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ECA NEWSLETTER



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE DICK PRYOR

The annual meeting is fast approaching and I hope you have the date marked on your calendar and plan on attending. This is my last newsletter message and my last term as a Director. I've enjoyed serving as your President and working with a great Board of Directors.

As most of you know, the park is still very important to me so I will be helping Marvin Potts as his assistant. I will also be helping to organize the annual park work day which will be April 30th. I encourage all of you to contact John Altieri and sign up to help him with the various social events, especially the 4th of July Party.

ECA ANNUAL MEETING
7 PM, THURSDAY, 02/17
PASADENA SCHOOL
(drinks provided—you bring the
snacks)



POOL & PARK DIRECTOR— MARVIN POTTS

Spring is rapidly approaching, the flowering pear trees are showing new blossoms and a few of the azaleas are starting to bloom. You may have also noticed a pile of broken concrete and tarps next to the large pool. This work was done to check the location and type of underground pipes in preparation for signing a pool contract. The big project this year will be the resurfacing of the two pools. After 16 years the coating has worn thin on the pool surfaces exposing the fibers that have caused skin irritation on some swimmers. We are working on a contract for the resurfacing and plan on having the work completed by April 1st. Because the 39 year old sand filters are starting to leak sand, we will be getting bids to have them replaced.

ANNUAL NEWSLETTER AND BALLOTS WERE SENT OUT 1/19
PLEASE CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE
YOURS!!!

SOCIAL DIRECTOR—- JOHN ALTIERI

Planning and sign-ups for the Easter Egg Hunt and Fourth of July Party will begin at the Annual Meeting. Sign-up sheets for both events will be available. Additional sign-ups and planning for the Fourth of July Party will take place, tentatively, at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4, at my home (4045 Terra Vista Way). It is important to keep in mind that the membership will determine the size and scope of the July 4th Party as many hands will be needed to plan and conduct the games and activities, the barbecue dinner, and arrange for the DJ, life-guards, bouncy slide, and Leatherby's ice cream. If we do not have a good show of hands early on (i.e., MONTHS in advance) to help with the planning and execution of the various activities and the dinner, we will, out of necessity, scale back as needed. I hope to see a sizable volunteer crew step forward so that we can have our usual BANG-up Fourth of July Party!

The Board is busy getting ready for the ECA Annual Meeting on Thursday, February 17. As in the past, beverages will be provided but we are again asking members to bring the snacks, cookies, etc. Thank you very much!

FEBRUARY 2011 TREASURER'S REPORT - JEFF BRODD

Thank you to all who have paid the 1st Quarter 2011 Assessments on time. Fifty-two owners opted to pay for the entire year, thus receiving a \$20 discount. As of February 5, sixteen lots are in arrears on assessment payments, for a total of \$6,360. Of this total, \$3,330 is owed by three lots; the Association has placed liens on them, in order to help ensure that these amounts are eventually collected.

The two-year certificate that matured on January 2 has been converted into a 4-tier ladder certificate, with one-fourth of the total amount of \$60,572.66 has been allocated to each of the following terms: 6 months, 12 months, 24 months, and 36 months. The annual interest rate in the entire amount is 1.4%. As each term matures, the Association will have the option of rolling that term's amount into the 36-month sum, or of pulling the funds out of the certificate. This option is better than the default option, which would have rolled the entire \$60,572.66 into a new two-year certificate at 1.0% annual interest.

Our balances at SAFE Credit Union:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>12/31/10</u>	<u>1/31/11</u>
Checking	1,331.16	9,683.25
Savings	30,116.19	50,129.12
Reserves for Replacement	<u>60,572.66</u>	<u>60,635.68</u>
Totals	92,020.01	120,448.05

Thank you, and please let me know if you have questions.

CURTIS WHEELER—COMMUNICATION/SECRETARY

The 2011 Annual Newsletter and ballots went out on January 19. If you did not receive yours, please contact me or any Director so that we can get a package to you.

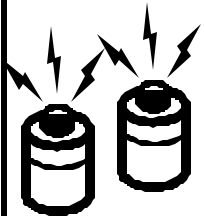
We realize that it may seem pointless to hold an election if there are three open seats and only one candidate, but we have no provisions in the law or our governing documents to bypass an election. We are required to have an annual election, and the election of Directors must be by secret ballot. We also have a requirement in our bylaws that a candidate reach a certain threshold of vote to be elected.

One of the communications issues we want to raise with the Membership this year is going 100% electronic on the distribution of the *monthly* newsletter. While have been skipping January and July, we hope that you find a regularly published newsletter to be informative. But printing and distributing that often is a significant expense. We have a fair number of Members already receiving the Newsletter by e-mail, and you can access previous months' issues on the web site (username and password required) at <http://www.evergreencommonshoa.org/documents>. The Board is proposing to have the monthly newsletter sent out by e-mail or web access only. This will save us a few hundred dollars per year.

If you wish to comment, but cannot attend the Annual Meeting, please feel free to call or e-mail me or any Director. All comments will be forwarded to the entire Board.

You can access meeting agendas and other information on the ECA website, evergreencommonshoa.org. Please note that we require a username and password to access certain documents. The reason for this is that meeting minutes and newsletters usually contain information that is "not for public consumption." We want it accessible to Members, but not necessarily to someone surfing the web from an internet café in Nigeria. Instructions for obtaining a username and picking a password can be found on the site.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE



We are still collecting your used batteries and CFL light bulbs.

Bring to the **Annual Meeting** for collection

Other dates will be announced but are usually:

WORK DAY AND 4TH OF JULY

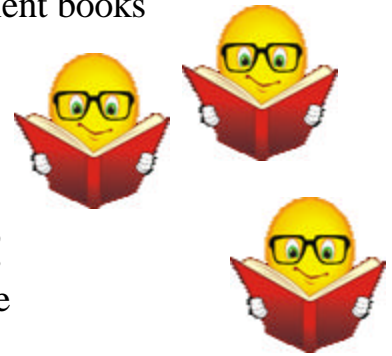


To submit articles and /or announcements for publication in the ECA newsletter OR website, please contact **Communications Director, Curtis Wheeler** at curtiswheeler@evergreencommondshoa.org

ECA Book Club

People of the Book provided a very stimulating discussion of ancient books and the involved process of their restoration!

We were happy to include two new members in January!
And to hear of several of you who are interested in our book list and keeping up with the reading—just not attending monthly meetings! **Something for everyone!**
Please feel free to send us your suggested reading lists as we will be selecting future books at this next meeting. Which will be:



At Linda Hax's, 4413 The Court, 7 –8:30 pm, 2/09

Discussion: Freedom, by Jonathan Franzen

If you know of anyone who would like to be on our email list, please let us know.

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ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON— ALEXIS DAVIDSON

Happy 2011 from the Architectural Committee!

I was delighted to have a committee formed when Audrey Blake and Linda Hax joined me. As a committee we discuss Architectural Review applications and are looking for ways to offer positive suggestions for our community.

Especially with the rains we experienced in December, the importance of maintaining fascia boards and beams cannot be emphasized too often. Painted fascia and beams improve the appearance of our homes. More importantly, they are also better able to resist damage from weather that can lead to rotting beams that will need to be repaired. One does not have to paint the entire house to take care of these areas. We encourage members to walk around their houses and check for peeling paint and cracks, and take action quickly to avoid further damage and potential rotting.

Garbage and recycling cans are to be moved off the street as soon as possible after the garbage collection and placed behind a fence or otherwise out of sight, per CC&Rs. For most of you, this is at the end of the day on collection day. Beyond appearance, cans remaining on the street can cause problems if blown into the street by strong winds or hit by cars. In December, a stray can was hit by a car and then bounced into a parked car, causing damage that required replacing the tail light area of the vehicle. Let's prevent a repeat of this or similar incidents!

We hope to work with property owners to make sure our homes create a pleasant community and keep up property values. If it becomes necessary, the Board of Directors has the authority to take disciplinary action in the form of penalties for violations of the CC&Rs. The fine schedule is as follows:

First Violation	\$	50.00
Second Violation	\$	75.00
Third and Subsequent Violation	\$	100.00

Our hope is that the fines will not be needed, but homeowners need to be aware that this is a remedy available to the association to encourage compliance.

We welcome your suggestions for ways to improve the appearance of our homes and community.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
FRED LINKS



2010 was a good year for ECA and, compared to other areas of Sacramento County, a great year.

We had nine months with no reported incidents; and following are the reported ones:

In January an unlocked vehicle on Cool Court was entered and a radio taken.

In August another vehicle on Terra Vista Way was entered and coins and other small items taken;

In December there were two attempted burglaries at the same house on Pasadena Avenue (damage to the front and rear doors only) and vandalism (no permanent damage) to a home on Terra Vista.

But for the two unlocked vehicles, we would have had an almost perfect year. Congratulations to everyone in our Association for keeping eyes and ears open.

A special thanks to all of our Neighborhood Watch Captains for their coordinating efforts to keep our neighborhoods informed.

On a "merry" note, the December Christmas Toy Drive was a HUGE success! The Sheriff's Toy Project Coordinator, Officer Cynthia Garcia, was very pleased with all the toys, wrappings, etc., Pat and I delivered to her. Cynthia gave us a tour of their Rancho Cordova facility, and we were very impressed with the work they do. They are planning an Open House; we suggest you attend and will let you know when the date is set. Again, kudos to our Watch Captains for all the help in disseminating information fliers to our community and collecting the donations for a very good cause.

Starting off this year we have had two incidents on Park Green Court. Late on January 16 a male subject was seen attempting entry into a vehicle which was unlocked. The owner chased the unidentified subject but lost him in the dark. Nothing was taken from the vehicle. The other incident occurred the next night around midnight when some unknown person(s) threw a pumpkin at a front door, startling the residents. No one was seen. To help prevent occurrences such as these, it is strongly suggested that outside lights be on after dark. I hope 2011 will be better than 2010 and, with everyone staying alert for unusual circumstances, it will be.

DATES TO REMEMBER

ECA Book Club
Wed., 7 pm, 2/09/11
Linda Hax's house
4413 The Court

ANNUAL MEETING

Thurs., 7 pm, 2/17/11
Pasadena School

Next Board Meeting
7:00 pm Mar.3, 2011
Alexis Davidson's home
4401 Pasadena