



Graystone of Almaden

A Neighborhood Association
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Boulder Barrier

From This!



To This!



Boulder Barrier Completed



In February we completed the project to block vehicle access to and enhance the aesthetics of the open space on Rocky Crest and Boulder Mountain Way. We contracted with Loyaza's Landscaping to complete the work for \$6800. As you can see from the pictures, major equipment was required to move dozens of natural boulders on the property and to place them so they accomplished both goals. So far, so good! Let's hope that we have fewer problems with jeeps and trucks on the hillside and kids taking furniture and other items into the property to use as a hang out. For more information on safety and security, please read the article on private security options.



Proposal For Boulder Ridge Golf Club A New Fitness & Swim Center!



In 2008, we spent a considerable amount of time and effort researching and debating the “Event Tent” proposed by Boulder Ridge Golf Club. As most of you know, after meetings with the owner/ developer, Rocke Garcia, Santa Clara County planning staff and the County Commissioner, we finally agreed to a much revised proposal - a proposal to allow Boulder Ridge to build an Event Center Building. The Event Center building complies with all restrictions originally imposed on the Clubhouse including adherence to noise and use requirements.

It is important to note that our agreement with Rocke Garcia and the county was based upon the agreed interpretation that the Event Center was essentially a completion of the Clubhouse, because the Clubhouse had not used up all approved square footage allowable under the original use permit. The combination of the Clubhouse and the new Event Center is approximately a 22,000 square foot structure. Under the current use permit and the 1994 Board of Supervisors Resolution, this represented the maximum development on the property. It is clearly stated that no outdoor pools are allowable at Boulder Ridge.

We have once again joined forces with Almaden Hills Estates to fully understand and debate a new proposal for development on the hill above our homes. Rocke Garcia is now proposing a 23,000 square foot fitness center and a set of outdoor swimming pools. Many of our old fears of noise problems and excessive hillside development seem to be back. We have written a letter contesting his right to build a new facility and have also met with Supervisor Wasserman to share our views. As of now, we believe that it will take a majority vote of the current County Supervisors to allow additional development on the property. We will continue to keep you informed of our conversations and the County response.

Private Security Anyone?

As we continue to suffer with a reduced City of SJ Police force and increased crime, we are exploring many options. Recently we held a workshop to educate us on the use of video surveillance technology. Clearly the new technologies are impressive and are worthy of consideration. The quality of the HD video and the night vision capabilities are impressive. Logitech, the presenter, offered everyone in attendance product information and discount opportunities.

In addition, we attended another workshop to better understand the services available from private security organizations and the cost. In this workshop, First Alarm Security & Patrol presented how they can augment the work of the SJPD. Specifically, they can provide us with four potentially useful services:

1. Daily neighborhood patrol - up to every 3 hours, 24 hours a day
2. Response to our home alarms within 5 minutes when dispatched by our alarm monitoring service - the police will not come to investigate an alarm even if called by your monitoring company unless they are able to confirm a crime is in progress
3. Response to our phone calls, again within 5 minutes, to deal with current concerns including teenagers in the open space, intruders on your property or suspicious vehicles in the street
4. Daily inspection of our property when away from home

We are currently investigating our options. To make it financially feasible,, we need to sign up approximately 150 homes , clearly a number that will require participation with other neighborhoods. Early estimates suggest that we could contract for the services for about \$1.00 a day if we can generate enough interest. If you would like to discuss this option, please email Scott Sherwood at scottwsherwood@gmail.com.

Board Members Needed

As we approach our new fiscal year (May thru April) we will be electing Board members to run the Association. We have around 110 members and an annual budget of about \$9000. We spend approximately \$6000 a year on annual expenses and fund our "capital account" approximately \$3000 a year. Capital expenses are incurred every few years with the Boulder Barrier project the most recent project. We encourage you to consider joining the Board and lending us a hand at managing the Association and providing your input. Without a willing and helpful Board, the Association will not survive and thrive. So, if you are interested in discussing Board membership, please contact Paul Reilly, our current President, at paulreilly2@yahoo.com. Thanks in advance for considering helping out.

Progressive Dinner Reminder

You are cordially invited to the annual
Graystone Progressive Dinner
on Saturday, April 27th, at 6:00p.m.
Adults Only

Heavy Appetizers at the home of
Ben and Jeanette Gibson, 6564 Pfeiffer Ranch Rd.
Dessert at the home of
Augusto and Claudia De Olivera, 6562 Rocky Crest Dr.

Please R.S.V.P. to Kristen Vehling by April 19th and indicate if you will be bringing an appetizer or a dessert.
(408)268-5973 or kvehling@yahoo.com

Please drop off your appetizer before 6:30 or desserts by 5:45 to accommodate everyone.

You're Invited to a



Save The Date Saturday, August 24

Last year, more than 100 of your neighbors joined in the fun. Hopefully we will have the same great weather and even a bigger turnout. So, mark your calendar now. Block out late afternoon to early evening and come hungry. Details and RSVP information to follow this Summer.

Pothole Reporting



When potholes develop in our streets, you can report them to the City of SJ by going to:

<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/?nid=270>

or by calling 408 794 1900.

Several people have called the Board about the new pothole by our tot park on Pfeiffer Ranch Road. The more that report the problem to the City, the better!