

Graystone of Almaden Neighborhood Association

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Association Update, Dues Renewal & Board Vote – Scott Sherwood, President

It is time to renew your association membership and vote in elections for the new Board of our neighborhood homeowners association. Our key accomplishments in the past year are:

- Last year, land use issues dominated our work. Preserving our “open space” is critical to all of us. We were successful working as an organized group in turning back one more hillside development proposal. This year the issue is similar. We have worked hard to avoid problems with an open air “Event Tent” at Boulder Ridge Golf Club. While our work is not nearly finished, we have succeeded in getting this development proposal into the County and City’s full field of view, ensuring that it will have the benefit of public scrutiny and review. We are sure that this item will take a great deal of time in the upcoming year. As we have clearly stated, an “Event Tent” perched on our hillside, overlooking our homes, generating noise and music 12 times a month is not an acceptable situation. We will fight this!
- As a result of the “Event Tent” emergency, we now proudly have our own website (www.almadengraystone.org) so we can communicate quickly and post important materials for everyone to review. Additionally, we have posted the Association by-laws and other key legal documents and all our past newsletters as reference items. In the coming months, we hope to add new features to our website to encourage the sharing of additional information, such as contractor suggestions. Check it out!
- Previously we applied for and won a City of San Jose Community Action & Pride (CAP) grant for \$5,726 to help us complete phase 1 of our “hillside erosion project” to build a retaining wall on Pfeiffer Ranch Road. We paid for our portion of this project with funds reserved from '05-'06 and '06-'07 budgets, totaling \$7,736. This year we have applied for a second CAP grant (this request is for \$4,500) to help pay for a watering system so we can plant and maintain colorful ground cover to improve esthetics. We should get feedback on our application in June.
- Held another Dumpster Day and hazardous material recycling event. Once again, the dumpster was full within hours and lots of paint and other hazardous substances were properly disposed.
- Held our social events – Progressive dinner, 4th of July parade, and the Halloween parade.
Note: This year’s progressive dinner is scheduled for May 18th – see separate flyer.
- Continued our new neighbor welcome program with visits and gift baskets for all and we distributed an updated neighborhood directory.
- Finally, we had our “common areas” mowed and trimmed throughout the year.

Here is a overview of the revenue and expenditures for the past year:

Revenue (\$80 annual dues x 108 members)	\$ 8,640
Expenses	
Landscape maintenance	\$ 1,380
Dumpster Day & hazardous waste	\$ 951
Activities	\$ 657
Communications/Directory/Website/Admin	\$ 870
Legal (Event Tent) & Water project reserves	\$ 4,000
Balance	\$ 782

Please renew your membership by enclosing a check for \$80 payable to Graystone of Almaden and vote on the attached ballot for your new Board, the proposed bylaw change and update your information for the Directory.

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Annual Meeting & Board Elections

The Graystone annual meeting will be held on May 21, 2008 at the Sherwood house at 6511 Deer Hollow Drive, San Jose, at 7:30 p.m. At that meeting, we will announce the Board of Directors for the fiscal year May 1, 2008 through April 30, 2009 and begin planning for the coming year. The following people have been nominated for the five positions to serve on the Board:

Julia Alloggiamento _____
Lea Kammerer _____
Leo Hecke _____
Ron Mak _____
Scott Sherwood _____

PLEASE VOTE FOR UP TO A TOTAL OF FIVE (5) CANDIDATES, INCLUDING WRITE-IN CANDIDATES.

_____ (WRITE-IN)

If you have an item you would like on the agenda at the annual meeting, please call Scott Sherwood @ 268-6115 or email him at scottsherwood@sbcglobal.net.

Bylaw Change

Your Board recommends approval of the following bylaw change to allow for flexibility in staffing key Board positions. In Section 2 of our Bylaws, Term of Office, Directors may only hold the same position as an officer for no more than two consecutive terms. We propose to delete this restriction. The new wording would be: *"A member of the Corporation may serve as Director for any number of consecutive terms and a Director may hold the same position as an officer of the Corporation for any number of consecutive terms so long as at least 75% of the Board vote to confirm the officer in that position."*

Approve this change _____

Reject this change _____

Directory Information

Name(s) Adults _____

Children w/ ages (living @ home) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-Mail(s) _____

Volunteer Help

We need volunteers to make these happen! Please choose one activity where you are willing to help out:

_____ Children's Parades/Activities

_____ Progressive Dinner

_____ Dumpster Day/ Garage Sale

_____ Newsletter/Website

_____ Picnic/Social Event

_____ "Event Tent" Committee

PLEASE RETURN THIS BALLOT AND YOUR CHECK FOR \$80 (payable to Graystone of Almaden) in the enclosed envelope by May 16, 2008. You must be a Graystone of Almaden Neighborhood Association member in order to vote.