



Graystone of Almaden, A Neighborhood Association December Newsletter

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Our a new service - Online Forums, has been up and running now for a few months. Online Forums allow us to share important information regarding topics of interest - topics including recommended household vendors, babysitters and pet sitters, tutors, handyman and items we want to sell. We recently had our first major success story - the selling of an unwanted item by one neighbor to another neighbor for \$1500. It's safer than strangers coming to your home in answer to your on-line listings. Our forums may be your answer to a New Year's resolution to declutter! Check it out!

To make this new service useful, we need you to continue sharing your knowledge by inputting your favorite providers and items for sale. We already have information on handymen, painters, garage door repairman, appliance service personnel and tutors. Please take a few minutes and log in to our website, www.almadengraystone.org and give us your input.

Each household that is a current paid-up member of the association has an account. Your user name is your last name, such as jones. Each account's initial password is changeme which you should change.

Click on the FAQ link near the upper right to get tips on how to use Online Forums. In particular, to change your password or e-mail address: (1) Click the "User Control Panel" link near the upper left. (2) Click the "Profile" tab. (3) Click "Edit account settings". (4) You can then change your password or e-mail address.

Solar Power *By Scott Sherwood (6511 Deer Hollow Drive)*

In case you haven't noticed, a number of your neighbors have installed solar panels on the roofs of their homes - four homes on Deer Hollow alone. Most of us are offsetting at least 1/2 of our electric bill and helping to save the environment too. Our homes are well suited for solar panels as we have cement roof tiles that will last another 25+ years and we have unblocked southern sky views that provide the best sun. If you are interested in hearing more about solar, contact any of the homeowners who have installed solar or contact me at scottsherwood@sbcglobal.net for more information. Current tax incentives and rebates make this a great time to consider solar power.

Neighborhood Directory Update

The new neighborhood directory is finally ready to be printed and distributed. We apologize for the delay. But, we think we have included all of the updates and edits. The directory will be distributed to everyone in January. If you catch a mistake or want to update your information, please contact us. We will log the change for future editions.

Boulder Ridge Update

The Event Center building is taking shape. No canvas tent can be seen! Yeah! In case you have not taken a close look at the progress, we have included a couple of pictures.

Obviously, we will not have complete knowledge of the "soundproofness" of the building until it is put in use, but it certainly looks promising!



Halloween Parade

Fun was had by all at the Graystone Annual Halloween Parade. We met at the park and paraded to a new location ending up on Pfeiffer Ranch Ct. There were plenty of ghouls, goblins, treats and prizes to be had. Take a look the the pictures. If you were not there, you missed some good fun.

What a great place to live! A big thanks to Donna Miller and Janice Rose. for organizing this event.





Poker Night Update - The Chips Were Flying!

By Greg Turetzky (6547 Deer Hollow Drive)

On Friday, October 23rd, I hosted the first Poker Night. Almost a dozen people joined in on the fun. A low stakes version of 25 to 50 cent Texas hold'em was the preferred game. So, I guess no one "bet the house", but everyone had plenty of fun.

At the end of the evening, I forgot to ask for a volunteer to host the next evening of poker. We are thinking that we would like to hold Poker Night once a quarter. If you are willing to host, please contact me @ turetzkyg@yahoo.com. Once we have a host, we will let that person pick a final date and time. So, willing to host??

Stonehill Landscaping

Earlier this year we cleaned up the open space hillside on Stonehill and trimmed the trees. It looks better but we think it still could use some improvements. We are in process of getting bids for replacing the stone between the sidewalk and the street and hope to get this work completed by spring.

Association Progress

We are pleased to report that we now have 111 paid members for this year, with two of our newest neighbors joining. Please welcome:

J Augusto & Claudia de Oliveira @ 6562 Rocky Crest Drive

Tim & Rae Minvielle @ 6484 Pfeiffer Ranch Court