



The Greenbelt

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OHHA TRASH/TREASURE TROVE

You've heard the saying "One man's trash is another man's treasure." Board members of the Oak Hills Homeowners Association have recently cleaned out the association's storage shed and uncovered trash that you just might consider treasure.

Shop our list of excess inventory, and if you're interested in any of the items, please contact Steve Naslund at 633-0103

Inventory includes:

34 red bricks

117 red pavers

28 round posts, 5 inches diameter, 7 feet long

Just a Friendly Reminder

Your homeowners dues are due by the first day of each odd month (Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept and Nov) and are considered late if not received by the 15th of the following month. Many banks will allow you to set up auto pay were the payment is sent on a recurring basis on a day you specify. This is a great feature to utilize in these hectic times. Many of our homeowners use this feature. Please be sure that your address is the "account" number for your payment. Thank you to those homeowners who are paying on time. It is appreciated.

'Tis the Season to... Decorate!

The OHHA Board is sponsoring it's annual Holiday Decorating Contest. Yes, it is that time of year to climb up into the rafters or attic and pull down those holiday decorations and decorate your house, yard, trees, or whatever. We encourage you to decorate something that will be visible from the street.

A \$50 gift certificate will be awarded to the winning resident.

An independent panel of judges will select semi-finalists between December 20 – 22 and final selection will be made on December 23rd.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Neighborhood children have been back in school for several weeks now, and as part of the routine, they've probably logged-in their fair share of homework. But have we, as car-driving adults, done our homework? According to local authorities, there are some important lessons we should be learning that can help ensure our children's safety around school buses.

According to Phyllis Clark, a North Monterey County School District bus driver instructor, Oak Hills residents have had a record of being courteous and patient drivers with regard to their behavior around our community's school bus stops. However, she added there some areas of driver behavior that would benefit from review of the rules.

- **Amber Lights.** Auto drivers should slow down when they see the school bus amber lights on. Bus drivers engage these lights 200 feet before stopping. Amber lights mean slow down; you may pass or go around the bus if it can be done safely at this time.
- **Flashing Red Lights and Signal Arm.** Bus drivers use the flashing red lights and the stop signal arm when the bus is stopped to pick up and drop off students. Auto drivers must stay stopped, in front of the bus and behind, until the light has been turned off. Bus drivers are to report violators of the "stop rule" within 24 hours. And violators can be ticketed by local law enforcement authorities based upon the school bus driver's report.

12 foot Safety Zone. Bus drivers focus on a 12 foot safety zone around the bus. Parents should teach their children to cautiously clear away from the bus after they've been dropped off. The bus driver will not turn off the red lights until children are clear of the 12 foot safety zone.

PETS ON THE LOOSE...

The office has been informed several times over the past few months of loose dogs in the neighborhood without any identification. For the safety of the dog and others, please keep a collar on your pet with identification so that the pet can be brought back to it's home. If the dog is getting out from under the fence, please take the time to secure the fence so your pet does not wander away. Thank You!



A VISIT FROM SANTA

Remember the good old days when you got to sit on Santa's lap and asked him for that special toy you wanted for Christmas? It is that special time of year for the little ones. As you are decorating the house, both inside and out, anticipating the arrival of Santa, you can now have him come visit your home personally.

Oak Hills residents can book a 10-15 minute visit from the jolly fellow from December 12th through December 23rd for \$25. Santa is available from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. on those dates and other "special requested times" during the month of December for your special Family Parties and Company Christmas parties.

For more information, call the "North Pole" and ask for John (the head elf) at 831 206-5890 or Deena (The Dispatcher for Santa) at 831 206-0173. Book now to get your choice of times. Santa will be donating \$5 from each visit to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

"THANK YOU" by Rod Karg

Thank you to Steve Naslund for helping to replant the lantana at the front entrance.

Thank you to Derek Kuntz and Steve Naslund for trimming dead branches from the trees along Charter Oak.

Thank You to Jim Wrona for helping to spread wood chips on the walking trail between Foxtail and Colonial.

Thank You to Al Breke and Steve Naslund for hauling stuff away to be recycled.

Thank you to Steve Naslund for initiating and organizing the cleanup of the greenbelt by Cal Fire.

Thank you to all our neighbors who pick up trash every day on their walks.

It's great to live in an area where people volunteer to make this a better place to live.

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