



THE VIEW

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THE HOA BOARD LETTER



The vote is in and 111 homeowners voted for the resolution regarding parking in the driveways versus the garage. This is short of the 172 required to pass a change to the CC&R's. Therefore, the resolution to require homeowners to park all of their authorized vehicles in the garage did not pass. Homeowners may park their authorized vehicles in their driveways as long as they follow the rules about blocking the sidewalk, no parking on the grass, abandoned vehicles, etc. Recreational vehicles still are restricted to parking in the complex for a maximum of 48 hours in any five day period for loading, unloading, and emergency repairs. You may not live or stay overnight in your RV while it is in the complex.

The year is winding down. There will not be an HOA meeting in December. The January Board meeting will be held on January 17, 2007 and will include an election for two Board members. If you want to be a candidate, contact Jacqueline Bill at Prescott. If you want to see a change in the way the community is run, then become a Board member or join a committee.

At the last HOA meeting, the Board approved the purchase and installation of a shed. It will be located in the same place as the old shed. It will double our storage capacity. The shed will be finished in a color and texture similar to our Clubhouse and have a cement tile roof.

Several changes will be occurring at the pool. The Board approved a salt-based water treatment system to replace the chlorine system. The chlorine system will still be used for a backup as required by the City. This salt water system will help prevent the calcium build-up you see on the tiles and also prevent clouding of the pool. The Board also approved an acid wash and complete refill of the pool early next year. These maintenance steps should help keep our pool in good shape for years to come.

My two years on the Board will end on January 17, 2007. I know all of you don't agree with all of the decisions the Board makes. But I want to assure you that each time the Board makes a decision, it is with the thought that this is what the majority of community members want, or in some cases what is required by law. I hope that you feel the Board has presented an impartial view to all issues and decided issues based on facts and not personal feelings. I thank my fellow board members for their support over the last two years. I also thank all the community members who work so hard to make this community run smoothly.

I wish all of you a happy and prosperous holiday season. Thanks for making Mountain View place "a great place to live."



MOUNTAIN VIEW HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—NOVEMBER 15, 2006
by Vickie Burt, Secretary

BOARD ACTION

- Approved minutes of October 20 meeting.
- Approved Financials for October, 2006. Total operating assets are \$39,358.41. Total reserves are \$417,208.14. Total assets are \$456,566.55. Approved a CD purchase order in the amount of \$50,000.
- Approved purchase of storage shed in the amount of \$4,024.00
- Approved repair and replacement of lighting fixtures in the pool area in the amount of \$2,400.00.
- Approved addition of color plants at the JFK gate in the amount of \$270.00
- Approved maintenance of the swimming pool to include draining acid wash, safety items addition and repair, and salt-water maintenance system in the amount of \$3,716.05. This work to be accomplished after the holidays. Notice will be given since the pool will be closed several days while the work is being accomplished.
- The Board Chairman reported that the change in the CC&R's regarding garage parking did not pass. Homeowners will be receiving a letter to that effect.
- Management reported that heating costs for the pool December, January, and February last year totaled \$3,171.81. The Board agreed to continue heating the pool and analyze costs during budget review.

December 1, 2006 is the last date to accept applications for new board members. There will be two vacancies.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Facilities/Landscape:** Provided an update on progress of work orders. Straps will be replaced on exercise cycle equipment. Drainage channel cleaning is being discussed with the City—Fish & Game may declare the area a habitat. Debris will be blown off the tennis court weekly by Artistic Maintenance. A proposal to stain and seal the concrete at the Cactus gate and Clubhouse area was tabled to allow management to obtain more bids and information.
- **Architectural Review:** Ron Sais will take a leave of absence as chairman. Don MacIsaac will be temporary chairman.
- **Social:** November 11 dance was great fun and a repeat of that activity is being considered. Tree decorating and cookie exchange will be held at the clubhouse on December 2. Review the Social Committee page of this newsletter for details.
- **Web Page:** Everyone was encouraged to use the website.

Open Forum

There was a discussion regarding the future review of Association rules and maintenance/landscaping along the wall adjacent to the spa.

No Board Meeting in December. Next meeting is the Annual meeting on January 17, 2007.



THE GARDENER'S CORNER

by Carole Sweeney

From the gardener's corner... December weather can be deceptive. Rain, high temperatures, wind or frost are all possibilities. The days will be short and the soil will become cold. During warm spells, you can **prune** fruit trees and vines but only after all the leaves have fallen. This indicates that the plants are fully dormant and pruning will not damage living tissue. Don't clip spring blooming shrubs however or you'll remove this coming year's color – wait until the bloom is over.

I discovered new information about fertilizers during a landscaping class. The instructor told us not to buy specialty fertilizers for roses, citrus, fruit trees, etc. He says it is a marketing ploy and that we should apply only one fertilizer, whatever bag shows 16-16-16, equal parts nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium to be applied during growing season. What a relief! We no longer need to stock so many large different bags in the garage!

Roses are blooming nicely now, but don't feed them this month. Let the dying roses make rose hips which strengthens the overall bush and prepares it for winter. **Continue watering** until the rains take over. Irrigation should be reduced but not stopped as plant photosynthesis slows down and cold weather dries plants out. Speaking of irrigation, check your irrigation system monthly. Water is wasted when spray heads are broken or misaligned

Project Linus

by Janet Jarosh

Join the Mountain View group of Project Linus Blanketeers in hand-making security blankets for seriously ill children at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital. They can be knitted, crocheted, quilted or fleece - any style, any color, machine washable, new, in child-friendly colors for ages newborn to teenage.



If you have an interest in making blankets or donating, contact me by phone or email (janet@citiusa.com). Even if you don't craft, you can help simply by donating a few skeins of yarn (Red Heart yarn from WalMart is a great source).

We have recently added a Shawl Ministry (separate but somewhat related to the Project Linus group). Those involved knit or crochet beautiful shawls to be given as gifts to those in our neighborhood who are grieving the loss of a loved one. A nice card is included with the shawl explaining how the shawl has been lovingly made to comfort and give solace. All are invited to join us in making the shawls and blankets.

Keep up the good work and Happy Blanketeering!



BOOK CLUB

by Joan Williams

We all love the holiday season because it is a time to connect and reconnect with family, friends, and acquaintances. During this time of year we are surrounded by an aura of happiness and kindness.

We would like to read a book reflecting this spirit. Since there are so many good stories out there, we invite you to present your own favorite story of the season. This may be a classic that you read again, or may be a new find. Some new suggestions are: **THE CHRISTMAS BUS** by Melody Carlson, **THE CHRISTMAS BOX** by Richard Paul Evans, and a collection of seasonal short stories by Maeve Binchy, **THIS YEAR IT WILL BE DIFFERENT**.

The seasonal sentiments extend far beyond the celebration of Christmas; so if you prefer, you can present any story that is representative of the feelings of love and giving that abound at this time of the year.

We will meet on Monday, December 11 at 10:00 a.m. at the Clubhouse. Bring your favorite story and let's share!



CHRISTMAS VILLAGE OPEN HOUSE

Department 56™
NORTH POLE Series

over 50 houses on display

Join us
December 16th, 2006
5-8pm

Fun for all ages—
Bring the kids and grandkids alike

Jay & Marilyn Dawson
14848 San Jacinto



What's Cooking?
(from Katie's Kitchen Corner)
(by Katie Wenke)



It's the holidays and time for celebrating with friends and family. Try these appetizers. They're easy and yummy. Enjoy!

**CRABMEAT APPETIZERS
FROM MY KITCHEN**

1 package English muffins	Onion salt
2 cans crab meat	Worcestershire sauce
1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese	Lemon juice
About 1 cup mayonnaise	Salt and pepper

Split and quarter the English muffins. Drain the crabmeat and remove any bones. Mix with the other ingredients, seasoning to taste. Spread on the English muffin quarters. Broil until bubbly.

CROSTINI A LA MIA

From Carole Sweeney

4 ½ to 5 oz round Brie
16 oz loaf French bread
1½ cups coarsely chopped plum tomatoes
6 oz coarsely chopped cooked ham or prosciutto (about 1 cup)
2TBS olive oil
1 tsp bottled minced garlic or 2 cloves garlic, minced
1 tsp dried oregano, crushed
½ cup finely shredded Italian blend cheese
2 TBS balsamic vinegar

Preheat the oven to 350°. Using a vegetable peeler, remove edible rind from the Brie cheese. Cube the cheese and set aside. Split the French bread in half horizontally. Hollow out one of the bread halves, leaving a ½ inch shell. Place the hollowed bread half, cut side up, on a large baking sheet. Set aside. (Save the remaining bread for another use.)

In a medium bowl combine the tomatoes, ham, Brie, oil, garlic and oregano. Toss to combine. Spoon into the hollowed bread half. Sprinkle with the cheese. Bake about 15 minutes or until heated through. Drizzle with the vinegar. Cut into serving sizes.

YOGA

by Joan Williams

The yoga classes have begun. Participants are pleased to notice their muscles loosening up and a new feeling of relaxation. Please join us for a Gentle Yoga class.

In order to participate fully, please bring the following items:

A mat to lie on (not too thin, since we'll be lying on a tile floor)
One or two blankets that can be rolled up to use as bolsters
A strap (this can be as simple as the tie to a bathrobe)
Comfortable clothing

We will meet at the Clubhouse at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. The class lasts approximately one hour.



~~All New in Mountainview~~



A new session of our oil painting class is beginning in January at our clubhouse. You are invited to an orientation meeting for an overview and demo at **10:00 am on Saturday, January 6, 2007.** Come down to decide if you would like to join the class. There will be a materials list available and a starter kit for order at a 50%+ class discount. Presently, the class is meeting at 9:00-11:00am on Saturday with Debra Higgs-Stein, teacher. The cost will be \$10.00 per class.

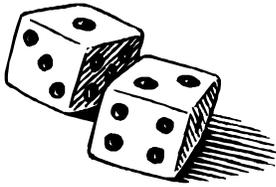
Join us for a cup of coffee, and learn how your paintings can also be transferred to tee shirts, aprons, greeting cards, and other unique gifts.

Classes include:

Follow the Teacher Step-by-Step Approach for the First Painting
Instruction in Media Application
Mixing and Blending Colors
Subject Composition
Nude Models cancelled

We are all learners, and therefore, beginners.

This is an early announcement in case **Santa** wants to help you purchase your



BUNCO

Bring Your \$4.00 and Join Us at the Clubhouse

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2006

6:00 pm

Last Month's Winners

Most Wins - Twila DeWalt/Louis Lumkoski

Most Bunco's - Janet Paperniek

Most Baby Bunco's - Judy Kathriner/Katy Brambila

Most Losses - Bev Bailey

Fuzzy Dice - Fran Martinez

(Bring a dish to share. We are having a potluck dinner before the games.)

For more information contact:

Marilyn Dawson

Marilyn6515@verizon.net

BINGO

Tuesday, December 26th

(4th Tuesday of each month)

6:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse

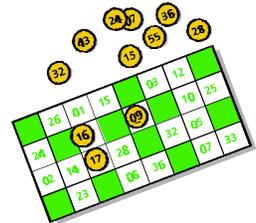
Cost: \$5 including 3 Bingo Cards

Snacks: Anything you fancy

October Winners: Rick Hansen, Mary Ortiz,
Yolanda Takacs, Doris Asciak (2), MaryAnn Hite,
Coverall - MaryAnn Hite

For more information contact:

Godfrey Asciak or Mike Frahm



COME ON DOWN

TO THE CLUBHOUSE FOR LINE DANCING

AN HOUR OF FUN AND EXERCISE

(No experience necessary)

Every Wednesday at 12 noon

Any questions, call Doris Asciak

WHAT'S HAPPENING

by Janet Hansen



Hello Neighbors,

MARVELOUS, STUPENDOUS, WONDERFUL! What a terrific evening we had on November 11th at our clubhouse celebrating Veterans Day with a dinner and dance. A live band (The Reflections) was awesome and played a lot of "oldies" for us. Congratulations to Al Meddings who had the winning ticket for the American Flag that once flew over our Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.

A big THANK YOU to Shirley De Carlo for booking the Reflections for our dinner dance. They were a wonderful band and we will definitely have them back. Thank you also to Doris Polley, Godfrey Asciak, Twila De Walt, Rick Hansen, Kay Howe, Al Martinez, Katie Wenke, Gordon and Betsy Haas, Joan Brodowsky and Maggie August (great decorations Maggie). All of you helped to make the evening a very special treat.

On Saturday, December 2nd at 9:00 a.m., we will be decorating a tree at the clubhouse. If you would like to help, please join us at that time. The homemade cookie exchange will take place the same day at the club house between 3:00 and 4:00 PM. Cookies will be exchanged a dozen for a dozen. It should be fun to have different kinds of cookies to choose from other bakers in our neighborhood.

Sunday, December 17th at 6:00 p.m., our Mountain View Holiday Party and Gift Exchange will be held at the clubhouse. Santa will be there to guide us through the gift exchange game. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided. We will have a 50/50 and pay bar.

For information please contact: Janet Hansen
Shirley De Carlo
Doris Polley
Godfrey Asciak

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 2 Tree Decorating at 9:00 AM
Cookie Exchange 3:00 to 4:00 PM

December 17 Holiday Party and Gift Exchange 6:00 PM

Happy Holidays!