



# THE VIEW

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## THE HOA BOARD LETTER



We hope everyone had and are having a happy and merry holiday season. The Board wishes all of our Homeowners a healthy and prosperous New Year.

The New Year presents some new and interesting challenges for Mountain View:

- We are still working with Ryland and our attorney for the final signoff for the complex. This is what is holding up the final sealing of the streets. There are issues concerning deeds and who has the responsibility to maintain drainage.
- Most of the pool and shed issues have been resolved with installations to be completed in 2007.
- The new Board faces the challenge of compiling/writing a comprehensive set of Rules and Regulations that include all of the changes made over the years.
- We have a great neighborhood that is well maintained and looks nice to the residents and those who come to visit. As our complex ages, we need to pay attention to maintaining and improving it.

- We still need to develop formal plans for maintaining and landscaping the common facilities. These plans need to be included in our annual budget.

Don't forget—the *Homeowners Association Annual Meeting and Election will be held on January 17, 2007. It will be held at the Ridgecrest Elementary School starting at 6:30 pm.* Ridgecrest is the school on John F. Kennedy Drive directly to the south of our complex. Two board member positions will need to be filled at this election.

Again, Happy New Year to all. Let's keep working together to continue to make Mountain View "a great place to live."





## ***THE GARDENER'S CORNER***

*by Carole Sweeney*

***From the gardener's corner*** . . . Later this month, **prune roses** even if they have not lost all of their leaves. Remove crowded or crossed branches and open the center of the plant for good light exposure and airflow. Prune branches at a 45-degree angle just above a bud that faces outward or toward a side that needs filling in. Remove any leaves that have dead or diseased portions and destroy (don't compost) them. Spray roses and the soil around them with dormant oil or with a copper fungicide. Replace or renew mulch and toss 2 ounces (4 tablespoons) of Epsom salts at the base of each rose bush and water it in. Begin fertilizing 6 weeks later.

**Prune** Crepe Myrtles to force growth of new flowering wood. Prune dormant deciduous flowering vines, shade trees, fruit and nut trees. Repair structural weakness and remove vigorous vertical growing branches (waterspouts). The height or width of the tree can be reduced, taking care not to overprune in any single year. This encourages excessive new growth and less fruit. Pruning citrus requires a different approach. Remove entire branches to the trunk. Heading branches back (cutting off only portions) will remove wood that would have blossomed and set fruit this coming season and stimulate more bushy growth.

**Bare-root planting** can include roses, cane berry bushes, deciduous fruit trees and vines including wisteria. When selecting fruit trees, be sure to select low chill varieties which will perform best in our temperature zone.

**Feed** azaleas, camellias and rhododendrons by renewing their peat mulch and working cottonseed meal into the top two inches of soil. Use a half-cup for small plants and up to a cup for larger ones.

**Spray** . . . It is time for another spraying of dormant oil for fruit trees. Choose a day when the temperature stays above 40-degrees and the wind is calm. For peach leaf curl choose a fungicide such as Orthorix or Microcrop.



## **BOOK CLUB**

*by Joan Williams*

This month we are exploring a powerful novel telling a story of fierce cruelty and fierce yet redeeming love. Both transform the life of Amir, Khaled Hosseini's privileged young Afghan narrator who comes of age during the last peaceful days of the monarchy, just before his country's revolution and its invasion by Russian forces. Diane Sawyer calls it "an astonishing, powerful book."

This should be a good read, folks! Join us on Monday, January 29, 2007 at 10 a.m. at the Clubhouse for a discussion of ***THE KITE RUNNER*** by Khaled Hosseini.



## DINE OUT

*By Bill Donner*

Our next Dine Out will be held at the CHINA GARDEN on Thursday, January 18 at 5:30 p.m. Please make your reservations with Bill Donner. It would indeed be helpful to make those reservations as soon as possible and by Saturday, January 13 at the latest.

## CARING COMMITTEE

*By Kay Donner*



Thank you all for your communications regarding neighbors that are in some type of crisis. Whether minor or catastrophic problems are a part of our lives, the stress is often relieved when our friends help out with food, transportation, conversation, notes of encouragement, spiritual support, or anything helpful.

Please continue to alert me to anyone in need. Also, if you are willing to lend a "helping hand" to someone who is ailing, call Kay at the above number.

## 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](mailto: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!

# LADIES LUNCHEON

Tuesday, January 16, 2007

11:30 AM

## APPLEBEE'S

2046 W. Redlands Blvd.  
Redlands, CA

Call Joanne Phillips if you need a ride!

### DIRECTIONS

Corner of Redlands Blvd. and California  
In the Wal-Mart Shopping Center



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



*Let's try some soup for January.....Enjoy some French rolls with your soup.*

**CREAM OF SPINACH SOUP**  
*(serves 2)*

1 Tbsp	butter or margarine
1/4 C	finely diced carrots
2½ Tbsp	finely diced onions
2½ Tbsp	finely diced celery
2 Tbsp	all-purpose flour
1½ C	low sodium 99% fat free chicken broth
1/8 tsp	dried thyme
1/8 tsp	dried marjoram
1 pkg (5 oz.)	frozen chopped spinach, thawed
3/4 C	1% or 2% milk
	salt & pepper to taste
	grated nutmeg to taste

In a heavy 2-quart saucepan over medium heat, melt butter or margarine. Add carrots, onions and celery and cook, stirring occasionally for 5 minutes or until vegetables are tender but not brown.

Stir in flour with a wire whisk. Then stir in the broth and cook the soup, stirring constantly, until it comes to a boil and thickens slightly.

Add thyme, marjoram and spinach. Reduce the heat to low and cook the soup for 10-15 minutes to develop the flavors.

Stir in milk, salt, pepper and nutmeg. Raise the heat to medium and bring the soup back to a simmer.

Serve hot and enjoy!

An older gentleman was on the operating table awaiting surgery and he insisted that his son, a renowned surgeon, perform the operation. As he was about to get the anesthesia, he asked to speak to his son. "Yes, Dad, what is it?" asked the son. "Don't be nervous son. Do your best and just remember, if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me, your mother is going to come live with you and your wife...."



# YOGA

by Joan Williams

Please join us for a Gentle Yoga Class. Participants are pleased to notice their muscles loosening up and a new feeling of relaxation.

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 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 9:00-11:00 am 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**

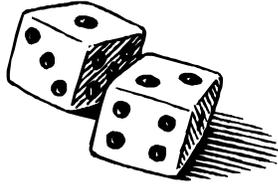


## COME ON DOWN

**TO THE CLUBHOUSE FOR LINE DANCING**

**AN HOUR OF FUN AND EXERCISE**

**(No experience necessary)  
Every Wednesday at 2 PM  
Any questions, call Doris Asciak**



# BUNCO

Bring Your \$4.00 and Join Us at the Clubhouse

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2007**

6:30 pm

## Last Month's Winners

Most Wins - Twila DeWalt/Janet Hansen

Most Bunco's - Katy Brambila/Lola Emmermanis/Mary Ortiz

Most Baby Bunco's - Rita Whelan

Most Losses - Lori Humphrey/Doris Polley

Fuzzy Dice - Fran Martinez

*(Bring a snack to share.)*

For more information contact:

**Marilyn Dawson**

[Marilyn6515@verizon.net](mailto:Marilyn6515@verizon.net)

# BINGO

Tuesday, January 23, 2007

(4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month)

6:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse

Cost: \$5 including 3 Bingo Cards

Snacks: Anything you fancy

November Winners: Rick Hansen (2), Mary Ortiz (2),

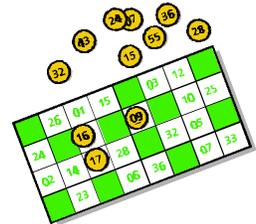
Bev Bailey, Rita Whalen, Wayne Williams,

Shirley DeCarlo and Joan Brodowsky

Coverall Janet Hansen

For more information contact:

Godfrey Asciak or Mike Frahm



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

by Janet Hansen



Hello Neighbors,

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL MOUNTAIN VIEW RESIDENTS.** A big THANK YOU to all of our committee members for a job well done. We are lucky to have so many talented people that are interested in providing all of us with so many things to do—dine-outs, ladies luncheons, poker, bingo, bunco, book club, line dancing, painting, morning coffee, water aerobics, compiling and delivering the newsletter—and all of you who have asked to help in any way you can. You all have made 2006 a fun year to remember.

The Social Club is busy putting together more exciting activities for 2007. We will start the New Year with an invitation to all residents to the general social club meeting on January 10 at 6:30 p.m. to meet the candidates who are running for the HOA board. This will take place at the clubhouse. Coffee and dessert will be served.

Also, we are planning to have a potluck dinner for the TGIF on January 19. There will be a 50/50 and pay bar that evening.

So, come on down, join the fun and make new friends.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

<i>January 10</i>	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Meet the Candidates Night</i>
<i>January 19</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>TGIF Potluck</i>
<i>February 6</i>	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Social Club Board Meeting</i>