

## OAK HILLS GARAGE SALE - OCT 1<sup>st</sup>

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 October 1st. 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. If you leave a message, PLEASE leave your Name, Phone Number, Address and any "key" items that you will have for sale.

## MANNERS, MOTORS and GOOD NEIGHBORS

Manners is showing kindness and consideration to others: it's the ingredient that makes social interactions go more smoothly and predictably. But what's that got to do with us, out here in Oak Hills? Lately I've heard the rumblings in the neighborhood from residents that all have something important in common. They speak of problems that could be resolved if neighbors showed more kindness and consideration for one another. Ah, manners.

Driving Speed: Drive no faster than the posted speed limit. When prevailing conditions dictate, drive more slowly than what is posted. Consider the street and the particular needs of those who customarily use it, for example, Charter Oak near the pool and playground. At this locale, you can expect there will be more cars, more car doors opening and closing, and more children. Drive slowly. Consider the needs of your neighbors and use your manners.

Parking: Park your car(s) and other motor vehicles on your parking pad. Refrain from using your front or back lawn as a permanent parking lot. Try to look at the situation from your neighbors' point of view: what is the scene he is forced to contend with when he looks out his front door or back yard. In times when it is difficult to impossible to sell a home, consider how your actions could affect prospective buyers. In other words, look out for your neighbor. In addition, there are significant environmental reasons not to park a motorized vehicle on the grass, as toxic fluids can seep into the ground and contaminate the ground water. Consider your neighbors and use good manners when making decisions about parking; your choices do impact others.

Editor's note: Cynthia Suverkrop is a new member of the Oak Hills Homeowners' Association. She has lived in the community since 1991. Her column on manners and the neighborhood will be revisited from time to time.

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### TENNIS COURT UPDATE

Construction of the Tennis Courts should resume this month. Because of the saturated soil found beneath the court surface when the construction began in May, the Board was given several options on addressing this issue. These options were:

- Do nothing to the soil before adding base rock and asphalt
- Build a 4 foot deep French drain around the courts
- Lime treat the soil to provide an 18 inch concrete like surface before adding base rock and asphalt
- Pour concrete as the tennis court surface.

The Board has been taking the time to look into these options so they can make the best decision possible for the homeowners and for the longevity of the Tennis Courts.

If there are any questions, please contact Al Brekke at 633-2983.

### PET CORNER

A committee has been set up to look at the feasibility of creating a dog park near the tennis court area. If you are interested in being on this committee, please contact Paula Kuntz 633-0104.

On a side note: The office has received calls regarding homeowners allowing their dogs to roam free in the neighborhood and in turn defecating in their neighbors yard. Please keep your dogs confined to your own property. It is against the Monterey County Code to allow your dog to run-at-large within the unincorporated territory of Monterey County.

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