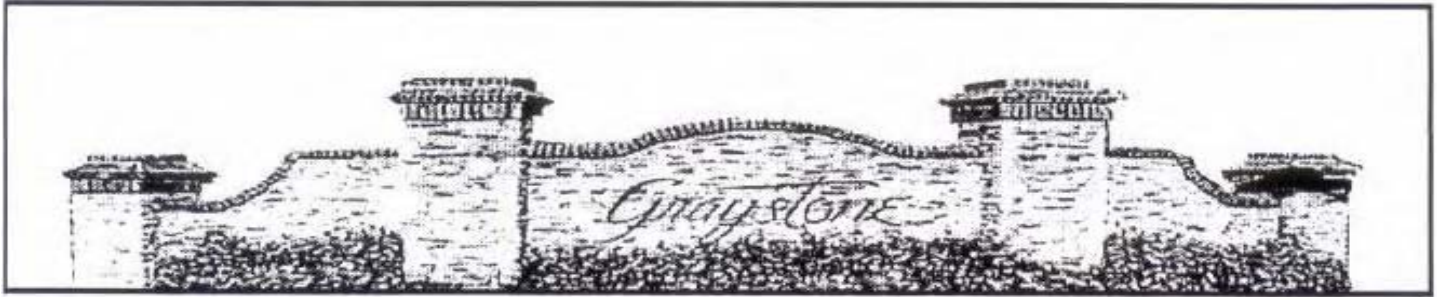


Graystone of Almaden



A NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

July 2007

Association Update

By Scott Sherwood, President

Your new Board is now in place, and with the exception of Julia Alloggiamento who joined for the first time, all Board members are “returnees” from last year. We certainly know what we are getting into since the average service of the returnees is more than four years. But, we are pleased to be elected 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
Vice President	Donna Hecke
Treasurer	Ron Mak
Secretary	Jeanine Smith
Activities Chair	Leslie Saviage
Member-at-Large	Julia Alloggiamento

We decided that our focus for this year will be in five areas:

- Continue to work to increase attendance at events to better drive our sense of community - helping everyone get to know one another
- Maintain the quality of our core programs that benefit all
 - Landscaping of all common areas
 - Dumpster Day
 - Kids events
 - Picnic
 - Progressive Dinner
- Complete Phase 1 of the hillside beautification project located above our new wall on Pfeiffer Ranch Road
 - Apply for a CAP grant - 50% cost sharing
 - Install a watering system and water meter
 - Work with Boy Scouts to assist in installation

Dumpster Day
August 25

- Investigate the feasibility of augmenting the Park maintenance program

As we did last year, we are budgeting for 105 members but still have a goal of reaching 110. As of now we have 104 members and a list of 7 others that have been members in prior years. The Board will be following up with those 7 to encourage membership and solicit feedback

Here is the budget for this year:

Revenue		\$8400
105 members @ \$80		
Landscaping		\$2100
6 trimmings @ \$350 each		
Hillside planting		\$1500
Cost sharing with CAP grant		
Activities/Events		\$3500
Dumpster Day	\$700	
Recycling	\$800	
Activities	\$2000	
Administrative		\$600
Flyers, directory, postage, printing		
Total Expense		\$7700

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

Financials - Year-to-Date Expenditures

Expenditures for Fiscal Year (since May 1, 2007)

Progressive Dinner	\$ 447.20
July 4 Parade	\$ 184.42
Landscaping	\$ 800.00
Election expenses	\$ 133.80
Bank service charges	<u>\$ 13.50</u>
Total Expenses	\$1,578.92

Annual Progressive Dinner

We held our annual progressive dinner this year on Sunday, May 20 starting at 5:00 for wine and cheese at the home of Gina and Clark Freitag. When we were all “chessed out”, we moved on to the main course at the home of Bob and Bridget Singer. We enjoyed delicious neighbor-prepared foods and, of course, more wine and splendid company. Most of us managed to save room for dessert so we headed over to the home of Scott and Karen Sherwood. Again we indulged ourselves with incredibly delectable desserts and enjoyed each other’s company. Another successful dinner orchestrated by our incomparable Leslie Saviage. Thanks, Leslie and to the Freitags, Singers and Sherwoods!

Enjoy the pictures below.

New neighbors, Glenn and Dayna Morton mingle with Joan and Mike Friessnig



Ramon Chea enjoys the company of his wife, Mary and neighbor, Karen Sherwood

Mark and Valerie Haaland chat with wine and cheese hosts Clark and Gina Freitag



Janice Rose, Vicki Maniglia, Jeanine Smith and Charlotte Schoen enjoy a conversation in the beautiful backyard of Bob and Bridget Singer

Annual Fourth of July Parade

Attendance at the annual 4th of July parade was a little light this year, but a good time was had by all who were fortunate enough to attend. This annual event is always thoroughly enjoyed by the kids.

We started out mingling in the park and then paraded down Pfeiffer Ranch Road with the kids all decked out in their best 4th of July outfits, along with their decorated bikes. We returned to the park and enjoyed delicious desserts and had a teen dessert contest (see picture below). There was, of course, the traditional balloon toss and the dangling donut contest.

Awards were given out for best costume, best bike, best dog (Kobe Rose once again won). Goody bags were also given to all the children present.

Once again, it was a wonderful neighborhood event. And we want to thank Libby Zwilling (past neighbor extraordinaire) who while dog and house-sitting for the Myers organized the event.

Enjoy the pictures below.

Getting ready to head out parading!



The ever-fun dangling donut eating contest

Maddie Rose shows off her award for best dressed



The kids (and adults alike) always enjoy the balloon toss


The teen dessert baking contest winners
Ashley Smith - 1st
Melanie Kyoko &
Lizzie Chan - 2nd
Megan Rose - 3rd



Neighbor Recommended Businesses

Carla & Russ Dietz

Each of our three boys have attended St. Timothy's from pre-school through the fifth grade. Our youngest still has 2 years left before he graduates. I highly recommend St. Timothy's to any family looking for a pre-school and/or elementary school that offers a great education plus a wonderful, caring team of teachers and staff who love teaching children. The school is small enough that your child (and you as parents!) will receive individual attention, but large enough that it offers all specialty classes. The tuition is reasonable, and they offer daycare as well. Visit the school office or their link at: www.st-tims-lutheran.org. Feel free to call us also: Russ and Carla Dietz (408) 323-179

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Neighbor Advertising



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Contact me at 6496 Deer Hollow Drive, home phone 268-8111, cell phone 313-2851



Hi, I'm Amy Smith

I'm 15 years old and will be a sophomore at Presentation High School. I am very good with kids and am available to babysit most days after school and on weekends.

Contact: 927-7505



Hi, I'm Kelsey Smith

I'm 17 years old and will be a senior at Presentation High School. I love kids and kids love me. I am available to babysit evenings and weekends.

Contact 927-7505

If anyone else would like to advertise babysitting availability, please send notice to Jeanine Smith @ smithdsl@pacbell.net

For Sale

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