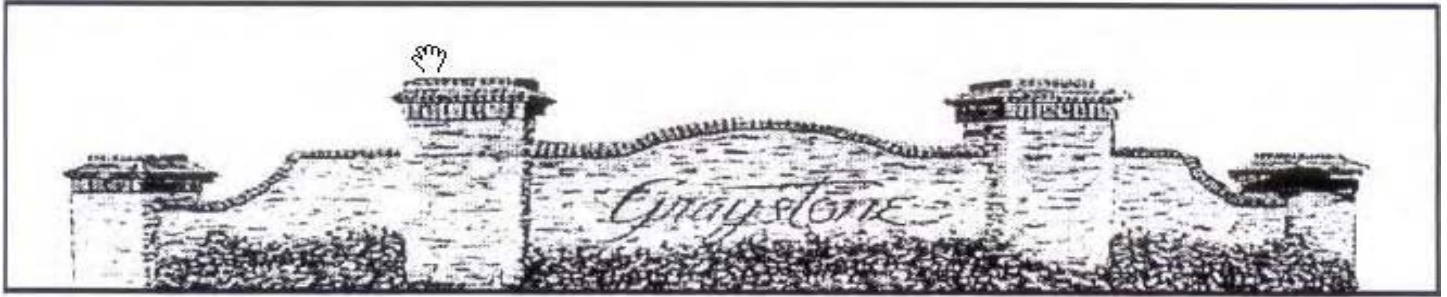


# Graystone of Almaden



A NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

July 2006

## Association Update

By Scott Sherwood, President

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Your new Board says “hello and thank-you”. We are pleased to be elected (Ron who tallied the votes said it was a “landslide”!) and ready to serve everyone in the neighborhood - working to maintain Graystone as a wonderful place to live. The new Board positions were finalized at our first meeting. The positions for this year are as follows:

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| President        | Scott Sherwood, returning to serve in this position for a second time. My new term follows Libby Zwilling who succeeded me last time.             |
| Vice President   | Donna Hecke, returning to the Board after an absence of several years.  |
| Treasurer        | Ron Mak, serving his second year in this position. Ron was a founding Board member of the Association and has served as Treasurer for four years. |
| Secretary        | Jeanine Smith, returning for a second year as Secretary.  |
| Activities Chair | Leslie Saviage, also returning for a second year in this position.  |

After much discussion at our first meeting, we decided that our focus for this year will be in three areas.

- Work to increase attendance at events to better drive our sense of community - helping everyone get to know one another better thru new activities and more creative communications
- Maintain the quality of our core programs that benefit all
  - Landscaping of all common areas
  - Dumpster Day
  - Kids events
  - Picnic
  - Progressive Dinner
- Complete the Erosion Control project at our front entrance

We are budgeting for 105 members but still have a goal of reaching 110. As of now, we have 103 members and a list of 10 others that have been members in prior years. The Board will be following up with those 10 to encourage membership and solicit feedback.

Here is the budget for this year.

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*“The budget is like a mythical bean bag. Congress votes mythical beans into it, then reaches in and tries to pull real ones out.”*

*Will Rodgers*

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<b>Revenue</b>	105 members @ \$80	<b>\$8,400</b>
Landscaping	6 trimmings @ \$250 each	\$1,500
Hillside Erosion Project	Our portion of the remaining cost	\$4,543
Activities/Events	Dumpster \$700 Recycling \$300 Progressive Dinner \$400 Picnic \$400 Kinds Events \$300	
Administrative	Flyers, directory, postage, printing	\$250
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>\$8,393</b>

If you have any questions, please contact any Board member. We encourage your feedback and comments.

## Upcoming Events

1. July 4<sup>th</sup> parade 10:00 a.m. Boulder Mountain/Pfeiffer Ranch Rd. Prizes will be awarded for best costumes, bikes, dog costume, etc. For more information contact Donna Myers at 268-8111.
2. Neighborhood Garage Sale - July 15<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Leslie Saviage at 323-1004.
3. Dumpster day/Hazardous Waste Disposal - July 22<sup>nd</sup>. For more information contact Leslie Saviage at 323-1004.
4. Summer Picnic - September/October timeframe. If you would like to volunteer to be on the committee, contact Jeanine Smith at 927-7505.

## Progressive Dinner Recap

By Jeanine Smith

The annual Graystone Progressive Dinner was held on June 3rd. This year's event was attended by about 50 of our neighbors.

The weather was perfect for walking around the neighborhood and enjoying the company of old friends and new neighbors.

The evening started out with wine and cheese at the lovely home of Tim and Kristen Vehling on Rocky Crest. There was even a beer or two to be had.

From there, neighbors walked to the home of Don and Jeanine Smith on Deer Hollow Dr, where we all enjoyed a host of delectable appetizers and more socializing.

After this main course, we all walked down to Mark and Valerie Haaland's home for a delicious array of desserts and coffee and a few good stories to end the evening.

The Progress Dinner is an annual tradition in the neighborhood and a wonderful way to meet new neighbors and have a fun evening socializing while enjoying delicious food and wine. Not to mention a chance to test new and exciting recipes on your unsuspecting neighbors.

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*"Virtue is not left to stand alone. He who practices it will have neighbors."*

**Confucius**

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**Left to Right:**

*Valerie Haaland,  
Leslie Kyono,  
Manuela Chan,  
Shomit and Birgitte  
Ghose*





**Left to Right:**  
*Jeanine Smith,  
Stephanie Kirchick,  
Betsy Witherspoon*



**Left to Right:**  
*Janice Rose,  
Charlotte and  
Dean Schoen,  
Don Smith*

## Build an Earthquake Kit

[http://72hours.org/build\\_kit.html](http://72hours.org/build_kit.html)

After a major disaster the usual services we take for granted, such as running water, refrigeration, and telephones, may be unavailable. Experts recommend that you should be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least three days. Store your household disaster kit in an easily accessible location. Put contents in a large, watertight container (e.g. a large plastic garbage can with a lid and wheels) that you can move easily.

Your basic emergency kit should include:

- Water - one gallon per person per day
- Food - ready to eat or requiring minimal water
- Manual can opener and other cooking supplies
- Plates, utensils and other feeding supplies
- First Aid kit & instructions
- A copy of important documents & phone numbers
- Warm clothes and rain gear for each family member.
- Heavy work gloves
- Disposable camera
- Unscented liquid household bleach and an eyedropper for water purification
- Personal hygiene items including toilet paper, feminine supplies, hand sanitizer and soap
- Plastic sheeting, duct tape and utility knife for covering broken windows
- Tools such as a crowbar, hammer & nails, staple gun, adjustable wrench and bungee cords.
- Blanket or sleeping bag
- Large heavy duty plastic bags and a plastic bucket for waste and sanitation
- Any special-needs items for children, seniors or people with disabilities. Don't forget water and supplies for your pets.

### Water

In a disaster, water supplies may be cut off or contaminated. Store enough water for everyone in your family to last for at least 3 days.

- Store one gallon of water, per person, per day. This amount will be adequate for general drinking purposes. Three gallons per person per day will give you enough to cook and for limited personal hygiene. Do not forget to plan for your pets.



#### *If you store tap water:*

- Store water in food grade plastic containers, such as clean 2-liter soft drink bottles. Heavy duty, reusable plastic water containers are also available at sporting goods stores.
- Replace water at least once every six months.

#### *If you buy commercially bottled "spring" or "drinking" water:*

- Keep water in its original container, and don't re-store a bottle once it's been opened.
- Label bottles with their replacement date, and store in a cool, dark place.
- Replace water at least once each year.

#### *Treating water after the disaster:*

If you run out of stored drinking water, strain and treat water from your water heater or the toilet reservoir tank (except if you use toilet tank cleaners.) You cannot drink swimming pool or spa water, but you can use it for flushing toilets or washing.

#### *Treatment process:*

Begin by straining any large particles of dirt by pouring the water through a couple of layers of paper towels or clean cloth.

Next, purify the water one of two ways:

- Boil - bring to a rolling boil and maintain for 3-5 minutes. To improve the taste, pour it back and forth between two clean containers to add oxygen back.
- Disinfect - If the water is clear, add 8 drops of bleach per gallon. If it is cloudy, add 16. Shake or stir, then let stand 30 minutes. A slight chlorine taste and smell is normal.

## Neighbor Recommended Businesses

### **Mario General Cleaning Svc and Marble Restoration**

Cell # 204-5916, Residence # 362-2542

“He did my entry way and bar area and it looks like new. He was on time and very personable. He is also doing all my grout in all the bathrooms. He is very reasonably priced. You cannot find anyone in the area to take care of the marble. He is a true find.”

**Nancy Payne, Stonehill Dr.**

### **K&D Quality Pool Service**

Dennis Lee Petty

323-8275

“He does a fantastic job of maintaining our pool”

**Leslie Saviage, Pfeiffer Ranch Court**

### **Vanish Integrated Pest Control**

Ryan

247-3186

“Very professional and knowledgeable.”

**Leslie Saviage, Pfeiffer Ranch Court**