

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

An Important Message to Vista Residents!!!

We have been having a lot of complaints about dangerous driving in OUR community. People are not obeying the one-way signs. People have been parking on the streets. People have been speeding.

Here are some things we all need to remember:

- All of our streets are private, we own them, and **they are all ONE WAY**
- There is **NO PARKING on our streets**; this is a Fire Marshal ordinance
- The speed limit on OUR streets is **15 miles per hour**
- The overflow parking is allowed on **Rockview**, a City street

We all know that we should follow these simple rules, but we are not doing it. If we continue the same, we will have a tragedy -- someone will be hurt or a child will be badly injured (or worse). Surely it should not take such an accident to wake us up to safety.

So **PLEASE** people, let us put **safety first** and drive cautiously. Everyone, especially the children, will appreciate it.

September Board Meeting

The Board of Directors of Turtle Rock Vista Homeowners' Association met on September 2, 2008 at the Los Lomas Community Center at 10 Federation Way in Irvine. The meeting was convened at 7 pm and started with a Homeowners' Forum.

During the Homeowners' Forum, there was a discussion on how to best bring our Directory up to date and Toni Dwyer agreed to do some preliminary work on this.

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Next Board Meeting

MONDAY, OCTOBER

6TH, 2008

7:00 P.M. at

LAS LOMAS

COMMUNITY CENTER

10 Federation Way

(corner of Turtle Ridge -

take first left after

Shady Canyon)

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DEADLINE for submissions to the November newsletter - Wednesday, October 15th.

SAVE THE DATE(s) - VISTA HOLIDAY PARTY



It is that time of the year again! The community holiday party is scheduled on either Sunday, December 7th or December 14th. Official invitation will be sent to you soon. Stay tuned for more details in the upcoming issues!

We can always use more volunteers for the biggest event of the year. Should you wish to lend a helping hand, please contact Barbara McCullough at 854-1730/cbmc4re@mccollough.cc.



DESPERATELY WANTED - NEWSLETTER STAFF!

The newsletter team is looking for a few good folks to get involved with the writing and production of the monthly newsletter, Vista View. Our community is rich with talented, educated people who could bring new ideas and creativity to this important neighborhood communication piece. Please consider sharing your time and talents to make our newsletter even better. If you are interested, please contact Sue Suesada at mchanglegs@cox.net/854-7101.

MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW COMMUNITY MANAGER!

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Liza Salinas and I'm the new Community Manager for Turtle Rock Vista. Stephen Stanton, your previous Community Manager, was promoted to manage a very large-scale community in Mission Viejo.

Although I've only been with Action Property Management for a little under a year, I have been employed in the property management business for over 8 years now. Prior to Action Property Management, I was employed for a self-managed large-scale association in Laguna Hills called Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association.

I look forward to working with all the homeowners and Board members. Should anyone have any questions or concerns, my contact information is as follows: phone 949.450.0202; email is lsalinas@actionlife.com; and fax is 948.450.4358. Even if you just want to say hello please don't hesitate to contact me.

The newsletter team will interview Liza in the near future so that we can all get to know her better. Welcome aboard, Liza!

TREE TRIMMING

Long-awaited tree trimming in the Vistas is scheduled on Tuesday, October 21st.



Meet Your Neighbors...

Bill and Cyndee Mitchell 46 Rocky Knoll

One would assume that the author of "How We Drastically Cut Our Utility Bill" and "How We Slashed Our Water Bill" is a Depression-era octogenarian. Surprisingly, Bill Mitchell is an energetic entrepreneur in his early 40s. With an average age of 41, he and his lovely wife Cyndee are among the youngest Vista homeowners, perhaps second only to the fresh-faced Kims of Rocky Knoll.

A 5th-generation Orange Countian, Bill grew up mainly in Turtle Rock. His grandfather was foreman of the Irvine Company bean warehouse (now the La Quinta Inn on Sand Canyon Ave.) in the 1940s, and after the war arranged the return of farmland unfairly expropriated from Japanese-American families during their internment. Bill's great-grandfather was on the Orange County Board of Supervisors, helping to arrange federal financing to extend the landmark jetties that guard the entrance to Newport Harbor.

The son of an attorney and a homemaker, Bill earned degrees in physics and engineering from Reed College and Caltech. A few weeks after arriving at his first job, writing software for Apple Computer in Silicon Valley, his office was destroyed by the Loma Prieta Earthquake. Two otherwise uneventful years later, he got an itch for something new. Normally that means school, marriage or a Porsche, but Bill was never one to take the predictable path. Instead, he bicycled solo across the United



States, leaving Newport Pier on his TREK 520 in September and arriving at St. Augustine Pier in Florida the next spring, after wintering in New Orleans. Why New Orleans? Of course, there was a woman involved (isn't there always?), and that woman was Cyndee, his future wife.

Cyndee's parents arrived in America from the Philippines in the '50s, after an entirely more personal experience of the Second World War. Her mother spent early childhood hiding in the mountains northwest of occupied Manila, watching Allied and Axis dogfights overhead; her grandfather survived the Bataan Death March, fleeing army bayonets into the jungle. These and other experiences forged a mental toughness that was passed on to Cyndee.

Born in Pennsylvania, Cyndee was inspired by her mother, a medical technologist, and her father, a chemical process engineer, to go into medicine. After graduating from UCI, Cyndee went to Tulane University Medical School in New Orleans in 1989. At a dinner cruise organized by her roommate, she met Bill, then in town to visit another Tulane student, his best friend from University High. Neither claims it was love at first sight, but duly lubricated with party imbibements, Bill, a musician, picked up the guitar and began to sing. Space Oddity (David Bowie), Message in a Bottle (The Police), and If I Fell (The Beatles) - the playlist was ~~sappy~~ romantic enough to make even a Valkyrie weep. For months afterward, Cyndee listened incessantly to a recording of the impromptu jam session, and the heart grew fonder. When Bill visited for Mardi Gras three months later, they were reunited; sparks flew as they danced all night long, and they knew they had something special.

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Bill promises to install honeycomb blinds, which are designed for energy efficiency, and report his findings in a future article on Vista View. Till then, wave when you see him zoom past on his funky but fast Alex Moulton bicycle (you know, the one with 17" wheels and plastic fairing), on which he commutes to his office in Costa Mesa. Perhaps he'll one day convince us how much money we could save by taking our bikes to work. Stay tuned!

(This interview was conducted in August 2008.)



(Board Message, continued from page 1)

During the committee reports, the Board agreed to call for bids to have our roofs and rain gutters cleaned. The Board also received a report that some of the sewer lines had been filmed and no major problems were identified. The Board approved a bid from Treeco to trim some of our trees; this also included the removal of the trees which represent a safety hazard.

The Board delayed the purchase of several traffic signs, in the hope that they would not be needed. No one wants our community to have traffic signs every 100 feet.

On behalf of YOUR Board
Eldon Ferguson, President

*For complete meeting minutes, please visit www.trvista.org.

ARCHITECTURAL PROCEDURES

Basically any changes affecting the outside **MUST BE APPROVED** by the Vista Architectural Committee. Many of these changes require permits from the City of Irvine. In addition, interior improvements that affect the building structure **MUST HAVE** the Association approval and may also require permits from the City of Irvine.

Please keep in mind that any future problems resulting from changes to the condo, even with approval from the Architectural Committee and the City of Irvine, are still the responsibility of the homeowner and all subsequent homeowners.

If in doubt about required approvals, please contact the Architectural Committee at 949 854 0815.

(More information on the architectural procedures can be found at www.trvista.org under "Architectural Info.")

Upcoming Event

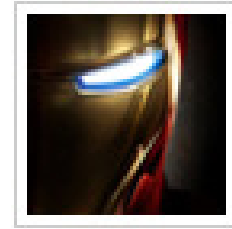
Movie on the Lawn: Iron Man (PG-13)

When: Saturday, October 11, 2008 at 8:00 PM

Where: Orange County Great Park -- Preview Park Lawn

From the I-405 Freeway Heading South

1. Exit Shady Canyon Dr/Sand Canyon Ave and turn left on Sand Canyon Ave
2. Turn right on Marine Way
3. Turn left at the T intersection onto Perimeter Rd
4. Follow the orange signs to the Balloon



Description: Grab your beach chair and blanket for the box office hit, *Iron Man*.

Free parking, admission, and popcorn!

UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM PROJECT - EIR TIMELINE

Our community website (www.trvista.org) has a dedicated page for the proposed University High School stadium project. You'll find the latest information on this very controversial project that will affect all of us in the Vistas. Relevant documents are listed and archived there as well. Please check the website for future updates.

According to the most recent update from the Irvine Unified School District the preliminary Environmental Impact report is due out in early October. At the time it is available, all concerned parties should be prepared to respond with comments as to whether the concerns of the neighbors to the stadium have been fully addressed.

At this time, meetings have been held with Mayor Beth Krom and Mayor Pro Tem Sukhee Kang to discuss concerns with the University High site for the stadium. These representatives are supportive and Sukhee Kang indicated that he will be working with the school district and Irvine Valley College to see if that site might be better for all. Meetings with councilpersons Christina Shea and Stephen Choi are being scheduled, as well as with councilman Larry Agran.

It would be very helpful if members of our community sent an email to members of the council as the city has been so supportive of the school district and should have some influence.

Mayor Beth Krom - bkrom@ci.irvine.ca.us
Mayor Pro Tem - skang@ci.irvine.ca.us
Councilman Larry Agran - lagran@ci.irvine.ca.us
Councilman Steven Choi - schoi@ci.irvine.ca.us
Councilwoman Christina Shea - cshea@ci.irvine.ca.us

An effort by many community members is necessary to have our concerns heard by our elected representatives. Please write!

To be placed on the email notification list to receive further information on the stadium project, please contact Janis Kerr at janiskerr@juno.com. Make sure you include the word STADIUM in the subject line.



Did you know...

UCI's mascot (anteater!) was inspired by the Johnny Hart comic strip, "B.C."



Can you...

name all six cities that border Irvine? (Answer is on the bottom of the page.)

NEW NEWSLETTER COLOR!

Let us know what YOU think! Post a message on the community website or e-mail Sue at mchanglegs@cox.net.

WANTED: Remote control for the old garage door. Please call Jay at 854-7101.

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