



## New Board Member

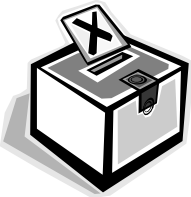
At the last board meeting the Board of Directors appointed Eric Allen to the board. He is assuming the responsibilities of Secretary. He is filling the seat left open by Michael Kress' resignation. Eric and his wife Janis have been active contributors to our community. Janis co-chairs the Arena & Trails committee and Eric is one of our hard-working mountain park volunteers. Eric also has an extensive background in computers and software programming and will be running our website. Welcome to the Board Eric!

are the concrete gutters that channel the water in front of many homes. Many of the swales are in poor shape and it is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain them. Thanks for cleaning these drains. This will save much bridle path sand from washing away.



## Mountain Park Protocol

Please join us as Juli Weltsch and Jennifer de la Torre present the Mountain Park protocol to the Board at the November 13th meeting at First Street Café. After the presentation, the protocol will be posted on the website for 60 days for homeowners to read and comment on.



**Our General Election will be held in January 2007.** As of July 2006, election rules have changed according to Senate Bill #1560. You will receive IMPORTANT information by mail regarding the changes so PLEASE



**Rat Poison -  
Doesn't just kill Rats...  
It kills pets and wildlife too!**

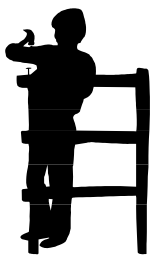
**WATCH YOUR MAIL !**

Last month the mountain park workday volunteers found a dead bobcat near the first street arenas that had most likely been poisoned. Commercial rodenticides contain an anti-coagulant rodenticide called brodifacoum (broh-dif'-a-coom) that causes accidental secondary poisoning when raptors and other wildlife consume rodents that have been poisoned. In studies in both California and New York, brodifacoum was found to account for 80% of the secondary poisonings by rodenticides, even though it accounted for only 20% of sales. Brodifacoum is found in the following commonly used products: D-con, Talon, Havoc. It is extremely dangerous to birds through secondary exposure. It can harm pets (there have been several dog/cat deaths) as well if they consume a poisoned rodent.

Brodifacoum and other commonly used rodenticides are currently under review by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) due to concerns about harmful effects on wildlife and the accidental poisonings of pets and children. There is NO safe rat poison that can be used around pets.

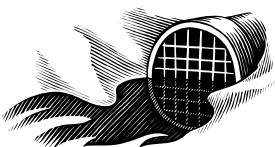
The State of California Department of Pesticide Regulation is also considering implementing restrictions on the use of these poisons. The use of poison can cause the natural balance to actually tip in favor of the pest, as happened in the Mexican state of Chihuahua when rat poison killed cats and wildlife that preyed on rats, resulting in the village of Atascaderos being over run with rats.

## Maintenance Item: Split Rail Fence Repair



This is the time of year when many of us decorate our home for the holidays. In addition to the lights and things, do a quick check of the split rail fence in front of your house. The majority of CCR violations being issued are due to broken or missing sections of fence which many of us overlook. Remember, the rainy season is coming so check all your drains and run off areas for debris.

## STORM DRAIN CLEANING



We wanted to emphasize again the importance of cleaning your storm drains, because next to watering this is probably the most important maintenance item for our neighborhood. Most of our homes are located on hilly terrain and everybody's drainage affects their neighbors. The rainy season will be upon us before we know it, so please clean out your gutters, downspouts, catch basins and swales. The swales

**A GREAT BIG THANK YOU** to the dedicated folks who came out to help clear the Tree Tobacco from Dog Alley during our Mountain Park Volunteer Work Day on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Tree Tobacco is a non-native plant which is toxic to



horses. We are constantly working to eradicate it from our Mountain Park along with other aggressive species such as Pampas Grass, Tamarisk and several other non-native plants. So, the next time you ride down Dog Alley, you can thank Jerry Koenig, Kathy Weiner, Janene White, Emalee Baptiste, Mary Ann Campbell, and Staci, Darrell, and Kayla O'Connell for all their hard work. Not only is the trail much clearer, it is also a lot safer for those horses that just love to try and sneak a bite along the way. In addition, Gate 3 was repaired again. If anyone has any info on who is vandalizing Gate 3 please call the HOA. Hope to see you out there for our next work day on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>!

## BRIDLE PATH EVENTS CALENDAR



### Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> - Fall Birdwalk

Meet at Meander Gate #4 at 8:30 AM. Walk will last approximately 3 hours. Bring binoculars, a hat, water and dress in layers.

Contact Jennifer de la Torre at 805-217-0850 for more information.

### Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> -

#### Pat Wickenheiser Training Clinic

First Street Arenas (Limited to TEN participants so sign up SOON! \$65 per person - one hr lesson.)  
Contact Jennifer de la Torre at 805-217-0850

### Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> -

#### Mountain Park Volunteer Workday

9 AM to 12 PM

Contact Juli Weltsch at 823-3099 or Jennifer de la Torre at 805-217-0850



For information on these and future events visit us on the web at [www.bp-hoa.org](http://www.bp-hoa.org) or email [bpevents@bp-hoa.org](mailto:bpevents@bp-hoa.org)



Keep up-to-date with the Board Happenings by Reading the Minutes on-line. [www.bp-hoa.org](http://www.bp-hoa.org).

## BPHOA Bi-Monthly Meetings:

**Please Note: Meetings at the First Street Family Restaurant now begin at 7:00pm.**

Meetings are held twice per month. The first meeting is held on the second Monday at the First Street Family Restaurant and starts at 7:00 pm. The second meeting is on the last Wednesday of the month at the home of Jim Pantaleo at 1777 Rambling Road and starts at 7:00 pm.

The Board addresses Finances and Common Area Landscaping concerns, followed by a homeowners open floor, CC&R's, Mountain Park and other committee reports and other Association Member's concerns.

*All homeowners are encouraged to participate and attend.* You can email the board at: [board@bp-hoa.org](mailto:board@bp-hoa.org)

## BRIDLE PATH E-MAIL LIST

If you want to receive the latest events info available to the community, please register for the **Bridle Path E-Mail List**. To register contact [juli@bp-hoa.org](mailto:juli@bp-hoa.org) with your name, address & e-mail address. Please be aware that along with Bridle Path events, you may also receive information of general community interest. But you can be assured that your email address and personal information will not be shared with anyone outside the BPHOA Board or its committee members.

## PLEASE REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES

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