

### CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

Cynthia Suverkrop

The Oak Hills Homeowners Association is sponsoring a Christmas Decorating Contest. So get out your lights, Santa' sleigh, his elves, and whatever else you might have stashed away in your treasure trove of holiday cheer and start decorating. An independent judge, with no official ties to Oak Hills, will judge the front yards on Tuesday, December 22th. The prize has been set at a \$100 Visa gift card, maybe a little something to help pay the winner's light bill this holiday season. Let the games begin! (Sorry, the previous year's winner is not eligible for contest prize)

## FAREWELL TO ESTHER

NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>, SATURDAY 1:00 - 4:00 pm

PARK NEXT TO THE SWIMMING POOL ON CHARTER OAK

BRING A SNACK OR DESSERT TO SHARE

Esther, our mail lady, is retiring after serving us for 24 years. Please come and wish her well!

For questions, Contact – Cynthia Suverkrop at 206-1261 OR Louise Iredell at 235-1853

### **Opportunities For Participating in the Oak Hills Community**

by Tom Dominy, President, OHHA

Recently you passed a measure to amend the By-laws to officially expand the the number of members of the Board from seven to nine by a vote of 143 to 15. That is a remarkable vote of confidence of the Board's recommendation for this important need for active members willing to do the necessary work of keeping our community running efficiently and transparently. The Board now has eight members and seeks a new member to fill our membership to capacity.

So what does it involve to be a member of a Board? If you already have experience on any board, that is a real plus because you would be familiar with agendas, minutes, Robert's Rules (almost never mentioned), Parliamentary procedure (almost never mentioned), points of order (now and then mentioned), committees (aHa!Big Time mentioned) and so on. In other words, the goings on of our Board are pretty much like any other board and our actions have meaning and effect the lives of members of our community.

When you accept the role of Board membership you take on the fulfillment of obvious expectations: regular, punctual attendance of meetings, preparation to read agendas, minutes and reports before meetings, etc. and participation and perhaps chairmanship of a committee. In other words, Board membership is in and of itself a leadership role because there are 269 homeowners who hold us 9 Board members accountable.

I would be willing to bet you that most people don't know who I am or who even one or two of their Board members are on the committees. That's kind of good and kind of bad. It's kind of good because it means that nothing is going wrong as far as Oak Hills Homeowners Association is concerned in your lives. It's also kind of bad because it means so many folks are rather detached from their community.

I am offering you plenty of easy opportunities to change that. First, if you have the inclination, time and inner resources, contact me directly or any of the Board members and declare your interest to fill the 9th position.

Or join any one of the following Committees with the following current mission and members (you do not have to be a Board member to join a Committee):

- 1. Policies and Procedures Committee:
  - a ) Developing implementation of policies, procedures and penalties regarding violations of pool rules.
  - b) Developing policies and procedures related to landscaping violations to the CC&R's. Members: Tom Dominy, Chair, Jackie Lonero, Peggy Scoggin, Rod Karg, Renate Harvey
- 2. Greenbelt Committee:
  - a) Evaluating trees that may be dangerous or have potential liability to OHHA. Members: Chair, Rod Karg, Peggy Scoggin, Jackie Lonero, Barbara Gulley, and Cynthia Suverkrop

- 3. Doggy Park Committee:
  - a) Studying where and how much it would cost to have a doggy park in Oak Hills and whether it would be feasible.
    Members to be determined
- 4. CC&R/By-laws Review and Update Committee Chair, Tom Dominy Project for 2016
- 5. Pool Safety Committee
  - a) Recommending to the Board matters related to security and safety of the pool and spa area
    - Members: Chair, Barbara Gulley, Renate Harvey, Cynthia Suverkrop, Peggy Scoggin, Rod Karg, Steve Naslund.
- 6. Restrictions Committee
  - a) Recommends policy and criteria for structures built within the community are within the standards agreed upon by the Board Members to be determined

Throughout the year there are issues and projects that need "ad hoc" committees with leadership of one or two members of the Board who get other homeowners who are also interested to research and help out to get something done or make a recommendation to the Board when there is a requirement for funding. All of this is for the betterment of your community, but it does take time and work. What you get in return is the self-satisfaction that you have made a positive difference for yourself and the community at large. I look forward to meeting you at our regular meetings posted on the map sign most second Wednesdays of each month at 7 pm at North Monterey County High School.

### **OHHA WANTS YOU!**

The Oak Hills Homeowners' Board is enlisting your help to serve on its committees. Specifically, volunteers are needed for the following working groups:

Greenbelt: chiefly involved in tree management

**Policies and Procedures**: write needed policies which guide the board in its actions **Landscaping**: enforces yard and lawn restrictions

If you are interested helping please contact the Board's administrator, Steve Naslund, at 633-0103

### Sheriff Steve Bernal speaks to Oak Hills Residence

There will be an Oak Hills Residence meeting with Sheriff Steve Bernal on Monday, December 7th at 6pm. It will be held in the Forum at North Monterey County High School. This is a great opportunity to converse with Sheriff Steve Bernal.

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#### **Greenbelt Advertising Policy**

Oak Hills HOA is open to advertising for all members and non-members. Advertising rates are based on size of print and/or graphics. Proceeds of paid advertising is to be used to offset the production and postage costs of OHHA publications

#### **Greenbelt Advertising Rates:**

#### (All advertising will run as space permits)

\$50 per 6 issues business card size art and print ready

\$50 per one issue quarter page ad art and print ready

\$75 per one issue for half page ad art and print ready

\$100 per one issue full page pre-folded insert (provided by advertise)

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