

NEWSLETTER MARCH/APRIL, 2009

NOTICE OF BOARD MEETINGS



The March meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 31st at 6 pm.** The April meeting will be held **Tuesday, April 28th at 6 pm.**

JASMINE CREEK ANNUAL BBQ!!!

The Community Relations Committee's 6th Annual BBQ will be held on **Saturday, July 25th**, from 4-7 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Charlene Prager, who has been so instrumental in planning this great annual event, is working with the Community Relations Committee to make this year's BBQ the best yet! Please mark the date!

Do you know the answers to each of the following?

Who named Jasmine Creek -- and why?

What is the significance to JCCA of a successful group action of 35 years ago?

How many JCCA acres of "private recreation facilities" did Newport Beach mandate?

Why was this property not part of the original Corona del Mar?

Was the Mustard Pot a golf hole, a watering hole, or a lucrative agricultural crop?

How was your home designed in a distinctive "community" development?

What major impact here derived from an historic 1969 US legislation?

Where is the curved sculptural hardscape that is our distinctive design feature?

What constitutes the "Village" concept that was applied here?

What is internationally important here about a row of eucalyptus trees?

When did the colorful José Andrés Sepúlveda (pictured below) own this land?

Now you have jotted down your best guess at the answers, you can find ALL the correct answers in the web site. <http://www.jasminecreek.org/> where, on the welcoming screen, just below what makes this "A Special Place..." you will find the link,

"Click here for a history of Jasmine Creek."

If you lack a computer, ask your neighbor to share with you this illustrated presentation of the 30-year story of the physical development of the Jasmine Creek Community.



Don Jose Andres Sepúlveda painted in Los Angeles, 1856, by Henri Joseph Penelon. Oil on canvas. The full painting (of which this is a major portion) measures 43 in. by 35 in. Don Jose is sitting on his famous Australian horse *Black Swan*, in a fancy black and white saddle, embroidered with silver thread, and carries a sword under his left leg. Image used courtesy of the Bowers Museum, Santa Ana, CA.

Special thanks to David Weber for this informative article!



TRAVEL FEST

We are well into our 5th year of Travel Fest and are averaging better than 40 travelers per session. Some might say it is the chocolate chip cookies and wine that keeps them coming back for more.

On March 18 at 7 PM Dave Klages will take us on a special journey titled, “The Golden Age of Travel.” Do you remember?

On April 15, Martha Ryan and a group of “Adventurous Ladies” visit Africa. Oh my!

7:00 PM at the Clubhouse

ARCHITECTURAL UPDATES



ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The March and April meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, **3/11** and **4/8**. Meetings are (usually) held the 2nd Wednesday of every month, in the Clubhouse, commencing at 5:00 p.m.

FINANCE UPDATES



FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The March and April meetings are scheduled for **Thursday, 3/19** and **Thursday, 4/16**. The meetings are (usually) held the 3rd Thursday of every month at 9:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse.

Members wanted! The Finance Committee is currently seeking members. If you are interested in joining, please contact the Office!



LANDSCAPE UPDATES

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The March and April meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, **3/3** and **4/7**. Meetings are (usually) held the 1st Tuesday of every month, in the Clubhouse, commencing at 5:00 p.m. (Note new time)

COMMUNITY RELATIONS UPDATES

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The April meeting is scheduled for **Monday, 4/13**. Meetings are (usually) held the 2nd Monday of every other month, in the Clubhouse, commencing at 5:00 p.m.

ROOFING STAGING AREAS

Please be advised that in an effort to alleviate some of the burden on the homeowners on other streets within Jasmine Creek, who have had to endure the noise and other inconveniences associated with a construction project of this magnitude since the beginning of the project, the Board has requested that some of the painting and storage of materials, etc. be moved to other locations within the community. As a result, **Tidepool** will be completely closed down for the duration of the roofing project, so you will need to use Seafaring to exit out of Beachcomber. We have informed the Fire and Police Departments regarding the detour.

We appreciate your patience during this re-roofing project. Sincerely, Your Board of Directors



DISASTER COMMUNICATION

The American Red Cross recommends that all households have a portable battery-operated radio in their disaster supply kits. This will allow the residents to listen to local TV VHF, radio and NOAA emergency information broadcasts, if any are available.

What is NOAA? NOAA stands for the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration. In the event of a tsunami, hurricane, etc. a radio tuned to NOAA would provide the early warning being broadcast, enabling the residents to get to safety. NOAA has 7 weather frequencies. The broadcasts are normally 24 hours per day.

The Red Cross recommends several small radios. Of the three featured, look for the one which says NOAA. The radios cost approximately \$40 to \$60.

In the event of a power failure, the radio enables you to get the news. It should have the following features:

- Hand-crank & battery operated
- AM/FM Radio with NOAA
- TV-VHF channels 2-13
- Flashlight and Cell Phone Charger
- Inputs for AC adaptor and earphones (not included)

To locate this radio:
Woolrich Catalog 1-800-966-5372 Model FR300
\$50. has NOAA*

www.redcross.org (go to the Store) Model FR405
\$60. has NOAA (2 models do not) Eton Corp.
1-800-872-2228
* A small portion of every radio sold is contributed to the Red Cross.

Dale & Suzie Karjala



Pictured left to right: Matt Brisbois, Community Preparedness Coordination for the City of Newport Beach, JCCA residents, Dale and Suzie Karjala, Fire Chief Steve Lewis of the City of Newport Beach.

Jasmine Creek continues to improve in emergency preparations. We now have two additional CERT Communicators: **Diane Knight** and **Kate Mulvehill**. In our city, there are approximately 62 licensed and authorized ham radio operators that can talk to the city in a disaster (four of which are in Jasmine Creek). In addition, the following people are taking or completing CERT training:

Marta Rebella, Charlene Prager, Bruce Olander, Preston and Gretchen Lee. Congratulations to **Bill Cote** who also joins the team. Our CERT Team needs you!

The City of Newport Beach held their first annual “State of CERT” dinner recently. The first “Spirit of CERT” recognition plaque was presented to **Dale and Suzie Karjala** for their work in preparing individuals, and the community for a disaster.

RECALL PETITIONS

As many of you are aware, several homeowners were recently soliciting signatures for a petition to recall Marta Rebella from Jasmine Creek's Board of Directors. This, in turn, was met with two other petitions - one to recall Randy Johnson, and one to recall Larry Tyson. Although we are part of a community and have a right to express our unhappiness, it is not often done in the best manner. These petitions are an example of how NOT to express dissatisfaction. Let me explain why:

The petitions did not provide any of the following facts:

1). The petitions will now require that we set a date for a vote for these recalls. This vote will require the use of the independent voting service company which is now being used for our Annual Elections. In addition, we will need to rely on the Association's legal counsel for guidance on the proper procedures to follow. He will also be asked to attend these meetings.

2). The cost for only one of these types of meetings will cost between **\$3,000 - \$5,000**. The Board will work hard to set one meeting date for all matters; however, since there are several petitions, there is the possibility that more than one of these meetings will be necessary. Let's not forget that we also have our "regular" Annual Meeting coming up in October.

3). On the topic of whether the recall will be successful, here is a scenario for you to consider: There are 324 homes in the community. The minimum quorum to have a meeting requires participation of 163 homes. If 200 homes vote, only **35** votes cast against the recall will be sufficient to defeat the recall. If 170 homes vote, only **30** votes cast against the recall will be sufficient to defeat the recall. Thus, it is likely no one will be recalled, but we will have spent a lot of money in election/legal fees, etc., in the process!

4). In the case of Marta Rebella, her term is expiring in October. IF the recall is successful, the new Board member's term will expire in October. That person will have to run again within a few months. The recall/election meeting was scheduled for May 12th by the Board at their February meeting. That would mean a term of **4** months!

5). Please also consider that having an early recall election does not eliminate the need for the Annual Meeting, so we will be spending unnecessarily.

6). Recalls should be considered as a LAST RESORT. Any legal expert will tell you that.

For all of the above reasons - and the most important of all - which is that we're supposed to be a community. Do we really want to create an environment where no one wants to volunteer for fear of being sued, vilified, recalled for no justifiable reason, or worse - all because they're just trying to serve their community?!

Please, if you do receive solicitations for these types of negative acts in the future, please make an effort to gather ALL of the facts before you sign. I know of several people out there who have asked how they could remove their names from the petition they signed - this after learning all the facts. It is possible to rescind these recalls if enough people remove their names from the petitions they signed. In any case, remember that we cannot build community through conspiring, backstabbing and deceit. That's what all this recall nonsense is about. Whether or not you agreed with the roofing project, it is almost behind us now. It is time to move on. We have a lot of work to do in other areas of this community, so let's be POSITIVE for a change!

HERE'S A REMINDER TO POST ON THE FRIDGE!

Trash Collection: Refuse collection recognizes ONLY the following holidays: NEW YEAR'S DAY, MEMORIAL DAY, JULY 4th, LABOR DAY, THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS. When one of the above recognized holidays falls on a WEEKDAY (mon. - fri.), collections will be delayed for one day for the remainder of the week (Saturday for JCCA). **For example, New Year's Day fell on a Thursday this year, so it did affect trash pickup (Had it fallen on Saturday or Sunday, it would not).** Also, just a reminder to refrain from putting your trash out prior to the evening before it is scheduled to be picked up and to bring in empty trash containers as soon as possible after they have been emptied.

JASMINE CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE ROSTER

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Marta Rebella, President
Preston Lee, Vice-President
Larry Tyson, Secretary
Charlene Prager, Treasurer
Randy Johnson, Member-At-Large

ARCHITECTURAL – Board Liaison, Marta Rebella

Tom Weaver, Chairperson
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Jack Klein
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Bruce Olander
Sue Seden

FINANCE – Board Liaison, Preston Lee

Robert Harrigan, Chairperson
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Bill Coté
Bill Peterson
Barbara Simons

Members Needed! Please Call The Office!

LANDSCAPE – Board Liaison, Randy Johnson

Larry Finn, Chairperson
Jan Day
Diane Knight
Linda Long
Diana Parr
Nancy Posch
Jeanette Watters

COMMUNITY RELATIONS – Board Liaison,

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Eileen Kaufman
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Charlene Prager
Martha Ryan
Jeannine Trapp
Skip Turner
Tom Wolff

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ACTIVITIES AND ADVERTISEMENTS

FOUND!!!: Plantronics Bluetooth headset: Toy Soldiers: Sunglasses. Please call the office to claim.

JASMINE CREEK BOOK GROUP: Read any good books lately? Come make new friends and be part of the JCBG's informal monthly discussions. For information, call Jeanette Watters, or Diana Parr.

IN-HOME CARE: Semi-retired registered nurse is available for private home care, 22-year resident of JCCA. Negotiable rates. Louise.

SEEKING LOUIS VUITTON CHEST: Please call the on-site office if you, or someone you know, has a LV chest to sell.

I'll Walk Your Dog: Includes feeding, training, playing, affection. \$75/hour. Call Dick.

PET SITTER: I live in Jasmine Creek and love animals. I am available to dog or cat sit and dog walk. Please call and I will show you how much I love your pet! Riley.

WINDOW CLEANER: Resident will clean your windows \$30-40 inside/out.

NEED A NOTARY? If you need to have a document notarized, look no further than our On-site Management Office! Our On-site Association Manager (René) is a Notary Public and will notarize your documents for a nominal fee.

****Newsletter article deadline = 20th of every other month (e.g. Apr. 20th for May/June Newsletter)****