

The Oak Grovian

October 2000

Meeting Schedule

The Board of Directors meets eight times a year. All homeowners are encouraged to attend. You can learn more about your community, make suggestions to the Board, and volunteer to join various committee groups.

You do not need to be a Board member to make an impact on what happens within our Association. Among the many volunteer opportunities available, homeowners are needed to:

- ***meet with and provide feedback to our landscaping company***
- ***assist with periodic "walk throughs" around the association to monitor architectural compliance***
- ***work with Amenities Committee on upgrades to common areas of our complex***
- ***submit newsletter articles***
- ***organize future yard sales, or other community events***

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 30 at 7pm at the Good Earth Restaurant in Goleta.

Our final meeting for the year 2000 will take place in November. The specific date and location is to be determined. **We hope to see you there! ■**

Architectural Review Process

Thinking of installing a new TV satellite dish, screen door, or maybe a birdhouse to the exterior of your unit? Wait!

Since this is a shared living community, the Association's Architectural Review Committee (ARCOM) must first approve all changes to the outside of our units. The charter of ARCOM is to maintain an aesthetic standard throughout our complex, while allowing reasonable modifications by individual homeowners.

So, before pounding that first nail into the outside of your building, please follow these tips:

1. ***Notify Good Management of your intentions at 564-1400, and request an ARCOM form.***
2. ***Talk to your neighbors about your request, and ask for their feedback***
3. ***Return the ARCOM form to Good Management. Include drawings of your plans, letters of agreement from your neighbors, or other documentation to support your proposal.***
4. ***Attend the next Board of Directors meeting, and discuss your idea with the committee.***

Once you receive a written approval to proceed, take out your toolbox and go to work! ■

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New Avenues of Communication

Try Our New E-Mail Test Run

One of the goals of your current Board of Directors is to improve the lines of communication between the homeowners and the Association. One step in this direction is the establishment of a list of homeowners who are interested in receiving Association information by e-mail.

During this trial period, you can receive the following news via the convenience of your computer:

- *An informal summary of Board of Directors meetings*
- *Special maintenance and landscaping advisories*
- *Advance notice of future Board of Director meetings*
- *Electronic copies of our newsletter*

To request this service, send an e-mail message to **david_rasmussen@gstworld.net**.

Whether you sign up for this or not, you will continue to receive regular written mailings from the Association and Good Management.

If this test program is successful, the Association may be able to shift more routine homeowner communication from snail-mail to e-mail delivery. This could save on postage costs, which, in turn, would help to keep our monthly homeowner fees low.

It will also allow the Association to deliver news to you faster; ready for you to read when you want to! ■

Quorum Drive A Success

Due to the support from the majority of homeowners, a quorum was attained during our annual meeting, held on February 29, 2000 at the Goleta Community Center.

For the first time in many years, at least 51% of homeowners either attended the first meeting or submitted their proxy paperwork in advance.

By having a quorum of homeowners on the first try, the Board did not have to pay for additional hall rental to conduct subsequent meetings. This saved you and the Association money!

Instrumental to this success was a promotion enacted by the Board to encourage participation in the annual meeting. All homeowners present for the meeting, as well as those who had submitted their written proxies, were entered into a drawing. The winners were:

Stephanie Hamilton, 1st Place

One Full Month of Association Fees Waived

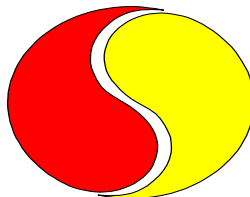
Miguel Martinez, 2nd Place

One-Half Month of Association Fees Waived

Angela Ellis, 3rd Place

One-Quarter Month of Association Fees Waived

Thanks to everyone for your support! ■



Annual Meeting News

New Faces in the Board of Directors

As with any community as dynamic as Oak Grove, the people serving on your Board of Directors are constantly changing. During our annual meeting in February, we saw the retirement of **Yvonne Sawyer** and **Michael Purcell** from the Board.

Yvonne's years of service to our community is much appreciated, and we wish her well in her return to "civilian" life. Michael's retirement was short lived, as he was appointed by the Board to replace **Nick Anikouchine**, who decided to step down from service in August. Nick spent many years on the Board, and was a key player in our successful legal challenge against our original developer. Michael has been, and hopefully will continue to be, active in the development of new amenities throughout our development.

Elections held during the annual meeting saw two new homeowners added to the Board - **Katie Doan** and **David Rasmussen**.

Rounding out the five member Board is **Gail Anikouchine** and **Nona Andrews**. Gail is known to other Board members as the one who keeps a close eye on our operating budget, and has been successful in keeping our monthly fees low year after year. Nona is the head of our landscaping committee, and works closely with our contractor on the design and maintenance of our beautiful grounds.

Each Board member is elected for a term of two years. Seats will be available when our next annual meeting convenes in February 2001.

Perhaps you might be interested in running for a Board spot next year? To get an idea of what the job is like, visit our next Board of Directors meeting. ■



Holiday Decorations

The Holidays will be back in a matter of weeks. During this time homeowners are permitted to trim the outside of their units with a *reasonable* amount of decorations to celebrate the season.

Holiday decorations can be displayed as early as **December 1st**. However, all seasonal decorations need to be removed by **January 14th**.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Our Partner in Homeowner Satisfaction

For many years now, **Good Management Company** has been the day-to-day custodian for the Oak Grove Homeowners Association. They handle most of the operational aspects of the Association, as directed by the volunteer Board of Directors.

Good Management is the one to contact if you have any question about our community, or have an issue that needs to be addressed. Our Property Manager Michelle Armstrong and her great staff are standing by to help you with your needs.

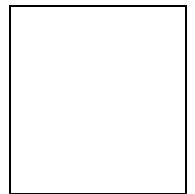
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