

## NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER/DECEMBER, 2009

### NOTICE OF BOARD MEETINGS



The November meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.** The December meeting will be held **Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.**

Members are encouraged to attend all Board meetings. Minutes of the Regular Session shall be available to members within 30 days of the meeting and may be obtained at the Jasmine Creek Office.

### THANK YOU!

I would like to thank Marta Rebella, current Board President, for being such an active and vital member of this community. She has been extremely helpful, and has provided much sound advice during her term as President of the Board.

I would also like to thank Tom Weaver, current Chairman of the Architectural Committee, who will be stepping down after having served on the Committee for many years. Tom has made many contributions to the Committee.

**ANNUAL MEETING REMINDER:** The 2009 Annual Meeting of the Jasmine Creek Community Association will be held on **Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**. The meeting will be held at the Community Clubhouse located at 77 Jasmine Creek Drive, starting at **6 p.m. (Registration is 5:30).** **There is 1 Candidate running for 1 position (Poul Andersen).** The Director will be elected at the Annual Meeting to serve a term of 3 years.

### “ALERTS” COLUMN

1). The Architectural Committee would like to remind all homeowners that they must submit an application for ANY work that will involve alterations to the exterior of their home. This includes replacing windows and doors, installing skylights, etc. If in doubt, please call the on-site office.

2). The Board would like to remind all homeowners to have their individual insurance provider review the coverage provided by the Association’s Master Policy to ensure that they have adequate coverage.

3). Yet another reminder to **NOT** allow anyone to walk on your roofs. We have witnessed window washers, satellite dish installers, etc. accessing the roofs without prior authorization. If you have someone walk on your roof and they break tiles, you will be responsible for paying the costs to repair the broken tiles.

4). **Trash day** for the week of 11/23 (Thanksgiving) and 12/21 (Christmas) will fall on **Saturday** due to the respective Holidays.

### STREET WORK UPDATE

The repaving of the streets has been completed. The next phase involves repainting all the striping and speed bumps and “raising” the manhole covers on the streets. This work will begin the week of 11/2 and should be completed by Friday, 11/6.

The Crown Gate’s wiring had to be removed during the repaving and has been scheduled to be replaced. The gate must be left open until this work has been completed, in case Fire or Police must

enter. We appreciate your patience during this down time.

The final phase of the project will be the slurry sealing of the entire community. This work will take place sometime in the spring/summer of 2010. This will allow the new asphalt time to "cure". It will also be a better time of year to apply the seal.

Please watch your mail and upcoming newsletters for more details. We will also be posting notices on garage doors next time, since it seems that some people may not have received their notices in the mail.

### **HARBOR VIEW DAM UPDATE**

Many of you may not be aware that there is a dam on Jasmine Creek property. The land where this dam is located is owned by Jasmine Creek, but the County has easement rights over the dam itself.

Recently, the Association was contacted regarding the ice plant and other plant materials that have grown on the face of the dam over the years, thereby preventing the County from being able to make their inspections. As a result, the Association has been asked to remove all the ice plant and shrubs from the face of the dam.

The County has given the option of either leaving the dam face bare, or planting native grasses. The Association has responded to the County's request in writing, requesting to plant native grasses over the next 6 years. The rationale behind the 6-year plan is that the area in question is approximately 45,000 square feet and the Association does not currently have the funds necessary to immediately complete a project of this magnitude.

The County has forwarded the Association's request to the State. In the meantime, we have removed approximately 7,000 square feet of ice plant from the dam face. There is also dredging at the bottom of the dam taking place at this time, which is being done by the County.

### **TREE TRIMMING UPDATE**

Just a reminder that the trimming of all trees over 15 feet in height within the community will take place beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>. This project will take approximately 2-3 weeks to complete. This year, Gruett Tree Company will be focusing on "Crown Reduction", which involves lowering the height of the trees. To those who have requested tree trimming, we appreciate your patience!

### **AD HOC COLOR COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Thanks to the hard work by the volunteers of the Ad hoc Color Committee, the Board has approved a contract with Neue Transit Studio for the selection of a new color palette for the exterior of all homes in Jasmine Creek.

The new colors will be available for viewing in January. Look for a letter in December which will provide the dates for the homeowners' meetings where the new colors will be made available to the membership.

The upcoming painting schedule will be changed as a result of the new colors. The new painting schedule will be as follows:

Spring, 2010: Barrier Reef, Curl, Skysail, Sandbar and Jasmine Creek (81-103).

Fall, 2010: Fathom, Whitewater, Jasmine Creek (1-33) and Shoal.

Fall, 2011: Breakwater, Whitecap, Jasmine Creek (41-63), Mainsail and Jetty.

Fall, 2012: Atoll, Beachcomber, Maritime, Seafaring, Jasmine Creek (105-44).

### **RESIDENT DIRECTORY UPDATE**

An update request form was recently mailed to all homeowners for the upcoming 2010-2011 Resident Directory. **The deadline to receive updates is November 11<sup>th</sup>.**

## FRESHLY REPLASTERED SPAS

The spas at the 3 community pools have now been re-plastered. They are heated year-round, so enjoy. They have also been fitted with new handrails.

Note that only the Main Pool is heated year-round. The two others will not be heated again until May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## RESTROOM REMODELS

The Whitewater pool restrooms have been remodeled. They were looking a bit outdated, so we asked JJ, our Maintenance Supervisor, to spruce them up. He is now working on the Atoll restrooms, since they need updating as well. Great job, JJ!

## ARCHITECTURAL UPDATES



## ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The November and December meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, **11/11** and **12/9**. 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 November and December meetings are scheduled for **Thursday, 11/19** and **Thursday, 12/17**. The meetings are (usually) held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at 9:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse.

**Electronic Payments:** Union Bank continues to offer electronic banking for dues payments. If you are interested, we have the form at the office. You may also download the form (Lockbox ACH Service Agreement) by visiting their website at: [www.hoabankers.com](http://www.hoabankers.com).

\*\*We encourage you to sign up for this option, since it is convenient and will save the Association money because it requires less processing. **Please keep in mind this is NOT the same as making your payments online.**



## LANDSCAPE UPDATES

## LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The November and December meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, **11/10** and **12/1**. Meetings are (usually) held the 1st Tuesday of every month, in the Clubhouse, commencing at 5:00 p.m.

**Reminder:** Please note that the Landscape Review Request forms ask that you wait 30 days before contacting the office after you have submitted a request. The crew makes every effort to quickly complete these requests. There are times, however, that the request may need to be forwarded to the Landscape Committee. Therefore, we appreciate your patience.

**LANDSCAPE REQUESTS:** Although the Committee has postponed making decisions on common area renovation requests due to financial constraints, this does not mean that residents cannot submit requests for landscaping that they are proposing to pay for themselves. Please contact the office for more information.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!!!**

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS UPDATES

### COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The December meeting is scheduled for **Monday, 12/14**. Meetings are (usually) held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every other month, in the Clubhouse, commencing at 5:00 p.m.

#### **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED**

Our Emergency Response Team will be needing help from Block Captains. This is one job that will not require training, practice or numerous meetings. In the event of a disaster, the Block Captains will check on their neighbors. If you can help by being a Block Captain for all or part of your block, please give me a call.

As our CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) grows, so does our need for additional tools and equipment. If you have any of the following that you would like to donate to our emergency supplies, I can arrange for pick-up.

-Crowbars –Prybars –Shovels -Ax or hatchets  
-Flashlights

Please call Suzie Karjala for Block Captain assignment or equipment donations.

#### **CHECK LIST FOR HOME FIRE SAFETY**

- Do you have a fire extinguisher?
- Do you test your smoke detectors monthly?
- Have you made an escape plan showing all exits?
- Have you put smoke detectors in all your sleeping areas and on all levels of your home?
- Do all your family members know two ways to escape from every room?
- Are the batteries working in all smoke detectors?

- Have you determined a meeting place outside of the home for all family members to gather if you have a fire?

#### **IN CASE OF FIRE**

- Leave your house following the planned escape route. Don't stop to collect anything.
- Your escape may depend on clear thinking so don't panic.
- Doors should be opened carefully. Feel them to see if they are hot. If hot, do not open but take an alternate escape route.
- Hot gases and smoke will rise. Stay close to the floor and use a wet cloth to breathe through. Breaths should be short and shallow.
- Doors and windows should be kept closed unless needed for escape.
- Go to your pre-established meeting place.
- Call the fire department when you are outside. Be sure to give your name and address.
- Do not re-enter a building on fire.

Suzie Karjala, NPB CERT

#### **TRAVEL FEST**

In the 1850s stories came out of the Sierras that there were giant trees 300 feet tall and 3,000 years old. General reaction was disbelief and even today it is hard to grasp the significance of the Sequoias.

See the **Big Trees** with Merritt and Jeanne Johnson  
Wednesday, November 18, 7:00 PM\*

At the Clubhouse

\* Includes wine, cheese, and chocolate chip cookies

#### **Upcoming Books - Book Group**

Discussion of November 23rd will be "A World Lit Only by Fire: The Medieval Mind and the Renaissance," by William Manchester (1992). The meeting of Jan. 18 will focus on "The Thin Man," by Dashiell Hammett (1934). And on Feb. 15th, the book will be "FitzRoy: the remarkable story of Darwin's captain and the invention of the weather forecast" by John and Mary Gribbin (2004).

**JASMINE CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE ROSTER**

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**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 Natalie Weber or Diana Parr.

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

**SHARE CAREGIVER:** Looking to share a caregiver. Very able and efficient.

**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 = 20<sup>th</sup> of every other month (e.g. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> for Jan/Feb Newsletter)\*\***