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Message From The President

It is a tradition that the President has an opportunity to make a monthly commentary on what is going on in our community. There have been times when I have passed on that opportunity because there has been more than enough rhetoric on subjects that have generated much debate within our world of Broadmoor and Saddle Hill. I sit here tonight wondering what it is that I want to say to you, my neighbors, and I feel that I need to be myself. What occupies my thoughts very often these days is the welfare of my oldest nephew, Benjamin Dickinson. You see Ben is currently serving our country as a Marine in Iraq, his initial transfer orders being to report to Faloujah, the hottest spot in that area of conflict.

Ben was lost for most of his teenage years. He was a smart kid who could never seem to satisfy the requirements of high school and the expectations of his parents. Although he was awarded the Eagle Scout award, his grades were average. He was often in conflict with his parents. At the start of his senior year in the fall of 2002, he made the decision to join the Marines after graduation from high school. This was before our invasion of Iraq and all the violence that has now become habitual headlines in the newspapers and the Internet.

There are days when I open the obituaries in newspaper and fear that I will see his name and summation of the brief time he has spent on this earth. He is a good kid with a level head and a concept of duty to his community and his country. When I think about the daily expectations he must face to go out and serve this country against a hostile people, I feel wholly inadequate. The issues I face in my daily life pale in comparison.

What do these ruminations have to do with the concerns of homeowners here in Broadmoor and Saddle Hill? Maybe it is the thought that we have children such as Ben and his comrades in arms putting their lives in jeopardy in service to a common good. The communities that make up our world, the community of our neighbors, our city, our state and our country, represent that common good. The expectations we have to enjoy our way of life spring from that common good. Our purchase of a home in Broadmoor and Saddle Hill represents our desire to enjoy the opportunities this country has given us, opportunities that have come to us at the cost of lives spent such as Ben's dead compatriots and the men and women who have come before him. When you place the issues that you as a homeowner face against the greater scope of what your sons, daughters, nephews and nieces have done to protect your rights, you and I must be humbled.

What makes this country exceptional is its people. I have traveled extensively through Europe and other countries and yet what has always made me proud of my country is the openness and willingness of this country to shed its selfishness in pursuit of a common good. If we lose the concept that we serve in the cause of a greater good, the American way of life, we have forsaken the heart of what makes us Americans.

My one last comment is that you as homeowners and as citizens pursue your lives in the service of the common good of this community and the country at large. Take pause to consider whether the issue with your neighbor is in the service of your personal needs or the needs of the community at large. That is the least that we can do for those who are putting their lives on the line in service to our country. I thank you for giving me the opportunity to express these thoughts in this forum.

Jim Dickinson, President



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OPCA Board Meetings 1st Thursday of Every Month



Salem Lutheran Church
6500 East. Santiago Canyon
Road

Open Session Begins at 7:00 p.m.

Visit the Broadmoor Park – Saddle Hill Ranch website for the latest news of our neighborhood and the OPA community.

www.broadmoor-saddlehill.org



Orange Park Community Association Business & News

Board Meeting News and Committee Highlights

All present rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Homeowner's Forum

The Association's governing documents and compliance, parking decals, and required setbacks for the small retaining walls were discussed.

Minutes & Financials

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the July 1, 2004 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors and the June 2004 Financial Statements for both the Association and the Stables were accepted as prepared.

Arena & Trails

There was discussion regarding the request from OPA that the Association repair the trail fencing located by the "Roller Coaster" trail.

Lakes

The Board approved the proposal from Water Systems Maintenance, Inc. for the reed cutting, at a cost of \$6,860.00. The cost was to be charged to reserves.

The landscaping contractor and Water Systems Maintenance, Inc. are addressing mosquito abatement.

Landscape

Cliff Nelson, Landscape Committee Chair, advised the Board he had reviewed the four proposals received for rodent control and recommended that the proposal from Safety 1st be approved. The Board approved the

proposal at a cost of \$975.00 per month, with the understanding that the proposal was approved on a three month trial basis.

The Board, Cliff Nelson, and 2 homeowners discussed the two trees recently planted in the common area. The Board reviewed the written complaints from one of the owners regarding potential view impairment caused by the two trees. The Board also reviewed the Association's CC&R's, Article VII, Section 1, regarding view impairments. Ultimately the homeowner was directed to remove the trees.

Another homeowner advised that two sycamore trees had been planted by his home while he was out of town. Mr. Nelson reported the trees were scheduled to be moved, as they were planted without prior authorization by the Landscape Committee to keep the trees from dying.

Master Planning Task Force

Jim Dickinson, reporting for the Master Planning Task Force, advised that a meeting was scheduled for late August during which the Task Force will review the next phase of the design proposal, prior to presenting the design to the community. Many homeowners are looking for the Master Planning Task Force to conclude the master design phase and to move forward with the upgrades.

Pool, Tot Lot, & Tennis

Jane Conti, reporting for the Pool/Tot Lot/Tennis Court Committee, advised that the

delivery of the infant swing was still pending. Theresa Estrada reported that the pool restrooms had been vandalized and that the janitorial service had cleaned them up and had to replace the toilet seats.

Recreation & Hospitality

Jane Conti, reporting for the Recreation/Hospitality Committee, reported the last concert was a huge success and the Alley Cats were scheduled for August 15, 2004 at 5:00 PM by the lake.

Security

The Board reviewed the written report from the Security/Parking Committee. The Board has approved the recommend towing policy and post orders, as submitted by the Security/Parking Committee. Two signs to be placed near the gates will advise of our towing policy.

The Board advises homeowners to call the Orange Police Department when reporting loud parties and suspicious persons. It was reported that the patrol service had detained a person not authorized to fish at the lakes and called the police. The person was arrested for trespassing.

New Business

There was discussion regarding placement of real estate "For Sale" signs and review of Civil Code 713, Civil Code 712, and Civil Code 1368.1 regarding signs. No action was required. It was suggested that the Association consider some type of sign board.

The next Regular Board Meeting was scheduled to be held on Thursday, September 2, 2004.

OPCA's Democracy

I think it is universally accepted that most political environments are subdivided into at least two factions. In modern day parlance, one faction is known as Conservative and another as Liberal. Our Orange Park Community Association is no exception. As a Member of the Board of this organization, I have observed that there is a group of homeowners who are very happy with what we have in Broadmoor Park and wish to do whatever is necessary to maintain it. This group would be called the Conservatives. The other group is also very happy with what we have and wishes to enhance its value by increasing the amount of money spent on maintenance and improvements. This group would be called the Liberals.

I have observed that the Conservatives become very concerned about increasing expenditures for improvements but few, for a variety of reasons, are willing to run for the Board, the group which controls homeowner's association expenditures. On the contrary, the Liberals are convinced that increasing improvements will enhance the value of our homes and that justifies the commensurate increase in expenditures. At the present, it appears that these people feel more duty bound to run for the board.

Our system of government allows each homeowner an opportunity to become involved in our association by volunteering for a committee, running for the Board or by simply voting for candidates who share the homeowner's thinking. I urge every homeowner to seriously consider how he or she will react to the opportunity this year to volunteer for a committee, to run for the board and to vote.

Remember, our elections are not valid unless the majority of homeowners cast a vote!

Submitted by Ed Brislin

If you missed the August concert by the Lake, than you missed a great one. We were entertained by the Alley Cats—America's Premier Doo-Wop Group!



THE ALLEY CATS are a perfect blend of musical talent and comic timing. Their interaction with the audience combined with their spontaneous humor made this show refreshing and exciting. They never missed a beat as they brought their own contemporary style to the great songs of the 50s and 60s.

What has happened this past month

- Attempted break-in at residence on Twinleaf Trail - approximate 1:30 AM.
- Several illegal fishermen asked to leave the premises. One refused, and was arrested by the Orange Police Department for trespass and possession of narcotics.
- Association boat was pushed into lake and overturned. Anaheim Hills Patrol used their winch to retrieve the boat.
- There was extensive vandalism in the restroom, due to the pool gate being left open.
- Vandalism continues at the stables. Please be watchful and report suspicious activities to Anaheim Hills Patrol.
- Note that riders on Go-Peds & Scooters in Broadmoor are still accountable to the City of Orange laws. You must be of at least 16 years of age, and must wear a helmet. Go-Peds & Scooters are very small, and could be overrun by a larger vehicle. Let's keep our children safe. (See attached article printed from the City of Orange—Page 4)
- Just a reminder. Slip and slides are not allowed on association grounds.

Submitted by the Security/Parking Committee



Classifieds and Services

Want to place an ad. E-mail your text based ad to
newsletter@broadmoor-saddlehill.org.

The Trails provides ongoing notices of services available in our community. These notices will continue to be posted for 2 issues at no cost.

For Sale:

Roll top desk - Oak wood (36" w x 45" h x 24" d) - light walnut finish - \$90.00. Contact Bob @ (714)227-1230.

Odd Jobs Wanted:

Young, energetic son of Broadmoor resident seeks summer employment. Clean you stalls, watch your pet, willing to do almost anything. Call Dillon @ 288-1215

The recent popularity of "Go-Peds" (motorized scooters) and miniature motorcycles has caused confusion for the public and extra work for law enforcement. The California Vehicle Code defines a "motorized scooter" as a two-wheeled device designed to be propelled by a motor, with or without human propulsion. To be eligible to operate a motorized scooter on any public highway, one must be 16 years old and wear a bicycle helmet. The scooter cannot be operated on any sidewalk or any roadway with a posted speed limit above 25 mph. The maximum speed limit for a motorized scooter is 15 mph and the rider must obey all traffic laws (Check Vehicle Code 21235 for more restrictions).

Mini-motorcycles look like miniature racing motorcycles. These are defined as "Motorcycles or Motor Driven Cycles". They are required to meet all state and federal safety standards. Riders must obey all traffic laws including the possession of a valid driver's license endorsed for motorcycles, motorcycle helmet, auto insurance and registration. However, the DMV will not register these motorcycles because of the lack of safety equipment, no VIN numbers, smog emissions and engine size. These motorcycles are manufactured strictly for use on private property and are not to be used on a highway.

The safety issue for mini-motorcycles is the size. An adult seated on a mini-motorcycle is a mere 36 inches tall and virtually invisible behind parked cars or in traffic. A child or teenager is even harder to see. Prospective buyers of these mini-motorcycles and motorized scooters need to be aware of the legalities before handing their hard-earned money over to the unscrupulous seller that claims these vehicles are street legal. These vehicles can be found on sale in most auto part stores, lawn mower shops, some department stores, and the swap meet. The old adage "buyer beware" certainly applies. If stopped by law enforcement officers, the riders of these vehicles are at risk of receiving a traffic citation and/or having their mini-motorcycle impounded. Please contact the Orange Police Dept. Traffic Division at (714) 744-7451 for more information.

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