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YOUR BOARD AT WORK

The Mission's Board of Director's meeting convened on October 14th at Granite Management.

Minutes from the August 12th meeting were approved as well as the financial report for the period ending August 31, 2003, subject to audit.

Planning Commission Resolution #88-P107 was submitted to the Board for review. In essence, the Association is responsible for maintaining the trees along Via Rancho and Ivey Ranch. That is,

costs to trim the trees will be borne by the Association.

In addition, various resident concerns were addressed along with the approval of a draft letter for release to the community regarding parking issues. The Board also ap-

proved the retainer of Beck and Associates for 2003 tax returns and financial audit.

Due to a safety issue along the sidewalk, the Board approved the removal and comparable replacement of a tree on Sabadell.



Oceanside's Clean Water Program

Many of us throw away those little fliers that are included with our monthly bills, paying little attention to their contents. If that is the case, you may have missed the recent addition to your City of Oceanside utility/waste management bill.

Due to a federal and state mandate, the City of Oceanside has created the "Clean Water Program" to manage its urban runoff and has updated ordinances to include City Code Chapter 40 to address these new guidelines.

Do you know that the following activities are illegal:

- Water-washing your sidewalk and driveway if the wash water enters the street or storm drain.

- Dumping hazardous chemicals or materials into the storm drain.
- Discharging swimming pool filter backwash into the street or storm drain and discharging swimming pool water into the storm drain if it contains detectable levels of chlorine.
- Allowing pet waste and lawn clippings to enter a storm drain.

Residential car washing and landscaping irrigation water is still allowed into the storm drain, but you are encouraged to limit these amounts.

For more information, call Linda Isakson at 435-5807 or log onto www.oceansidecleanwaterprogram.org

Letter to the Homeowners from President Max Meyerson

It has come to the attention of the Board that there have been satellite dishes and/or solar panels installed without prior approval of the Architectural Committee. It has been reported to us that some contractors have stated prior approval is not necessary because State law supersedes Home Owners' Association rules. As stated in the Architectural Guidelines "the Association may continue to regulate, but may not prohibit, the installation of small satellite dishes of less than one meter in diameter. A small satellite dish must be located away from the street and reasonably screened from adjacent residences, unless such an installation will unreasonably impair the signal quality, or unreasonably increase the cost of the installation."

Regarding solar panels, our Association's rules state "the installation should be in such a way as to shield the equipment from view to a common area, or any neighboring lot, so long as the installation does not reduce the equipment's efficiency by more than twenty percent, or increase the cost by more than twenty percent." Since the size of our lots vary considerably, each installation is unique, making submittals to the Architectural Committee a must. The last thing the Board or the Architectural Committee would want to do is force a Homeowner to move equipment after it has been installed. Also, when making a submittal of any kind, be sure to wait for an approval in writing before proceeding with your project.

A couple of weeks ago a letter was sent to all residents regarding the parking of motor vehicles. Simply stated, everyone in The Missions has at least a three car garage. If you own one or two vehicles they must be parked in the garage. If you own more than two cars the others may be parked outside. If you have a four car garage then three cars must be parked in the garage. The vast majority of the Homeowners adhere to these rules making The Missions visibly attractive to anyone driving through our neighborhood. We have received a number of complaints from Homeowners regarding this problem and have sent out letters to those who are not complying. We ask for your cooperation.

As you know the School District has stopped busing students to our local schools. This has caused increased traffic congestion, loitering and littering in and around our community. Students waiting for rides and buses have trampled our ground cover, bushes, flowers, etc. and have littered trash on our property. The Principal at the King School was notified and she has addressed the problem with the students. Also, (thanks to **Nick Rud-dick**) the Transit District has placed two trash barrels at the bus stops at the corner of Ivey Ranch Rd. and Via Rancho Rd. These measures have helped but we still have a way to go. We will continue to work on the problem.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Dec. 9th at 3:00 P.M. in Granite Management's conference room.

Where did the year go?

It seems that we just gathered with family and friends to celebrate the holidays, and now we'll be busy planning again. Well, the Missions Social Committee has done just that. They have selected the times and dates for our two holidays events; Community Caroling and the Home Holiday Decorating Contest.

Community Caroling

Get your vocals cords limbered and join a fun group of neighbors for our annual Holiday Caroling night. We will begin at 7PM on December 18th and meet in front of 395 Justina Drive.

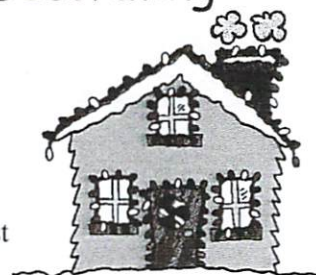


Last year the hearty group of singers, dressed in holiday attire, spread cheer and good wishes throughout the neighborhood. You need not even be able to carry a tune, just come for the fun and holiday spirit!

To all our residents, we would like to extend our sincerest wishes for a wonderful and joyful holiday season and a bright, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Missions Decorating Contest

The decorating contest will be held this year on December 17th after 6PM. As last year (and thank you to the



Missions Board of Director for the prize money) we will have three \$50.00 first place prizes for the categories: Most Beautiful, Most Festive and Most Creative.

Volunteers are needed to help in the judging, so please call **Trish Munley** at 721-8887 if you wish to participate.

Join in the fun and help make the Missions a winter wonderland.

Community Garage Sale

What a perfect time to clean out those closets!

The Missions Social Committee sponsored a garage sale on November 8th with



approximately 20 homes participating. This neighborhood event is a favorite of many of our residents.

A special thank you goes to Social Committee member, **Linda Sweeney**, who volunteered to coordinate the event.

We hope it was a huge success for all who participated!

Carola's corner

With the Thanksgiving holiday just around the corner, Carola thought this would be apropos

Why Adults Should Sit at the Kids' Table

by Lynn Smith

- 1) You can put olives on your fingers and eat them.
- 2) You can spit out the stuff you don't like right on your plate.
- 3) You can feed the dog under the table.
- 4) No joke is too stupid or too loud.
- 5) You have the rest of your life to sit at the grown-ups' table.

Missions Community Picnic



September 13th dawned into another beautiful day and the Mission's Social Committee was busy preparing and setting up for this year's annual community block party.



Many of our neighbors gathered at the cul-de-sac at the end of Borrego for our Community Picnic

The tables, chairs, umbrellas, music and raffle prizes were all set and ready for the arrival of approximately 70 friends and neighbors. In fact, previous residents stopped by to see old friends and to enjoy the day.

And what a fun-filled event it turned out to be. The food was so delicious and plentiful that many could not help but go back for seconds. And, thanks to generous donations from residents and businesses, and the hard work of Social Committee members, the raffle and door prizes were beautiful and numerous. Our book exchange provided new readings for several, and the remainder of the books, along with collected canned goods, was donated to Brother Benno's.

The children hoped to win the Schwinn Scooter and child's bike, so generously donated for the second year by neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. **Ken McMullen**. They passed the time attempting to break the pinata or licking their spoons of homemade ice cream (a yearly favorite brought by **Dick and Ginny Parrish**) until the winners were announced.



Happily posing are neighbors (left to right) Rick Nelson, Sue Ruddick, Carola Phelps, Nick Ruddick, Terri Nelson, and Bill & Susan Fischer

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Natalie Meyerson, once again, outdid herself. This year's afghan donation was gorgeous and the rage of raffle ticket buyers. **Richard Becker** again graciously donated a wonderful hand-crafted wooden lawn ornament. In fact, you can see many of his works gracing the lawns of past winners.



The First Lady and President Max and Natalie Meyerson enjoy themselves

The Corner Cafe Restaurant provided \$30 in gift certificates and the newly expanded and remodeled Elite Fitness Spa for Women gave well over \$250 worth of gift certificates and 2 week memberships.

The Social Committee provided four fanciful themed gift baskets to include an Italian, Kid's, Gardening and Pamper Me Basket.

As Social Committee Chairperson, I would like to extend many thanks and much gratitude to those who donated their time and effort. In addition to those mentioned above, I thank the Social Committee Members: **Ellen Stotmeister, Katy Quigley,**



More happy neighbors include (left to right) Ron McAfee, Max Meyerson, Ginny & Dick Parrish, Joanne & Harry Henry

Joanne Henry, Jane Deakin, Donna Padgett, Linda Sweeney, Natalie Meyerson, Ginny Parrish, Norma Craig and Terri Nelson. Also **Terry Craig, Mike Padgett, Paul Quigley, Harry Henry and Bob Sweeney** who helped set up and return tables, chairs and umbrellas.

And to those who attended, thank you for sharing in our neighborhood festivities and making this year's community block party such a success.



Even non-residents enjoyed the day. Pictured (left to right) are the mothers of Donna Padgett and Linda Sweeney, Mike Sweeney, Darla Braun, Rhonda Balcarcel, and Linda Sweeney

The Avo Theater

The winter season of Moonlight at the Avo in Vista will begin on November 6th with its first production, *The*

Game of Love and Chance.

This new translation of a romantic French comedy is the story of a rich girl and saucy maid who switch places to lead their suitors through a game of mistaken identity and surprises. It will run through November 23rd.



After taking a break for the holidays, the next production, *Brighton Beach Memoirs* will run from January 29th through February 22nd. This award-winning play by Neil Simon is set in the 1930's and features Eugene Jerome, a 14-year-old boy coming of age in that time.

Finally, the March production of *Lucky Stiff* will run from the 4th-21st. This is a funny murder mystery musical farce about an English shoe salesman who is forced to take his uncle's corpse to Monte Carlo in order to collect his inheritance.

Single show tickets are available with season tickets at \$53 for the three shows. Performances are Thursday-Saturday at 8PM with newly added shows Saturdays and Sundays at 2PM.

Tickets and information are available through VisTix at 724-2110.

Toys for Tots Motorcycle Benefit Ride



This ride will begin from the Ocean-side Harbor, Lot #1 on November 22nd at 9AM in support of the USMCR Toys for Tots program. The Gold Wing Road Riders Association will sponsor a band for entertainment. Please contact James Pratt at 722-2797 for more information.

Children's Holiday Parade

Sponsored by Oceanside's Main Street Association, the parade will take place on December 13th from 10AM-2PM on Coast Highway between Wisconsin and Civic Streets.



Following the parade, festivities will include a concert, visits with Santa, and other children's activities. Food and merchandise vendors will also be available. Contact Main Street at 754-4512 for additional information.



**Our Welcoming
Committee
members**

Norma Craig

**and Sue Ruddick have
been busy recently making
sure that our new
neighbors receive a proper
greeting. We would like to
welcome our new
neighbors:**

**Charles and Theresa Kleszewski
and children Cassandra, Alexander, Andrew and Ashley
322 Justina Dr.**

435-1465

TKlezewski@yahoo.com

Enrique and Sandra Mar and son, Enrique, Jr.

378 Justina Dr.

757-7569

Jim Phillipson and Madeleine Lavelle

433 Benevente Dr.

722-5159

jamesphillipson@sbcglobal.net

We bid adieu to:

Shawn and Andrea Good and

David and Barbara Richards



Belated birthday wishes go to **Norma McAfee** who celebrated on November 5th and to **Wyone Van Soest**, on the 6th.

Our December birthday revelers are **"Van" Van Soest** on the 5th and **George Goodson**, who will

celebrate on New Year's Eve.

Also, birthday wishes are extended to **Faith St. Denis**, who will blow out her candles on January 8th.

To our anniversary couples, we wish you much happiness:

Jane and Deak Deakin will mark another year on November 17th, **Bob and Nancy Lavelle** will celebrate on December 20th, and a very special congratulations to **Norma and Terry Craig** who will have been kicking up their heels for 55 years on December 17th.

Also, **Connie and Harvey Cain** will toast each other and another great year on New Year's Day.

Cheers

to **Nick and Sue Ruddick** who, on numerous occasions, have picked up trash along our perimeter wall. And who were able to procure trash containers from the Transit District for the corner of Via Rancho and Ivey Ranch Roads.

Jeers

to those residents who disregarded the recent letter from the Missions Board of Directors and continue to park their cars in violation of our CC&Rs.

Fall In The Missions

by Norma Craig

We are in the middle of Fall with all of its glory! The days are warm, the nights are crisp and the leaves are turning red and gold. Now is the time to start thinking about the holidays.

Would you like to have a basket of narcissus blooming for Christmas? It is fun and easy to do. Buy some premium bulbs of paper whites or Chinese sacred lilies,

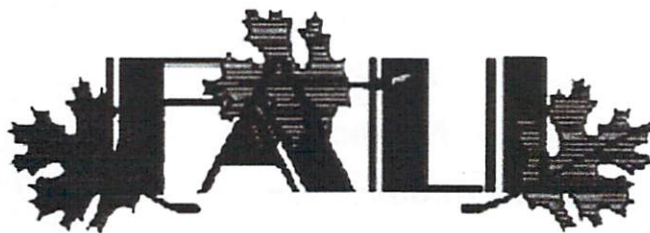


such as Cragford or Grand Soleil d'Or. Choose a flat basket approximately 6 to 9 inches in diameter and 3 to 4 inches high. You can leave it plain or spray it with quick drying paint. Line the basket with a circle of heavy gauge plastic sheeting, then fill it halfway with clean pebbles or gravel and add 6 or 8 bulbs

closely together. Add more pebbles to hold them upright. Cover the pebbles with sphagnum moss for a prettier look. Add water to the rim of the plastic and keep adding water every two to three days. **DO NOT FERTILIZE!** Place the basket in a cool dark place for 1 1/2 weeks or until the sprouts are up 3 to 4 inches, then place it in a sunny window or porch until they bloom. Direct sun keeps the stems from growing too long and floppy, but if they are in a window, turn them daily. If you plant the bulbs 6 weeks before Christmas you should have some blooms on Christmas Day. A basket of blooming bulbs also makes a nice gift.

I planted some paperwhites last year in a large flat bowl and kept them on my room divider, where I watched them sprout and grow. You can almost see them get taller every day because they grow so rapidly. Give it a try, it is fun!

Now is the time to plant spring flowers if you didn't start in October. This includes wildflowers grown from seed. You can also plant cool-season annuals and perennials from pony



packs. Plant them in well prepared ground and feed them often with a product high in nitrogen, as well as phosphorus and potassium.

I am sure most of you know that Oceanside residents can get free compost from an area in El Corazon. If you have any questions regarding how to find it, give me a ring at 754-2175. Adding compost to your new plants will help them to survive. Keep them watered deeply and you should have a beautiful garden by February that will last into June.

Have a wonderful holiday season.

RECIPE CORNER

If you attended the Annual Community Block Party and had the opportunity to sample **Gretchen Miller's** Butterscotch Dessert, you know that it won rave reviews. After receiving numerous requests for the recipe, Gretchen was kind enough to share it with us. Bon Appetite!

Crust

Blend: 1 stick margarine and 1 cup flour
Add 1/2 cup finely chopped nuts and pat into a 9 1/2x11 pan.
Bake 15 minutes at 375 degrees or until slightly brown.
Cool completely.

Filling

Cream: 1 8 oz. softened cream cheese, 1 cup powdered sugar, then stir in 1 cup Cool Whip. Spread over crust.

Mix

2 small packages of butterscotch instant pudding with 3 cups milk. Pour over cream cheese layer.
Spread additional Cool Whip on top of the pudding mixture and sprinkle with finely chopped nuts. Refrigerate for at least 3 hours.

(This is great with pistachio or chocolate pudding too!)

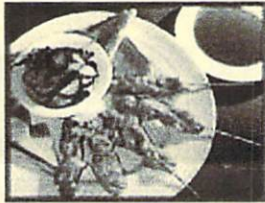
RESTAURANT REVIEW

By Ray Chesloff

Though Chinese cuisine (Cantonese) remains one of the three top cuisines of the world, Thai dishes are not far from the top. Their unique spicy flavors and curries have made them a favorite to many. It's the spice that sets it apart from the blandness of most cuisines.

At the King and I, the offerings of the large menu may be unfamiliar, but the English translation explains the exotic fare to the uninitiated.

My suggestion is to start with two appetizers. Sa-Tay, charcoal broiled and skewered beef or chicken is marinated in



coconut milk, curry powder and Thai spices. It's served with peanut sauce and cucumber salad. Mee-Krob, the recommended second appetizer, consists of crispy rice noodles, fried shrimp, chicken and bean cakes, mixed with a sweet sauce.

The entree choices number more than fifty. Pad Thai, which I believe is the national dish of Thailand, is a good



choice and consists of Thai rice noodles stir fried with shrimp, chicken, egg, fried bean cake, green onion, bean sprouts and topped with ground peanuts. One of the house curries would be another choice. I suggest the mild yellow curry with a choice of beef, chicken,

prawns, duck, scallops, mixed seafood or tofu. (By request, the heat of the spice can be toned down to mild.) Thai beer makes a good accompaniment.

As stated, the selections are many; food, service and decor are fine. Go with an open mind and an adventurous spirit and you will enjoy the King and I. The restaurant is open everyday for lunch and dinner. Prices are moderate.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

By Patricia Munley



4231 Oceanside Blvd.
Suite C
724-3615

Open for approximately eight months, this charming little cafe is nestled in the shopping plaza on the corner of Oceanside Blvd. and College Ave. near the Ralph's grocery store.

Locally owned by husband and wife, Jason and Sheri Lerdahl, The

Corner Cafe is open daily from 6AM-3PM Monday through Friday and 7AM-3PM weekends.

The breakfast menu offers a variety of omelets, yummy homemade muffins, griddle favorites and cafe combos such as "Breakfast Sushi" which is a rolled wheat tortilla stuffed with scrambled eggs, bacon, cheese, sprouts, tomato, onion and cilantro. This is served with a side of hash browns and homemade salsa.



The lunch menu features gourmet sandwiches to include Veggie/Mushroom wrap and Chicken Parmesan, pasta favorites, numerous salads, homemade soups and appetizer-type lighter fare. Plus, don't forget desserts and specialty coffees and teas. Prices range from \$3.75 to \$8.95.

The Corner Cafe is offering Mission residents who bring in the *Mission Bell* a 10% discount on their bill through the end of December. As they say, "Enjoy delicious homemade food in a friendly, relaxing atmosphere."

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PLEASE CONTACT TRISH MUNLEY.

Did you know that:

No sign, poster, billboard, balloon or other display or advertising device of any kind (except Realtor signs) shall be displayed on, over or from any portion of your property.

Garage doors shall be kept closed at all times except for what is reasonably required to enter and exit the garage.

In a household with three cars and three garage spaces, two cars must be parked in the garage. The third car may be parked in the driveway.

Homeowners with a four car garage must park all three cars in the garage.

Trash containers must be removed from the curb within twelve hours of scheduled collection hours.



Please remember ... if you are planning any improvements or changes to the exterior of your home, approval must be given by the Architectural Committee BEFORE you start the project. Project plans such as the addition of solar panels, landscaping changes to your front or back yard or additions to your home affecting the exterior must be submitted to the ARC for review. To obtain the required forms, please contact:

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