October 2009 Issue 9

Next Board Meeting

Monday, October 5th,
2009
7:00 P.M. at
TURTLE ROCK
COMMUNITY PARK
1 Sunnyhill Drive
Irvine, CA

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

The Board of Directors of the Turtle Rock Vista Homeowners' Association met on September 8, 2009, in the Turtle Rock Community Center, 1 Sunnyhill, Irvine.

The meeting was convened at 7 pm and started with a Homeowners' Open Forum. Several Homeowners asked questions of the Board and Committee members. There was a short debate on items of Homeowners' responsibilities and those of the Association.

The Board was informed that the termite control contract will be enacted and our houses will have been inspected and treated, if necessary, for termites, by the time you read this. You received details about this from the management company and/or the termite company, and in Vista View.

The Board approved proposals from Treeco to remove several dead or dying eucalyptus trees. There was also a discussion about our pine trees as it appears they may be infested with spider mites. After some discussion, it was decided that the management company should ask for a second opinion on whether or not the infestation is real and whether or not the remedy suggested is the best way to treat the diseased trees. The Board expects to have the information to make an informed decision at the October meeting.

The Board welcomed David Gwidt back to the Board to complete the term of Dennis McCollough. You will learn more about David when his profile appears in Vista View.

The Board held a brief Executive session and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next Board meeting will be held at the Community Center in Turtle Rock at 1 Sunnyhill Drive at 7:00 pm on Monday, October 5, 2009.

On behalf of your Board Eldon Ferguson, President

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Vistas Website: www.turtlerockvista.org or www.trvista.org

DEADLINE for submissions to the November newsletter - Tuesday, October 20th.

Editor's Note

Nope, no change. It's still just me, so unless otherwise stated, the responsibility for all articles in this issue lies with me, Sue Suesada. If you'd like to work on the newsletter with me or become a regular or occasional contributor, please let me know. A fresh POV is always welcome!



As always, your feedback is greatly appreciated. E-mail me at mchanglegs@cox.net.

News and Announcements

From the Landscape Committee: Please refrain from walking through our islands as shortcuts to your cars. We are starting to replant the islands and have found way too many paths from residents taking short cuts! Please go AROUND the islands - it's good exercise for you, anyway!

Also, we are in the process of trimming the overgrown lantanas in front of our court lamps so that the sprinkler can reach the boxwood in the back. Our gardeners have reassured us that the lantanas will be back in time for the holiday season to provide us with beautiful colors. We appreciate your patience.

Holiday Party - A Home Needed: October has arrived, which means we only have two months before the holiday season. If we are to have a holiday party this year, we need at least ONE home. If you are willing to open up your home for this fun occasion, please contact me at mchanglegs@cox.net/ 705 8243 as soon as possible.

If we cannot find any homes, we will have to forgo the party this year. If you have a good idea for a late-winter or spring get-together instead, please feel free to contact me. We are also always looking for a few folks that are willing to help out organizing social events. Please let me know if the community can count on you!

Street Parking – **A Big No-No:** This is a gentle reminder that no street parking is allowed in the Vistas. Also, please refrain from parking in the auto courts. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

New Book by a Vista Homeowner: Vistas' own Carmen Macbeth and her sister, Mercedes Rubiano-Vanegas, have just finished publishing their first book, which is now available for sale online worldwide. The subject of the book is childhood obesity and childhood obesity treatment. Its Spanish title is "Obesidad Tratamiento Juvenil". It was written in Spanish so that it can be read by the Spanish speaking people who now have little or no information available to them on how to deal with childhood obesity problems in their own families. For more information, please visit the book's official website: www.Obesidadtratamiento.com.



Please submit all news and announcements to mchanglegs@cox.net by the 20th of each month. Share interesting/informative information about you or your family with the rest of the community!

UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM PROJECT UPDATE

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.

Update for October 2009



Land First Making Headway in Fight against Proposed Stadium!

Land First, the informal collaboration the TRV HOA has formed with the other associations impacted by the approved stadium at Uni High, is making headway! The Irvine City Council chose not to agree to settle the lawsuit against the School District. They have heeded Land First's urgent requests to hold off and at least wait to see how the November 5, 6, 7, Uni Homecoming/Alumni weekend comes off.

Land First, as part of its litigation efforts, has proposed to the School District that they conduct an objective, comprehensive analysis of alternative sites. We have provided the District with a list of criteria they should consider in evaluating any sites considered, including the Uni High site.

Special thanks to Toni Dwyer (of TRV) and David Sprang and Susanna Wilkinson (of Campus View) who testified at the City Council meeting in early September and also to Bill Chadwick (of Campus View) and Virginia Laddy (of Regents Point) for their support.

We still have a way to go and must keep up our efforts. Janice Kerr photographed the chaos of cars coming in and around the school at the first day of semester at Uni High. Dave Sprang and Don McCrea will attend the Great Park Board meeting on October 1 to encourage the Great Park Board to move forward with building a stadium and making overtures to the IUSD Board to enter into a joint use agreement with the Great Park to share the larger, more professional stadium planned for the Great Park.

Many thanks to Neil Morchower for his handling of the funds. We still need to close a gap between what has been brought in and what the litigation is costing. We encourage all of you who believe this is not the right location to build a 3,000-person stadium to send whatever you can afford (even if it's as little as \$5) to Neil Morchower at 3 Falling Leaf. Please make your checks payable to <u>Miles-Chen</u> Law Group.

There is still much to do before the November Uni High homecoming weekend, with its planned football game. Land First will meet again after October 1 to plan our approach to documenting the November weekend in order to have proof of what this kind of event will look like for all concerned.

Finally, thank you for all your letters, calls, etc. to the City Council. They have been very effective. If you haven't yet written to the Mayor or any of the City Council, please do so soon, expressing your concerns about a stadium. Their names and e-mail addresses are listed below. In addition, please keep talking to everyone you know, encouraging them to provide support, letters, and funds. If you would like to obtain signatures on a petition, please contact Toni Dwyer at 949-854-8895 or readatoni@cox.net.

Emails:

Mayor Sukhee Kang - <u>sukheekang@ci.irvine.ca.us</u>
Mayor Prom Tem.Larry Agran - <u>larryaqran@ci.irvine.ca.us</u>
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Council person Christina Shea - <u>christinashea@ci.irvine.ca.us</u>
Council person Steven Choi - <u>stevenchoi@ci.irvine.ca.us</u>

Please visit http://unihighstadium.org/ for up-to-date information.

Vista Classifieds

Babysitter in the Vistas: Looking for a babysitter? Look no further. Contact Celeste Broderick (age 13) at 949-725-0733 now!

*Vista View is in the process of bringing back the Vista Babysitters List. If you are interested in listing your name/number, please contact Sue at 705-8243/mchanglegs@cox.net.

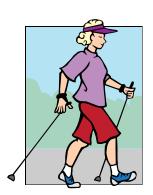
Local Hikes

Bommer Canyon

(Bommer Canyon Trailhead on Shady Canyon Dr. between Shady Canyon gate and Culver Dr.)

Bommer Canyon is usually closed to the public. These docent-led hikes and programs are the only ways for you to see the beauty of the area for yourself.

October 14th and 28th (Wednesday), 8 a.m. ~: Mid-week Hike*
October 15th (Thursday), 4 p.m. ~: Spooky Skulls
October 18th (Sunday), 4 p.m. ~: Sunset Biodiversity Hike*
October 24th (Saturday), 10 a.m. ~: Ooey Gooey Gross Side of Nature
October 28th (Wednesday), 6 p.m. ~: After Work Evening Fitness Hike*
July 25th (Saturday), 9 a.m. ~: Animal CSI: Interpreting Nature's Evidence



Quail Hill

(Quail Hill Trailhead on 34 Shady Canyon Drive off Sand Canyon)
October 7th and 21st (Wednesday), 8 a.m. ~: Mid-week Distance Hike*
*These hikes are listed as "strenuous."

All programs are free, but pre-registration is required. For more information and to register, visit www.irvineranchwildlands.org and click "Let's Go Outside" or call 714-508-4757.

Days are getting shorter. Please wear reflective/illuminating gear, carry a flashlight, and attach an LED safety light when you walk/run/bike in low light so that you can see and be seen by drivers. Safe hiking, everyone!



A friendly reminder - the speed limit in the Vistas is 15 mph.

Free Local Events

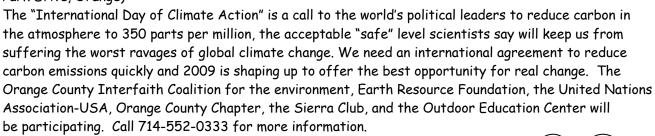
Orange County Great Park (OCGP) presents Movie on the Lawn: The Dark Knight (PG-13)

Saturday, October 10th 8:00pm

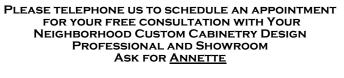
(OCGP, http://www.ocqp.org/visit/hours-directions/)

The follow-up to *Batman Begins, The Dark Knight* reunites director Christopher Nolan and star Christian Bale, who reprises the role of Batman/Bruce Wayne in his continuing war on crime. Heath Ledger won an Oscar for Best Supporting Actor posthumously for his portrayal of the Joker. Free Admission, \$8.00 parking. For more information, please call 949-724-OCGP (6247) or visit www.ocgp.org.

International Day of Climate Action
Saturday, October 24th 7:00am - 2:30pm
(Outdoor Education Center at Irvine Regional Park, 2 Irvine Park Drive, Orange)









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