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# ECA NEWSLETTER

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## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT CLAUDETTE OSTRANDER

April was a very busy month at ECA. The Easter Egg Hunt was held April 23 with a little overcast but that did not dampen the excitement of the little ones (and some of the big ones) waiting at the gate to search for the eggs! When Master Bunny, John Altieri, gave the word the search was on. Thanks to John and all his helpers for making this a successful and fun event.

Our volunteer residents did a lot of the much-needed work on Park Work Day April 30 but there is still work left to do. Contact Marvin Potts or Dick Pryor to see what remains to be done and work your 4-hours in the park. My thanks to Marvin, Dick and Joel Dodge for coordinating this day and for all the extra work they put in. Also, thank you workers for coming out and pitching in! We are very fortunate to have a place to take a walk, have a swim, sit and read a book and a safe place for the children to play – that's our Park.

Next event on the activity list is our annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Social Director, John Altieri, is still looking for volunteers so contact him and get on board to see how you can help. Look forward to seeing you then.

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## ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON— ALEXIS DAVIDSON

My thanks to some members who have recently supplied names and contact information for people able to perform small household tasks and maintenance work that do not require contractor level expertise. Some homeowners may be looking for people to help with yard work, so those of you with good experiences in this area of hiring workers are invited to contribute those names to the list as well.

As stated in the last newsletter, we will not consider your suggestions an endorsement on your part, nor will any suggestion from the Architectural Committee be an endorsement. We will merely be passing along a familiar name as a starting place, and homeowners will still need to use good judgment to select a worker.

We just had our beams repaired and capped. The contractor emphasized that for ongoing protection of the beams and roof, keeping the beams and fascia boards painted is one of the easiest and lowest cost ways to prevent damage. While the walls of the house are protected by the eaves, the beams and fascia boards "take a beating" from the weather. He recommends priming and painting the important areas every 1½ to 2 years.

Best wishes to all for May flowers!

## POOL & PARK DIRECTOR— MARVIN POTTS

Many, many thanks to the 46 of **YOU** who helped complete the many projects that were scheduled on work day. **YOU** removed weeds, agapanthus and calla lilies, applied snail bait, and pruned ivy on fences; **YOU** placed 20 yards of shock absorbent wood chips in the play area, and mulched azaleas and rhododendrons; **YOU** cleaned pool furniture, cleaned the BBQs, raised and straightened the leaning sprinklers, and tightened bolts on the play equipment; **YOU** removed, washed and re-installed light globes, replaced boards, painted benches, painted pool house walls and fascia, and installed door molding in the men's and women's rest-rooms; **YOU** painted the park entrance sign, completed the concrete pool filter cleaning slab and completed many other minor projects. **YOU DID A GREAT JOB!!!**

Work still to be done:

- ? Fertilize azaleas and rhododendrons
- ? Plant flowers
- ? Fertilize and mulch the flowers
- ? Touch up pool fence with black spray paint
- ? Some irrigation work remains to be done
- ? Patch pool deck with concrete
- ? Clean pool tiles
- ? Clean shower stalls
- ? Repair leak in wading pool
- ? Caulk around pool coping
- ? Replace ring collar on skimmer box
- ? Replace door closer in women's bathroom
- ? Adjust Zephyr gate closure

Other miscellaneous minor projects

Those who put in a minimum of 4 hours or more on workday are:

	Lot #		
Marvin Potts	8		
Lori Bishop	9	Al Ezell/Mathew Printup	55
Bob Gamez	10	Jason Shumaker	57
Baxter Culver	16	Linda Tedeschi	59
Rob/Gretchen	19	Sergey Maximov	60
Zita Bennett (Joshua Mather)	21	Ardella White	77
Jeff Brodd	22	Larry Vrieling	78
Claudette Ostrander	23	Joan McLaren	79
Allan Neet	25	Anthony Vigil/Suzie Wong	86
Jim Sparks	26	John/Kate Erlich	89
Scarlet Shin	28	Vic/Roseanne de Vlaming	91
Angela/Sam Barlow	30	K C Blake	93
Curtis & Lisa Wheeler	31	Ann Kerr	94
Dick Pryor	33	Maartin Shapiro	95
Wayne Branch	34	Padrarin Savage	96
Andra Bieden	42	Chris Jarvie	111
Joan Hunnicutt	44	John Altieri	113
Suzanne Krale	45	Joel Dodge/Mary	X
Joel /Mary Dodge	46		
Samira Al-Qazzaz/Mike	54		

( Pool & Park - continued )

Please check to see if your name is listed as having worked to avoid the \$40 assessment . If it isn't, we either missed it or you forgot to sign out. You still have the opportunity to put in your time if you missed work day as we need help to complete the work that remains to be done. Please contact Marvin Potts (481-9642) or Dick Pryor (489-9274) before June 1st to arrange a convenient time to work.

### **Day Lilies**

Please call Dick Pryor (489-9274) if you would like to have some day lilies. We removed some because they were blocking the sprinklers.

### **BBQs**

Please be aware that you must stay close to the BBQ if it is on. We are concerned that a child could be burned by not being aware that it is hot. Also, please clean the grill when you are through as a courtesy for the next person using the BBQ.

## **TREASURER & COMMUNICATIONS—CURTIS WHEELER** **(curtiswheeler@evergreencommonshoa.org)**

I would like to thank all Members that got their second quarter assessment payments in during April. I would also like to apologize for any confusion caused by statements sent out with credit balances. Once again, if your statement had a negative number in the "amount due" box it meant you had a credit for that amount on your account. There was no explanation of that on the statement, which resulted in a little confusion for some.

Below are cash account balances for April. Please note the March ending balances have been corrected (marked with asterisks). The March balances in the last newsletter did not reflect interest we had earned on our savings and certificates.

<b><u>Account</u></b>	<b><u>3/31/11</u></b>	<b><u>4/30/11</u></b>
Checking	982.63	3,607.15
Savings	50,200.76*	23,687.63
Replacement Reserves	60,772.96*	60,842.88
<b>Totals</b>	<b>111,956.35*</b>	<b>88,137.56</b>

In regard to communications, this is our first all electronic newsletter. It will be posted on the web site at <http://www.evergreencommonshoa.org> in the documents section. It will also be posted on the bulletin board at the pool.

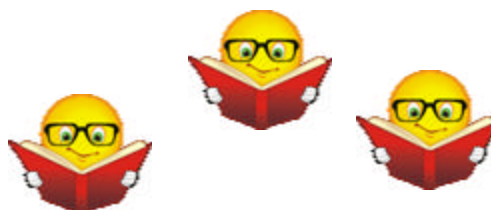
If you have any questions or comments regarding Association finances or communications, please feel free to contact me by email or leave a message for me at 599-8011.

### ECA Book Club

If you know of anyone who would like to be on our email list, please let us know.  
New selections, dates and meeting places

May 24	The Tenderness of Wolves by Steff Penney	7 pm	4425 Pasadena	Buxton
June 29	Disobedience by Jane Hamilton	7 pm	4413 The Court	Hax
July 26	One Hundred Days of Solitude By Gabriel Garcia Marquez	7 pm	4418 The Court	Blake

Audrey Blake, 484-6510, [audreyjblake@comcast.net](mailto:audreyjblake@comcast.net)  
Karen Buxton, 489-9409, [kbuxton44@yahoo.com](mailto:kbuxton44@yahoo.com)



### SOCIAL DIRECTOR—- JOHN ALTIERI

Park and Pool Reservation reminders: Members wishing to reserve the park and/or pool for a party will have their reservation date put on the calendar when their paperwork is turned in, including the proper homeowners liability insurance form. Please phone or e-mail me in advance to find out if the date is available. The pool cannot be reserved for parties on the weekend, and large parties of 30 or more require a flyer go out to all owners whose yards back up to the park AND also require full Board approval with a thirty-day notice. Please see Pool and Park Reservation flyer for additional details.

Easter Egg Hunt This year's Easter Egg Hunt took place under partly-cloudy skies, and was attended by about thirty eager collectors searching for 1000 eggs stuffed with candy and small prizes, and for the oldest group, ten \$1 gold coins. (Note: Easter eggs were still being discovered during Park Work Day on April 30.) The Easter Bunny failed to make an appearance due to a scheduling mix up. He felt awful over this slip up, and promises to be "on it" next year. Volunteers who helped with egg stuffing and hiding, decorating, shopping for food, beverages and egg-stuffing items, and cleanup, included April Kech, Larry Vrieling, Lisa Cannon-Wheeler, Suzanne Krale, Alexis Davidson and daughter Elizabeth, Andra Rieden, Patricia Esquer and Linda Hax, some of which did double- and triple-duty. Thank you all very much!

The 4th of July Party is still in need of several key volunteers in order to have a full slate of games and activities. At this time we do not have any of the five volunteers needed to supervise the balloon toss, the sack race and the bouncy slide, so these will be dropped unless members contact me by June 15 to volunteer for these jobs (Appx. 1 hr each). Also needed are three volunteers to help with the snacks and beverages throughout the day (Appx. 2 hrs. each); one shopper to pick up items at the store in advance of the 4<sup>th</sup> (Appx. 2 hrs.); two dinner prep & cook helpers the day of (Appx. 2 hrs. each); and two more people to help with children's crafts. To volunteer for the dinner prep & cook, contact Ann Billington at 871-6912 or [abillington@sanjuan.edu](mailto:abillington@sanjuan.edu). To volunteer for the other needs, contact John Altieri.

A reminder that there will be a nominal fee of \$3 charged for ALL guests of members to cover the cost of the dinner. Like last year, fried chicken will be the main course accompanied by corn-on-the-cob, and ice cream. Salads and other side dishes will be provided on a voluntary basis, or bring your own. The dinner will require RSVP and payment for guests a week in advance (by Monday, June 27).

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**  
**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

**Baron Ave** - - - - - Larry Vrieling  
Ljvma@comcast.net 483-0677

**Cool Court** - - - - - Fred & Pat Links  
Fplinks@sbcglobal.net 481-1574

**Park Green Ct.** - - Curtis Wheeler  
Curtiswheeler@mail.com 599-8011  
- - - - - Robert Kerr  
robkerr@mac.com 482-2079

**Pasadena Ave.**- Melissa & Tim Beard  
lissabeard@msn.com 488-1777  
- - - - - Gloria Konovaloff  
nickglo@surewest.net 481-0132

**Sesame St.** - - - - - Lori Bishop  
Lcbishop@hotmail.com 799-8600

**Terra Vista** - - - - - Julie Jenson  
Julie@RichardandJulie.com  
320-4004 cell 283-6826

**The Court** - - - - - Linda Hax  
Lhax@surewest.net 481-9707

**Zephyr Way** - - - April Keck  
487-9752

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**ECA Book Club**  
**Tuesday, 7 pm, 5/24/11**  
**4425 Pasadena**

**Next Board Meeting**

**7:00 pm June 2, 2011**  
**Poolside,**  
**weather permitting**

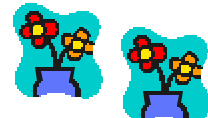
**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**  
**FRED LINKS**



Congratulations to all -- April was yet another month with no reported incidents. Eyes, ears and locks contribute to a GOOD Neighborhood Watch program.

**KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!!!**

**NEW MONTHLY ARTICLE**



**Garden Glimpses** by Linda Hax

**Garden Glimpses** begins a new column for the Evergreen Commons Newsletter. This column offers a place to share your gardening successes and failures. Our successes may inspire others. Our failures can save someone else from the same disappointment. I could fill wheel barrels with my gardening blunders such as the beautiful but invasive Hypericum and Morning Glories I planted after ignoring warnings from others. Years later, they still appear in unwanted places.

What are your plant successes? What plant disasters would you warn us away from?

What would a garden be without water? Many of us have automatic sprinkler systems and like knowing our plants will not suffer from thirst while we are away. Recently, I returned home from a long weekend to find an email informing me my neighbors had turned off my water because my sprinkler system had not shut off. After scaling my fence and not finding another way to shut the system down, they turned off the main shut-off to the house. I am sorry to have wasted water, but am grateful for having good neighbors taking such time and trouble to find a solution. Making sure a neighbor or two knows how to turn off our water is perhaps something we could add to our Neighborhood Watch check list.

Please contact [lhax@surewest.net](mailto:lhax@surewest.net) or 481-9707 with a glimpse of your gardening successes or disasters.