



The Greenbelt

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OAK HILLS GARAGE SALE - SEPTEMBER 30TH

Suzanne Burr organizes the semi-annual Oak Hills garage sale in the Spring and Fall of each year. This year, the Fall garage sale is schedule for September 30th. She does all of the advertising for the garage sale as well as putting together maps and addresses of those home participating in the sale. Please call Suzanne Burr at 633-0514 to let her know that you will be participating in this year's event BY September 20th. If you leave a message, PLEASE leave your Name, Phone Number, Address and any "key" items that you will have for sale.

FIRE SEASON IS UPON US

By North Monterey County Fire Chief Chris Orman-

It's that time of year when wildfire is a concern. Every day we'll hear about fires threatening or burning homes in some community. In 2015 more than 3000 structures – homes, business and outbuildings – burned in wildland fires across the nation resulting in nearly a billion dollars in damage. Sadly, it was not an unusual year. Last year, we lost 57 homes during the Sobranes Fire.

The insurance companies are now clamping down on their losses. Many homeowners in North County are seeing their insurance premiums skyrocket – IF they can get a policy at all!

Oak Hills is in better shape than most because we are midway between the fire stations in Castroville and Prunedale. Thanks to Cal Water, we have an excellent water system and hydrants. We have paved roads and underground utilities.

We're also diligent in keeping 30 feet clear of brush and dry vegetation around our homes. We don't let leaves pile up on our roofs or gutters. We trim our trees away from our roofs, and keep branches at least six feet from the ground.

But remember, when it's dark and foggy - or worse - dark and smoky, it can be very hard for fire engines to find addresses, fire hydrants and even driveways. Is your address visible on the street? Is there three feet of clearance around the fire hydrant? The wide spots in our roads are not just for parking, they were put there so fire engines can turn around in an emergency.

Fortunately, most fires in North County are less than ¼ acre. We haven't lost a home to wildfire here in more than 20 years. But just up the road in in 2008, the Trabing Fire in Watsonville burned 10 homes and 10 outbuildings in an afternoon. It can, and probably will happen in North County, but if we're prepared, Oak Hills will be a safe place of refuge.

THE BOARD RULES

By Tom Dominy-

The Board of Directors makes policies, rules and regulations on behalf of our community (OHHA) in order to regulate, reinforce and discourage activities that disrupt the harmony among us. It cannot be emphasized enough that none of these rules were put in place to oppress, upset, harm or annoy you. Like all rules or laws, they are brought about by experience of past situations and born out of common sense, and adopted so that our home owners-members would know what is expected of them.

None of these rules would have any meaning without accountability and penalties when violations occurred. For example, activities around the pool and spa and fee payment due dates may bring about fines preceded by a warning letter or notice of violation.

So, who else but the Board is responsible for enforcement, a most unpleasant but necessary task? The Board accepts this duty and is developing a protocol on how to approach violators with as little confrontation as possible.

The Landscaping Committee has surveyed the neighborhood and has sent out letters notifying homeowners who need to clean up their yards or remove debris that is considered an eyesore. There is no need to call or notify the Board if you have fixed the issue noted in the letter. If you feel the existing issue does not violate the Landscaping Rules and Regulations, the Board welcomes you to contact the President to set up an appointment for discussion.

If a Board member witnesses a violation at the pool and spa area, it is your responsibility to identify yourself as a homeowner or guest and not be confrontational. Be aware the pool and spa area have cameras that can be reviewed. Each Board member knows his/her responsibility to report violators fairly and impartially.

Fortunately, the Oak Hills Homeowners Association has had relatively few incidents over the past years but the Board wants the whole process to be transparent and fair. The Board has made a full and reasonable effort to notify the community of these rules.

HWY 156 TOLL ROAD STUDY RESULTS SET FOR OCT

By Cynthia Suverkrop-

Buckle your seat belts, we may be in for a bumpy ride. The Transportation Agency of Monterey County, TAMC, will get the full report of the long awaited in-depth revenue study for the proposed HWY -156 toll road. The findings will be presented at TAMC's October meeting scheduled for Oct. 25 at 9 AM, at the Agricultural Center Conference Rm, located at 1428 Abbott Street, Salinas. The public can attend and comment, but seating is lim-

ANNUAL PICNIC AND CAR SHOW

The Oak Hills Homeowners' Association is hosting a Community Picnic and Car Show at the Recreation Facilities on Saturday September 16th from 11a.m. – 3p.m. Tacos, Nachos, drinks, etc. will be provided. Those who would like to bring something, please bring your favorite dessert to share. Come out and plan on having a great time with your neighbors, family and friends!

Oak Hills Annual Picnic and Car Show

Where – Playground and Swimming Pool Parking Lot

When – September 16, 2017, 11 AM – 3 PM

We would like to create the perfect opportunity to meet your neighbors and show off that classic car or classic motorcycle that's hiding in your garage. Who knows, you might be shocked to see what rolls into the parking lot.

The show is designed as a “park and talk” and is open to residents living in the New Section of Oak Hills only. No judging or prizes presented, just a neighborhood meet and greet.

The swimming pool parking lot will be reserved for classic car and classic motorcycle parking only from

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