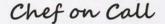
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AND THE WINNER IS...

And the Winner is... the home located at 9632 Sandbur Place was selected as the winner of the OHHA 2008 Holiday Decorating Contest. Second place went to 9775 Arrowleaf Trail with their synchronized lights and music presentation. Additional Honorable Mentions for classic or traditional displays went to 9952 Timothy Path, 9914 Pampas Path, and 9858 Brookgrass Place. Thank you to everyone that participated by decorating and lighting your home or yard.



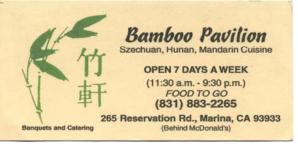


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Update—Revised CC&Rs and ByLaws

The latest revision of the updated OHHA CC&Rs and Bylaws are ready for your review and you should be receiving them this week. Please take some time to review each of the documents. There will be an open meeting for discussion of these documents and their changes on Wednesday, January 21st from 6:30 – 9:00 pm at the North Monterey County High School library. Paul Gullion, OHHA's legal counsel, will also be on hand to answer questions you may have about the proposed changes and

New Year, New You!

Have you made the resolution to get in shape this year, but you don't know where to start? Does the idea of running or walking on a treadmill in a crowded gym demotivate you? How about getting in shape with others in the great outdoors and raising money for blood cancer research and patient services while you're doing it? The Spring Season for Team in Training is about to get started. Train to run or walk a marathon or half-marathon, ride a century (100-mile) bike ride, complete a triathlon, or hike the Grand Canyon.

Go to **www.teamintraining.org/sj** to find no-obligation informational meetings in the Monterey and Santa Cruz areas.

To learn more about the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, go to **www.lls.org**.

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New Traffic Safety Laws

Happy New Year to everyone – and with the new year came new laws. Listed below are a few of the new traffic laws that went into affect on January 1, 2009:

Text Messaging (SB 28/Simitian): This new law makes it an infraction to write, send or read text-based communication on an electronic wireless communication device, such as a cell phone, while driving.

DUI Probation License Suspension (AB 1165 Maze): A change in the driving under the influence law creates a new authority for DMV to administratively suspend the driver's license for one year under a zero tolerance standard. The new law authorizes law enforcement to issue a notice of suspension and impound the vehicle of a person who is driving with a blood-alcohol concentration of 0.01 percent or greater while on court-ordered post-DUI probation.

New Special Interest Plate (SB 1455/Cogdill): A new "Gold Star Family" special interest license will be available to family members of individuals killed in the line of duty while serving in the Armed Forces during wartime or military operations.

Temporary Operating Permits (AB2241/Saldana): This law restricts the DMV from issuing temporary operating permits to allow more time to obtain a smog certificate as part of the registration renewal process. Under the law, extensions will cost \$50 and are only allowed if the vehicle has been tested at a smog station and failed. The extension can be for no more than 60 days from the date registration is due. The \$50 fee will be waived for owners accepted into the Bureau of Automotive Repair Consumer Assistance Program.