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## Annual Meeting Report

The Annual Meeting for the Oak Hills Homeowners Association was held May 3, 2005, at the North Monterey County High School.

The board asked for volunteers to form a committee along with members of the board to review bids on the gardening service and make a recommendation. Three homeowners expressed interest and will be kept informed of meeting dates. The final date for submitting bids is May 18.

The annual mowing of the greenbelt will begin on June 1, depending upon weather. Homeowners were asked to mow close to the fence behind their yards since the riding mower cannot maneuver that close.

Election of officers was also held with Al Brekke, Jerry Gifford, Mike Kuntz, Sue Jurgens, and Julie Russo gaining the majority of the votes. They started their new term at the end of the Annual Meeting.

## Public Meeting: Widening Rte. 156

A public meeting will be held Tuesday, May 17, 2005 in the Prunedale Public Library starting at 6:30 p.m.

Debbie Hale and Bill Reichmuth from TAMC will be discussing the widening of Route 156 and the pro-

posed changes for the 101/156 interchange.

TAMC's plans for Right-of-Way purchases will be discussed.

Concerned homeowners are advised to attend.

## Proper Hazardous Waste Disposal

A couple homeowners said that they tried to dispose of hazardous waste at the Monterey Environmental Park (otherwise known as The Dump), but were turned away and told they had to take it to Salinas.

It appears that they are very territorial about their hazardous waste in this county and if you live in Prunedale, it has to go to the Sun Street Transfer Station.

To get there, take Route 101 south to the Market Street exit. Turn right on Market, then immediately left on Sun

Street. Follow it to where it dead-ends into the Transfer Station. Hours are Tuesday-Friday, 9-4 and Saturday 9-1.

Be aware that there is a limit on the amount of hazardous waste you can deposit at any one time: 125 pounds ever 30 days, including the weight of the containers.

Examples of hazardous waste include, but are not limited to: batteries, cleaners, gasoline, antifreeze, paint thinner, fire extinguishers, latex paint, oil-base paint, waxes, butane, spray paint, aerosol spray cans, and poison.

# Announcements



## Pool Schedule

The pool is now open weekends from 11-6. It will be open all week starting June 10 from 11-6.

As always, deciding factors are weather and availability of qualified life guards.

## Water Aerobics & Lap Swim

A water aerobics class will be offered this summer if enough residents sign up.

Both men and women may participate. Contact Jackie Lonero, 633-4383 for more information.

Check the bulletin board for the water aerobics schedule and for the proposed laps-only swimming times.

## The Flier in the Ointment

Please be aware that putting fliers in a mail box is a federal offense. Mail boxes are for letters and packages delivered by the U.S Postal Service—only!

## Spring Mowing Season

The Oak Hills Homeowners Association mows the greenbelt edging the homes once a year to a width of the riding mower.

If the greenbelt abutting your home slants at a steep angle, the mower cannot traverse it. If your home has a steep slope, please mow at least to the bottom

of the slope.

Homeowners are responsible for maintaining a mowed strip of 100 feet from their home as a fire break. With an extreme fire danger level predicted for this summer, keep your home and family safe by maintaining this fire break..

## Motor Bikes, Etc.

Residents are reminded that riding motor vehicles in the Greenbelt is not allowed.

It is also illegal to ride off-road vehicles or drive without a license on the paved streets in Oak Hills.

Anyone witnessing these activities should to contact the Sheriff's office.

**Going on Vacation or a Weekend Get-away?**

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## Are You Pet Friendly?

Dogs are considered man's best friend.

Too bad man isn't always dog's best friend.

While most homeowners are good caretakers of their pets, too many residents are not willing to devote the proper amount of time and energy to not only give their dogs a good, safe environment, but give them the attention they crave.

For many people, acquiring a dog is an impulse of the moment without thought to the responsibilities they are taking on.

To find out if you are ready and able to take care of a dog, log onto the web site for the Monterey Bay Humane Society

[http://www.spcamc.org/animal\\_behavior\\_tips.htm](http://www.spcamc.org/animal_behavior_tips.htm) and take their "Is this the Best Time to Adopt a Pet?" quiz. It will ask you a series of questions that will help you decide if you have the time and dedication to adopt a pet.

A dog that isn't housebroken is only a problem to its owner.

However, dogs that escape their back yards, bark incessantly and are allowed to defecate on public or communal property not only annoy your neighbors, but are in violation of municipal law.

The expensive consequence of fines and the potential removal of the offending animal makes it imperative to properly train your dog and see to its

welfare, even when you are not home. The Humane society web site also offers help for various behavior problems and adaptation suggestions for your pet.

If you are unable or unwilling to properly take care of you pets, it might be time to con-

sider finding them another home that can.

Besides the Humane Society, many cat and dog rescue groups are listed on the web that will either take your animal or help you place it in a loving home.

A pet should be a joy, not a burden. Think carefully before taking that cute puppy or kitten home.

### You may need help if your dog:

- Barks incessantly.
- Digs under fence to escape the back yard.
- Digs a hole in your couch.
- Fights with or attacks other dogs.
- Urinates when greeted.
- Chews through just about everything.

## Calendar of Events

**Community Garage Sale**—May 14. Contact Suzanne Burr if you want to participate—Phone number: 633-0514

**Public Meeting for Widening 156:** May 17, 6:30 p.m. Prunedale Public Library

**June Board Meeting**—Wednesday, June 1, 7-9 p.m. in the Library of North Monterey County High School.

## Babysitter Needed

**3 Days Per Week**

**Total of  
8-10 Morning Hours  
a Week**

**Call 831-632-2307  
if interested**

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## Board in Review

March & April, 2005

### March Board Meeting:

- The board voted to close the two COD accounts (Shadow Oaks Road Escrow Fund and the Oak Hills Homeowners Association) and open up the following three checking accounts: Reserve Study Fund, Special Projects Fund and Shadow Oak Road Escrow Fund. Automatic transfers will be instituted from the business account into the appropriate funds in order to that human error does not miss the transfers each month.
- The landscaper submitted a bid for stump removal in the common areas. The board voted to open the stump removal bidding to other sources.
- Homeowner filed a complaint about the quality of the gardening services.
- A committee was assigned the task of writing up specifications for future landscaping contracts. Bidding would then be open to those interested and qualified.

### April Board Meeting:

- Administrative Assistant reported that he had streamlined the accounting system to better track monies and pool card keys. He suggested a web site for Oak Hills Homeowners that would include putting the Greenbelt and other information on-line and mentioned the possibility of sending billing through email to those interested.
- Pete is to post a list of phone numbers on the bulletin board for residents to call in the event of a pool card-key malfunction .
- The board voted to accept the Responsibilities and Specifications for the Gardener's Contract that was submitted by the Job Descriptions Committee. The solicitation for bids was to be advertised in local papers.
- A committee was formed to discuss the maintenance and handling of private drives.

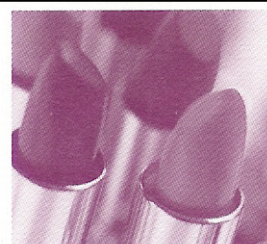
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