



Bridle Path HOA News

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What is Happening in Your Community: *by Stephanie Bennett.*

Bridle Path Phone Contact: Thank you for your patience regarding the Bridle Path telephone contact. Please note the new telephone number is 805-624-2906. You can still email the entire Board at board@bp-hoa.org or by individual emails listed under the Contact List..

CC&R's: The Board is working with the City in resolving the question of allowing Cattle in our HOA, but the membership must speak by way of the survey. Please watch for the survey in the April Billing envelope. The survey is very important and needs to be returned by April 15th in the envelope provided. The 1996 approved amendments related to keeping of farm animal pets were finally recorded on March 16, 2009. All responses to Homeowner questions are posted on Website. www.bp-hoa.org

April Board Meeting: On page 2 you will find the April Agenda. Please note there will be a sign-in sheet for those wishing to speak, please indicate if you wish to speak on the sign in sheet. There will be a time allotment for the Open Floor session. The thirty minutes will be divided among those wishing to speak. Understand that we have limited time at our meeting place and have other business to attend to. But if you want further dialogue, email or call and this Board will contact you and try to find resolution to any issue you may have.

Meeting: The Open Board Meeting on March 16, 2009 was cancelled due to the limited space at Coco's. Please check you mail for the alternate date, it will also be posted on the website.

Correspondence: Official BPHOA correspondence will be signed as "BPHOA Board and/or have BP letterhead at top of paper. Otherwise, it is not from the BPHOA Board of Directors.

FINANCIAL

by: Daran Paone

I realize there are concerns regarding the dues increase but several factors drove that decision. The previous board contracted a new landscaping co. at more than \$10,000 per year. We had many homeowner concerns regarding the arenas and desire for improvements. Based on the Arena Committee research additional funds were needed to start a long range plan for refurbishment. Park & Trails was given a significant budget increase due to the many neglected projects, especially the stream bed clean-up. The cost of these services are not cheap and sadly we saw our **legal costs exceed the previous year's 08 budget by almost \$27,000!** Given our community amenities and committee proposals, the dues increase was warranted. Maintaining our common areas and amenities will benefit our personal property values. We intend to keep the membership informed throughout the year on financial matters.

LANDSCAPE

by: Lori Mitchell

We are meeting regularly with the new landscaping company Stay Green who is working with us on issues that have been neglected for quite some time and yet, still stay within the parameters of their contract with us. We appreciate all the concerns residents have notified us of and we want to assure you we are working on addressing all of these issues. Stay Green will begin chipping debris down at First Street and mulch will be spread around the arena area to keep down the weeds. Dead shrubs and hedges are being replaced in the common areas; weeds and grass are being sprayed in the bridle paths. We are working hard to have Bridle Path look great. Please email if you would like to be part of our landscape watch team, lori@bp-hoa.org or daran@bp-hoa.org. We would like to get all homeowners involved in the upkeep of our community, it affects and benefits us all.

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All correspondence emails to Board or Board Members must contain residents full name and address or email will not be replied to.

CC&R REVISION& COMPLIANCE COMMITTEES

Nominations for the CC&R Compliance and Re-Write Committees have been made - they will be reviewed and voted on at the next board meeting.

ARCHITECTURE IMPROVEMENT REQUESTS

by: Michael Kress

One of the toughest, least appreciated jobs in the Association is working on the Architecture Committee. These are the real watchdogs of the community. They do their best to support the best interests of the Association while taking heat from individual homeowners who don't appreciate the intrusion into their plans. Please help them out as best you can. If you are planning to make any changes to your front yards, home exteriors, roofs, walls, fences, gates, barns, etc., please contact them so that they can help you avoid the pitfalls of violating our CC&Rs. Architectural submissions must be done BEFORE any removal, or construction starts. Submission procedures and forms are available on Website. The latest version of the Architectural Improvement Request form can be found on the bp-hoa.org website under the Docs/Forms tab and it must be signed and submitted with all plans order for the Committee to review them.

MOUNTAIN PARK

by: Don Paone

In the past few weeks we have been able to address several needed repairs. 99% of the rails on Dog Alley and behind 1st street bathrooms have been repaired or replaced. The dead oak tree on Dog Alley has been cut back so it no longer poses a danger. 1st St entrance gate was severely damaged by a vehicle and we managed to repair instead of replace the gate at a substantial savings and installed a removable center post that's locked so this won't happen again. Our biggest accomplishment so far is the clearing of the much neglected stream bed. It has been a major undertaking accomplished with direction in cooperation with Fish & Game. The clean-up/chipping should start the week of March 23rd. We have a lot of ideas for our reserve spending plan and would really like our projects to make an impact on the community. We would like to organize work parties so if you'd like to put in some volunteer time or just have questions or comments contact us thru mtn-park@bp-hoa.org.

ARENAS

by: Jackie Morley

The Arena Committee is working on a schedule for the Reserve Spend Plan for the repair and refurbishment of our arenas. With the amount of money allotted to us for this fiscal year we are targeting one or possibly two arenas depending on the RFQ sent out to vendors.

We have been utilizing tractor service twice a month. and will clean the area around the arenas and place the sand built up on the perimeter back into the arenas. Research by committee members have gone into evaluating and recommending to the Board solutions. We hope you will be pleased with the results.

"The Horse"

Ronald Duncan, 1954

Where in this wide world can man find nobility
without pride,

Friendship without envy,
Or beauty without vanity?

Here, where grace is served with muscle

And strength by gentleness confined
He serves without servility; he has fought
without enmity.

There is nothing so powerful, nothing less
violent.

There is nothing so quick, nothing more
patient.

SLOW DOWN!!



SPEED LIMIT IS 25 MPH!
Slow down and obey the law.

ON THE BRIDLE PATH WEBSITE.

www.bp-hoa.org

★The Legal Dues increase became effective March 1st. Please see Board Response Letter in regards to this issue.

★Minutes of Board Meetings

★Document and Form downloads

★Newsletters

★Events - Schedule, go to contacts for Events link

★List of Approved Trainers, ALL TRAINERS must submit Insurance policy to train in BP. Contact Board Secretary Lee Murray.

★Information-Research: www.davis-stirling.com is your source for information

Community Contacts

Simi Valley Police

(emergency) 911
(non emergency) 805-583-6950

Simi Valley Graffiti Removal
805-583-6444

Ventura County Animal Control
805-388-4341

*Simi Valley Spring Clean-Up Schedule:
May 17, 2009. 10-am to 4pm*

**Board Meeting
April Agenda**

April 20, 2009.,
7:00PM
Coco's Bakery Rest.
698 E Los Angeles Ave.

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Introduction of Board and President's brief summary of Activities and meeting discussions.
3. Secretary Report, Review Approve March 09 Minutes
4. Homeowners Open Floor Discussion (30 minutes total allotted)
5. Treasurers Report
Status of Accounts
Tax Preparation
Reserve Spend Plan
6. Landscape Report
7. CC&R Report: Status of Current survey in regards to Cattle Keeping.
8. Arena Committee Report
Reserve Spend Plan for Arenas
9. Mountain Park Committee Report
10. Architectural Committee Report
11. Event Report
12. Website Newsletter Updates
13. New Business/Items that may need attention not foreseen at the time of agenda printing
14. Adjournment of General Session

Quote of the month:

We need to be passionate about our community but civil to each other.