



# The Greenbelt

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## ROAD SAFETY UPDATE

By Cynthia Suverkrop

Looks like our neighborhood might finally get that radar speed reading machine it was promised a couple of years ago. As you might recall, I reported that the county had approved the purchase of this traffic calming device in May of 2012. The original proposal was for a single, solar powered, programmable machine that was to be pole mounted in our neighborhood. The amended proposal that CSA 45 approved last month calls for purchasing a single device mounted on a trailer which could be moved about the Oak Hills Community. The machine will be purchased with CSA 45 funds and designated for use in Oak Hills.

The device is fully capable of being programmed to collect and store data regarding the hours, days and number of cars when excess speed is detected. The data will help the county and the police decide what other actions might be necessary, such as increased police patrols or speed limit changes, measures that would serve to make our streets safer.

Monterey County Public Works will be responsible for all maintenance. County supervisors will vote on approval of the purchase later this summer. It is hoped that Oak Hills will see the traffic calming device by September or October. However, knowing how things work in the government pipeline, don't hold your breath.

## POOL REMINDERS

- The weather is great and people are enjoying the swimming pool this season. As the days get shorter, the pool will be closing at 7pm starting August 23rd. Please be mindful of the gate closing times since the gates **will** automatically lock at the specified closing times.
- If you find the gate open between the spa and pool, please be responsible and close it and do not see it as an opportunity to use the pool area as it may risk the use of your pool card privileges if you are caught after closing hours.
- The pool facility is for the enjoyment of our homeowners in our association. Please refrain from letting others in if they do not have their Pool Card Key. With the help of homeowners watching out over our facility, it ensures that the facility will be available for all to enjoy.

# OHHA COMMUNITY PICNIC

By Neal Murray

The Oak Hills Homeowners Association board of directors would like to plan a community picnic on Saturday, September 13, 2014. This will be an opportunity for residents to meet board members and discuss community related concerns in an informal setting. We plan to provide food and drink for all who wish to attend. If you and your family are interested in attending the HOA picnic, please RSVP to the following email address with number of people who will attend in the SUBJECT line. Please respond by August 1<sup>st</sup> so we can make plans and get more detailed information to you. [ohhpicnicsvp@gmail.com](mailto:ohhpicnicsvp@gmail.com)

## IF YOU SPOT A SWARM OF BEES

By Zoran Starcevic

Residents of Oak Hills may report any swarms of honey bees they spot to Beekeepers Club of Monterey through our neighbor Zoran, phone number [831-594-9931](tel:831-594-9931). A beekeeper will come and collect the swarm and give the bees a new home and a chance to continue multiplying and making honey for us all. Collection of a swarm on your property will be free of charge to you.

Did you know that bees pollinate some 80% of all fruits and vegetables! Unfortunately, honey bees are endangered lately by chemicals in pesticides and insecticides sprayed on crops, especially by commercial farmers.

They say that if bees go, food will go and consequently all life on Earth would be in grave danger. Let us protect, save and keep bees!

Swarming is a natural event in life of bee colonies. When bees in a colony decide they do not have enough room for raise new bees and store honey, they raise a new queen and a portion of the colony then takes off with the old queen in search of a new home. A swarm is a sign that the colony has done well!

## Upcoming Community Events

The Golden State Theatre in downtown Monterey is again featuring many great upcoming performances. Pink Floyd fans will enjoy the Dark Side of the Moon tribute to Pink Floyd on July 11<sup>th</sup>. On July 14<sup>th</sup>, enjoy a National Geographic Live events. For more information, visit [www.goldenstatetheatre.com](http://www.goldenstatetheatre.com)

On August 2-3, 2014, hundreds of kilted bagpipers and dancers will be back in Monterey County this summer entertaining Festival-goers who will enjoy experiencing the fascinating Celtic culture. The award-winning Scottish Society of the Monterey Peninsula holds its 47th Annual Monterey Scottish Games & Celtic Festival at the beautiful and spacious Monterey County Fair & Event Center. For more information, visit [www.montereyscotgames.com](http://www.montereyscotgames.com)

# ELECTION RUNOFFS AHEAD

Runoff elections are ahead on November 4, 2013 giving us even more time to get to know our candidates. Runoffs for our Supervisorial District 2 will be between former Monterey County Superior Court Judge John M. Phillips (4,195 votes or 49.2%) and activist Ed Mitchell (3,331 or 39.06%). There's also a runoff for Monterey County Sheriff between incumbent Scott Miller (19,232 votes or 40.57%) and Steve Bernal. (15,560 votes or 32.82%).

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