

Canyon Creek

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Shelley Armstrong

Vice President Dianne O'Keefe

Treasurer Gary Brenkman

Secretary Larry Kroll

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COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Architectural Michelle Carr

Building/Grounds open

Landscape open

Social Susie Matta/Geri Chinarian

External Affairs David Melvold

Welcoming Nilima Parikh

Interested in serving on one of these committees or serving as its chair? Call **Brandi** at Total Property Management to volunteer..

SUBMIT YOUR NEWS

If you have an item for this Newsletter, please contact **Shelley Armstrong** (2 Rincon), editor.

BOARD MEETING DATE

The next meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. on May 8 (5 Vispera), June 12 (2 Rincon) and July 10 (17 Sonrisa). Meeting dates and locations may be changed to accommodate director's schedules. You are always welcome!

SPRING IS HERE AND ...THE POOL HEAT IS ON

Come enjoy our newly resurfaced pool and spa. The fiberglass surface was removed and replaced with a gunite surface. New bronze-toned tile was selected and installed as part of the resurfacing job, and the fencing was repainted. The whole area looks so much nicer. The new pool furniture is out and four new umbrellas are in place. Even new pool rule signs have been posted. Now the Board is getting bids to retile the shower area so it too has our new look.

In your new Rules and Regulations you will notice we have extended the pool and tennis court hours from 10 pm to 11 pm on Friday and Saturday nights—hopefully to prevent people from climbing over the fence after hours.

The pool remains heated for your enjoyment until approximately October 15. The spa is heated year-round.

Parents, we ask that you talk to your preteens and teenagers about proper behavior and the trust you put in them to act properly when in the association common areas, and ask that you check on them periodically.

...THE SWALLOWS ARE BACK

Canyon Creek has been home to many swallows over the years. This breed returns to its place of birth each year to make their nests in the spring. Their nests are made from mud which they can easily get from the Hines Nursery so they love it here! You may hose down the mud to prevent them from building a nest but once their nests are more than half built, it is illegal to get rid of them until after the eggs have hatched. So be vigilant in watching your home. Also, **Safety First Pest Control** (714-821-9006) can install rigid plastic bird netting as a deterrent. (This company also has traps to catch raccoons, possums, etc.)

WELCOME!

A warm welcome to our newest neighbors:
The Chuck Eusey Family 7 Puerto

HAVING A LARGE PARTY?

If you are having a party, please do not print our gate code on your invitation or tell every guest our entry code. Please instead get a one-time special code that can be printed right on your invitation. Contact **Carroll Lund** (9 Vispera) at c.d. lund@sbcglobal.net) and he will give you a code.

POOL KEYS

Also, if you find pool keys, please notify **Carroll** so he can reunite them with their owner.

VENDOR LIST

On our website, there is a list of vendors that other homeowners have used and been pleased with. You'll find this list a good source for handymen, plumbers, painters, etc. This list is ready for some updating now, as we always are looking for new vendors and also teenagers once listed as babysitters, dog walkers, etc. are now off to college and we need some new names. If you have someone to recommend, please go to the website where you can easily add them to the list.

STREET CLEANING

Did you know that regular street cleaning extends the life of our streets? That's why the Association pays for street cleaning every two weeks throughout the year. Unfortunately, the cleaners are finding too many cars parked on the street preventing them from doing their best job. Please try to move cars off the streets on the **2nd and 4th Tuesdays** each month for street cleaning. Thanks.

NEW MANAGER

We welcome **Brandi Scott** as our new property manager. You'll find Brandi very approachable and helpful.

LEMONADE STANDS

While we love to see lemonade stands in the neighborhood, please tell your children not to tape their sign to our gates or any of our equipment, and tell them they may not ride the gates as its extremely dangerous.

MAILBOXES

If your mailbox number is missing or the latch is not functioning properly, do not fix it yourself but call **Total** to report the problem and our handyman will fix it for you. Remember, the mailboxes are owned by the Association not the homeowner, and as such, the Association wants to maintain them. Also, use of weedwackers near the base of our mailboxes damages the finish and removes the paint. Please use care when trimming your grass and ask your gardener to do the same. We appreciate those that have replaced their grass with small plants to prevent this damage and encourage you to do so also. Please also watch that vines don't attach themselves to the mailbox posts as they will damage the paint. Thanks.

NEED YOUR DECK RESEALED?

A number of people in the neighborhood with the Reprise model (F) recommend **Crank Bros. Deck Co.** You can reach them at 949-646-9356.

ADDRESS NUMBERS

Is the lighted address number box on the front of your house unlit, peeling off or just looking shabby? You can order a new one from **Sign Design** at 714-773-1237.

POSTING SIGNS AT ENTRANCE GATES

We now have plastic sign boxes for posting announcements at the gates. You may use this box for lost pet signs, etc. Just call **Shelley Armstrong** (2 Rincon) to get the boxes. Please do not tape anything on our gates. Thank you so much.

REAL ESTATE SIGNS

If you are thinking of selling or renting out your home this year, please alert your agent that they need to use the new Canyon Creek logo on their sign rather than the logo with the mountain. Signs can be ordered from **Reichert's Signs** at 800-513-9199. Also, they may borrow the new Canyon Creek open house signs from the association at no cost by contacting **Michelle Carr** (8 Vispera).

BATTERY BACKUP

In case of a power failure, we have battery backup at the front gate so it will continue to operate.

COMMITTEE NEWS:

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Thanks to *Geri Chinarian* (10 Rincon) and *Susie Matta* (1 Ramada) co-chairs of this committee and their volunteers, including their many volunteers including *Sam Chinarian* (10 Rincon) who took



these photos of this year's Egg Hunt. The young ones had fun looking for the eggs and we



appreciate you providing this activity for our community. Also, since the last Newsletter, this committee has hosted the summer barbecue and Halloween parade. Thanks for all you do!

Next up, an early summer barbecue. If you are willing to lend a hand, give Geri or Susie a call.

LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE

Keith Sanders (7 Puerto) has moved to New Jersey so this one person committee has an opening. This person will walk the neighborhood with the landscape maintenance company representative on a monthly basis and recommend maintenance as well as upgrades to the Board.

BUILDING/GROUNDS COMMITTEE

This committee has remained open for some time so different Board members have stepped up to the plate to select the pool furniture, pool tile, review street problems, etc. Thanks *Shelley, Gary* and *Dianne* for their continued input.

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE (ARC)

Jeannine Roche (8 Trovita) has volunteered to join chairman, *Michelle Carr* (8 Vispera) and *Susie Matta* (1 Ramada) on this important committee.

AND SPEAKING OF THE ARC: DON'T FORGET THE ARCHITECTURAL APPLICATION!

The new Resident Handbook states on page 13, "applications and approval from the ARC is required prior to commencement of any improvement that meets any of the following criteria:

1. All exterior changes or alterations to the existing house, ie. doors and windows, paint, garage doors, lighting, roofline or roof surface, room additions and alternations, etc.
2. Landscape in front or side yards that will be visible from the Common Area that, when mature, will be higher than 6 feet.
3. Handscape in the front or side yards visible from the Common Area.
4. All exterior structures or improvements, regardless of location, front side and back yards, that exceed 6 feet above ground level and/or extend above the height of the closest fence or wall.
5. All mechanical equipment to be placed outside of a house regardless of location."

Applications can be obtained online on our website or by contacting *Total*. The application must be returned to *Total* with neighbor homeowner signatures, the proper brochures, color samples, etc. Incomplete applications will be returned. The Committee will no longer accept applications not submitted through *Total*. Please remember also that the Committee has 30 days from receipt to review your application so you must schedule your workers accordingly. Don't forget that you must be in compliance with city codes and that many of these modifications need a city permit.

THE CC&R's STATE...

That decisions on architectural applications should be made based on the following:

- Quality of workmanship and design
- Harmony of external design with existing structures
- Location in relation to surrounding structures, topography

SATELLITE DISHES...

Must be mounted so they are not visible from the Common Area and homeowners must take into consideration the view from neighboring homes and minimize visual impact wherever possible. Installers will place these dishes in the easiest location but you must make sure they follow these rules (see page. 21 of the Resident Handbook).

A GREAT IDEA

New neighbors, **Roger & Lynn Kliminski** (1 Sonrisa), have installed a tankless water heater thus gaining space in their pantry for a wine cooler.

WE ARE BEING WATCHED!

A Board member from another association gave us a great compliment. She said, "Canyon Creek is looking so great. You've got new signs and stone, new mailboxes, remodeled entrances, new landscape, new pool furniture, new roof, paint and windows on the guardhouse, new real estate signs and now your redoing your pool too! How do you accomplish so much?"

SECURITY ISSUES

The Board has spent a lot of time evaluating guard service, cameras, and other security methods. We have bids for cameras and are still considering doing this at the pool area and at both entrances. However, for now, the guard has been fairly effective so we will use the guard this summer and continue to monitor its effectiveness.

A week or two ago, someone climbed up the back wall near the spa, and in doing so, pulled down a 6' rod iron section, brick cap, and block wall. This will be repaired soon but in the meanwhile, it's been turned sideways and is serving as a ladder.

BOARD ELECTIONS

All five Board members were reelected and will stay in their same positions. Thanks Board, for continuing to serve.

OUR CONDOLENCES

Our thoughts go out to **Joan Benedetti** (33 Sonrisa) and **The Leslie Family** (18 Sonrisa) in the loss of Joan's husband and Ann's father, Deno, and to **Richard & Jackie Lombardi** (15 Sonrisa), whose son, Greg, passed on while working in Tanzania, Africa.

HOUSE TOUR

Our second house tour was held last November. There were about 50 people there who all enjoyed seeing what their neighbors had done to update their houses. Thanks to **Keith and Susan Sanders** (7 Puerto), **Chris & Nancy Likens** (1 Puerto), **Pam Patten** (22 Sonrisa), **Roger & Colleen Bowksy** (25 Sonrisa), **Ash & Susie Matta** (1 Ramada), and **Kevin & Dianne O'Keefe** (9 Tamizar) who graciously opened their homes.

We will plan another house tour soon and already have several exciting homes for you to see.

HOLIDAY LIGHTING

Thanks **Gary Brenkman, Larry Judd, Bob & Shelley Armstrong, Phil & Janet Lisle, Kevin & Dianne O'Keefe, Roger Bowsky, Sam Chinarian** who hung, and removed, more than 66 strings of lights to decorate our entrances.

ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF IRVINE

Is looking for volunteers to join them supporting Operation School Bell and the Young Masters Art Show. For information call 949-798-5020.

CANYON CREEK WEB SITE

& EMAIL (canyoncreekhoa.com)

Check out our website and get architectural applications, rules and regulations and email updates too! Suggestions? Call or email **Gary Brenkman** (17 Sonrisa), webmaster.

HAVE YOU NOTICED...

That these newsletters are coming out less frequently? That's because so many people have signed up for our email updates on our website that many messages are being sent via email. Go to our website and sign up today! Or return the tear-of below to 17 Sonrisa.

Please add my name to the Canyon Creek group email:

Name

Address

Email address