhouse at 6:30 p.m. Homeowners are encouraged to attend. Architectural Committee Meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

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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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Clubhouse Office Hours

Monday - Friday 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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

Leah Benzie	573.7590
Sophie Miller	949.697.3653
Tyler Killion	665.8078
Melanie Duncan	838.2389
Chelsea or Chloe Feller	669.5720
Nikki Morris	734.0192
Megan or Peter Gilroy	505.3033
Megan Kelley	731.6009
Hannah Cooper	824.9306
Sophia Berk	949.336.2199
Shannon Thomas (CHOC Safe Sitter Certified)	730.7028
Danielle Munson	832.6649

Announcements & Ads

PAINTING & WALLPAPERING

Do you need painting, wallpapering, or wallpaper removed? I am a Park Paseo resident who has worked for many of your neighbors. References available. Please call Jeff at Jameson Painting & Wallcovering 949.351.6562

PRISTINE PLUMBING, INC.

Park Paseo residents who own & operate a full service plumbing company. Top priorities are quality, value, & customer satisfaction. We can provide you with Park Paseo references. Please call Richard at 714.397.5954 or www.pristineplumbinginc.com Pristineplumber@aol.com

COMPANION AIDE

Newly retired 30-year Park Paseo resident will drive your loved one to Dr. appts., shopping center, or other locations. \$15 per hour. Call Joe at 714.731.7285

CLOTHES, SHOES, HANDBAGS, & ACCESSORIES

Good quality current styles & reasonable prices. Like new. Lots of fun stuff for your wardrobe. Call Betty 714.883.5425

HAND WOVEN BENGALI RUG FOR SALE

Cream/tan 3'x5' genuine hand woven Bengali rug for sale. Excellent condition. Call Diane 714.328.1784 or e-mail ladydiofirvine@yahoo.com for photos. Best offer.

TRANSFER YOUR PICTURES TO DVD'S OR CD'S

Why not put those old pictures, slides, VHS tapes, video tapes, and digital pictures onto a DVD or CD for safe keeping or show off your best pictures with a Photo Slideshow set to music. I provide comprehensive photo scanning and archival services. Call Neil at 714.731.5241. or online at ncampbellphotography.com

WEBER SUMMIT S-450 NATURAL GAS GRILL

Free-standing stainless steel BBQ w/36" of grilling space. Rotisserie, infrared unit & side burner on rolling cabinet. \$775.00 OBO Please call Barb at 949.455.1700

LOST IPOD

Silver iPod may have been dropped on our greenbelt area. In black case w/clip. Call Barbara 949.455.1700

HANDYMAN AVAILABLE

For general handyman work (e.g. broken utility doors, mailbox posts and more) contact Craig Davis at 949.275.6782, Barry Williams at 714.625.7637, or Wade Papke at 714.635.4049. All have done some work for homeowners and appear very capable.

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

On Monday January 11, 2010 your Park Paseo Board of Directors met at the clubhouse for its regularly scheduled meeting. Present were Directors Howard Scott, Mike Krahelski, Tanja Fournier, and Brian Hagadorn. Also present were co-managers Gus Aarnaes and Ric Cox. The minutes of the December 14, 2009 BOD meeting were approved as corrected. The Action Items and Responses Report from the December 14, 2009 meeting was also reviewed.

The Board reviewed and approved a bid of \$490.00 from Falcon Electric to install an emergency shut-off switch at the spa which was mandated by OC Health Dept. The BOD examined new and improved samples of artificial grass from Turf-N-USA for installation in front yards.

The BOD reviewed the progress of the turf aeration project and directed management to research with EarthCare, our landscape contractor, the possibility of changing some of our turf areas to ground cover to reduce our water and maintenance costs. The BOD approved a bid in the amount of \$3045.33 from ROBCO insurance for our earthquake insurance. The BOD further reviewed the request from Trillium Consultants to discuss the feasibility of installing a cell tower in Park Paseo and directed management to keep in communication with the company. The Board also directed management to publish information in the Park Press to keep the community informed of the progress of the discussions.

The PPHOA BOD directed management to research changing some of our turf areas to ground cover to reduce our water & maintenance costs.

The BOD reviewed two bids for re-tiling the women's showers at the main pool and awarded the contract to the low bidder at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00. The BOD acknowledged the Kahlon Family at 22 Fortuna West (see photo page 4) for winning the monthly landscaping award.

The BOD viewed the progress of the new aluminum perimeter fencing/gates at the Christamon pool and directed management to get bids for new signs at the facility. The BOD responded to a request of the homeowner at 61 Diamante to make a minor modification in the roofline and to change the entry door height.

The Architectural Committee meeting minutes of December 30, 2009 were approved as corrected. The violation log was reviewed. The financial material for November 2009 was reviewed. The delinquent account report was discussed and management was requested to send out eight 30-day reminder letters and six attorney warning letters. Two homeowner accounts were scheduled to be turned over to the attorney for collection.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m., and the next Board meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Community News Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Tips to Prevent CO Poisoning

According to the CDC, more than 20,000 people each year are treated in emergency rooms and nearly 400 lives are lost nationwide to carbon monoxide poisoning. It is known as the "Silent Killer" because it is odorless, tasteless, colorless, and toxic. It can poison the body quickly in high concentrations or slowly over long periods of time. CO gas can cause fatigue, dizziness, unconsciousness, and possible death if undetected.

The primary CO sources are home appliances. CO victims often become confused and are unable to call for help. That is why it is so important to install CO detectors and to have them connected to a monitoring center. Here are some tips to prevent CO poisoning:

- Never use portable charcoal grills, camp stoves, generators or similar devices inside your home, garage, or other confined area.
- Have your chimney, fireplace, wood stoves, and flues inspected before every heating season-and cleaned if necessary.
- Turn off space heaters before leaving a room-and supervise children and pets at all times when a portable space heater is in use.
- Never run your car engine for more than a few moments inside a garage. Fumes can build up very quickly and can spread to the living area of your home.
- Look for clues that home appliances may be malfunctioning or emitting toxic gas. Common indicators include decreased hot water supply, soot on appliances & vents, and furnaces unable to heat properly.
- Install at least one CO detector on every level of your home and near sleeping areas.

Architectural Volunteer Needed

We have recently experienced a vacancy on the Architectural Committee and need a community member to fill the spot. Responsibilities include attending one Architectural Committee meeting per month (on the last Wednesday), following up on homeowner applicants' job completions, selecting monthly landscape-of-the-month winners on a rotating basis, and assisting in selecting Holiday Decoration winners. Call our office at 714.730.1560 to volunteer or to find out more information regarding the opening.

To be a successful association, our community needs to cultivate fresh ideas and encourage resident involvement on our committees. Park Paseo's Architectural Committee augments our paid staff and saves the association thousands of dollars each year.

**February Landscape Award Winner
The Kahlon Family of 22 Fortuna West**



EDITOR'S CORNER

If you have a "for sale" ad in the newsletter, please call or email me and let me know if it has been sold or if you want your ad run for the next month. You can email me at: pphaairvine@sbcglobal.net or call 714.730.1560

STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE

West of Yale: (Friday) February 5 & 19
East of Yale: (Friday) February 12 & 26
May be viewed at http://www.cityofirvine.org/cityhall/pw/streetmaintain/infrastructure_cleaning
Please move your cars to keep our streets clean!


WELCOME NEW HOMEOWNERS

Che-Chih Lee & Mei-Hui Sung of 29 Alameda
Stop by and say hello to our new neighbors!

Holiday Lights

The holiday lights and decorations were beautiful this year, as always. We had a spirited competition for best decorated home in Park Paseo. Thank you for your efforts! Unfortunately, they have to come down and I have to remind everyone to please have all outdoor holiday lights and decorations removed and put away by February 1, 2010. Thank you.

FEBRUARY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
 Groundhog Day	1	2 Ground Hog Day	3	4	5 Brownie Troop Mtg. 4:00 p.m.	6 Private Party
7 Private Party	8 Lincoln's Birthday (No school) GS Daisy Troop 5:30 p.m.	9	10	11	12	13
14 Valentine's Day Lunar New Year	15 Presidents' Day (No school)	16 Indian Princess Mtg 6:30 p.m.	17 Ash Wednesday	18	19 Brownie Troop Mtg. 4:00 p.m.	20 Private Party
21 Private Party	22	23	24	25	26	27 Private Party
28 Private Party	