

**Next Board Meeting**

**TUESDAY,**  
**SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>,**  
**2009**

**(Irregular Schedule!)**

7:00 P.M. at  
TURTLE ROCK  
COMMUNITY PARK  
1 Sunnyhill Drive  
Irvine, CA

**MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD**

The Board of Directors of the Turtle Rock Vista Homeowners' Association met on August 3, 2009, in the Turtle Rock Community Center, 1 Sunnyhill, Irvine. The meeting was convened at 7 pm and started with a Homeowners' Open Forum.

The committee reports led to a discussion on challenge to get our new roads cleaned up. The Board approved Bill's Sweeping Service's bid to sweep our streets. The Landscape Committee also got approval to have some of the sprinkler heads on the islands replaced to reduce the flow of water on to the roads. This will prolong the life of the road covering and reduce the volume of water needed to keep these areas green. We will also continue our plan to inspect and repair the sewer lines, in order to prevent costly repairs in the future.

The Board approved a proposal by Treeco to trim our magnolia trees. The arborists advised that this be done now, even though we had it in our plan to do next year. All that is left to be done on the trees this year is the removal of a few dead or dying eucalyptus trees. The exterminator contract was signed and the termite inspection will soon be underway. After much discussion and diligent hard work by your Landscape Committee, the Board approved the revised landscaping rules and regulations. This is intended to be a forward-looking document. We will continue to have "inherited violations," which we will deal with should problems caused by them arise. Homeowners should be aware that any violations to the rules, past or present, bought with the house or created by current owners, are the responsibility of the present homeowners, and any damage caused by these violations will be their responsibility.

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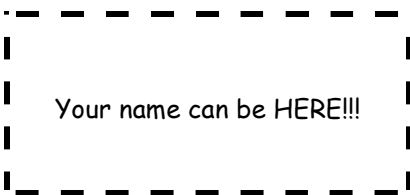


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## Vista View Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_

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**DEADLINE for submissions to the October newsletter - Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.**

### Editor's Note

It's still just me, so unless otherwise stated, the responsibility for all articles in this issue lies with me, Sue Suesada. By the by, if you'd like to work on the newsletter with me, take over its responsibility completely, or simply submit an article or two from time to time, please let me know. It's always nice to get a different POV. As always, your feedback is greatly appreciated. E-mail me at [mchanglegs@cox.net](mailto:mchanglegs@cox.net).



## News and Announcements

**American Exterminator Company Attic Inspections:** American Exterminator Company will be completing interior attic inspections for termites on the following dates.

September 10<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) Valley View & Falling Leaf

September 17<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) Rustling Wind & Misty Meadow

September 24<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) Rocky Knoll

The inspection should take no more than 10 minutes. 20 minutes, if treatment is required. Even if termites are found, their treatment does not affect humans. If you cannot be home on your scheduled date, please call American Exterminator Company at 949-464-9606 to reschedule. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

**William Mason Park Habitat Restoration Underway:** Natures Image, Inc. has begun its habitat restoration work in the William Mason Park wilderness area behind Misty Meadow, Rustling Wind, and Valley View. The purpose of this project is to remove non-native vegetation and excavation of accumulated sediment. This will help to increase the flood capacity of the creek. The proposed work covers roughly ten acres within the park. Upon completion of non-native species removal and excavation work, the areas will be re-planted and hydro-seeded with native plant species. This will provide future habitat for threatened bird species and other wildlife.

Below is an estimated timeline of construction activities:

8/24/09 thru 9/01/09	Set up equipment staging area (behind Misty Meadow).
9/01/09 thru 9/17/09	Remove non native vegetation.
9/17/09 thru 10/20	Excavation and removal of soil - sediment.
9/01/09 thru 10/27/09	Installation of temporary irrigation system.
10/20/09 thru 12/03/09	Installation and hydro-seeding of native plant species.
12/04/09 thru 7/07/09	Maintenance of newly planted areas.

Please contact Orange County Public Works Department at (714-834-2300) for any questions or concerns.

\*This project has been reviewed and permitted by California Regional Water Quality Control Board, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, California Department of Fish and Game, and California Coastal Commission, and has been authorized by Orange County Public Works Department.

**Holiday Party - Homes Needed:** It's still September, but December will be here before you know it. If we are to have a holiday party this year, we need to start looking for homes now. Normally we have a progressive party, with dinner at one home and dessert at another, which means we need TWO homes. If you wish to open up your home to the members of the community for this fun occasion, please contact Sue at 705 8243/mchanglegs@cox.net.

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## Back by Popular Demand -- Meet Your Neighbor

### John Lee Hendricks

#### 23 Rustling Wind

Anybody that has lived in this community for some time knows that Bert Sherron's shoes are big ones to fill. Here's one person that's dedicated, skilled, and courageous enough to tackle that role. His name is John Lee Hendricks, and he has just been appointed the next-to-newest Board member-at-large. This is his story.

John Lee Hendricks, who goes by Lee, is a native New Yorker. Born to a photo engraver father and homemaker mother, Lee grew up in Queens. He joined the Marines in 1962 and barely got out before the Vietnam War expanded. While many of his former classmates were in Vietnam, Lee was lucky enough to attend Queens College of CCNY and graduate with a degree in Economics. In 1966 he began a sales career with the Procter and Gamble Company working in the Toilet Goods division (Crest, Scope, and Pampers). After tying the knot with his wife Connie (Brooklyn) in 1969, he was recruited by Howmedica, a global medical technology corporation that manufactured orthopedic implants (such devices as knee and hip replacement components as well as trauma appliances). After 2 years in sales he was promoted to the position of Product Manager, Internal Fixation in the marketing division. In 1977 he began work with Hancock Labs, an innovative company that manufactured porcine heart valves for human implantation, which is now a division of Medtronic, the world's leading medical technology manufacturer. A promotion to National Sales Manager brought him out to Dana Point, CA, in 1977. He left Hancock Labs in 1981 and established his own medical marketing company which contracted with small innovative companies in the medical field and handled their



sales and marketing. His company worked as independent agents, and sold ventilators, neonatal syringe pumps, heart & respiration monitors, and nasal CPAPs (Continuous Positive Airway Pressure), a proven treatment for sleep apnea. After almost 20 years, Lee shut down his business and was back at Medtronic, this time handling sales of insulin pumps and continuous glucose sensing for the Diabetes Division. After 35 years in the medical technology field, Lee finally retired in 2004 and has been happy ever since.

The Hendricks began contemplating a move from Dana Point to Irvine in 1980. Proximity to work and the desire to start a family were their goals. Irvine was known for its excellent schools and the Vistas proximity to these schools made it the ideal choice for them. They settled here in 1981. They were blessed with two children, Laurie and Christopher. Obviously the Irvine schools lived up to their reputation; their son, Christopher, after completing U.C.S.B with honors and U.S.D. Law School with honors, is now an attorney with Reeder, Lu, & Green in Los Angeles. Their daughter, Laurie, went on to earn her B.S. from BIOLA University with honors, a Master's degree in English Literature from Claremont University with honors and is now working on achieving Teacher Certification from U.C.I. She has just earned an internship at Lathrop Middle School in the Santa Ana Unified School District.

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...Has anyone noticed that the name of this newsletter "Vista View" is redundant???

(John Lee Hendricks, continued from page 4)

His wife Connie was also a graduate of Queens College, and St. John's University for her masters and finally a PhD. from Fordham. She was a psychologist with a private practice in Orange. Her love of education and learning was passed on to her children. Her passing in 2002, after a long bout with illness, was a great loss for the family. Lee, who is a natural athlete, playing basketball and baseball in high school, ran his sorrows away. Today he is still an avid runner and puts in 10 to 20 miles a week. He has also completed four full marathons, the most recent of which he ran in Susanville, California, with his daughter. Lee is also an ardent traveler, who has just returned from Ottawa, Canada and has enjoyed visiting such beautiful places as New Zealand, Australia, and Fiji, among others. Recently, meeting Sharyn Gaither of Huntington Beach has renewed his passion for traveling. The couple looks forward to taking a tour of New England during this foliage season and Hawaii in December. When he's not on the road or pounding the asphalt, he can be found working out at the Community Center or entertaining his many friends at home.

After his retirement in 2004, he found himself with a lot of time. That's when he decided to give back to the community that had embraced him and his family for over 25 years. The first thing he did was to attend Board meetings in order to become familiar with the community goings-on and Board procedures. He is very impressed with Eldon Ferguson's leadership and by the dedication the Board has shown over the years, even during the toughest of times. It was a no-brainer for

the Board to appoint him to the Board when Bert Sherron resigned. Lee has been a quick learner, and his monthly attendance of Board meetings already proved his dedication to the community and the Board.

Lee is confident that he will be able to help the Board continue to enhance the community while also keeping costs as low as possible. He talks about it as if it's no big deal. "I hope that I am able to follow in prior board member's footsteps and make a difference" - he says with a relaxed smile.

Filling Bert's shoes is a tall order, but it's quite obvious Lee is more than up for the task. If the genuine smile is any indication, he will surely make a wonderful Board member, and he will soon be making a difference in the community. Thank you, Lee, for dedicating your time and effort to the Vistas. We are lucky to have you!

Here is a brief message from Lee Hendricks:

*Oscar Wilde once said, "A cynic knows the price of everything but the value of nothing". It is necessary that this community have more volunteers for the work that is being done by so few people. Everyone's input and volunteering is important for the Vistas to continue to grow and remain a place of beauty and refuge. We all must participate to keep the properties up and the Home Owner's Association dues down. The Turtle Rock Vista HOA belongs to you. Please value it and participate.*

David Gwidt of 21 Valley View has been appointed the newest Board member. You will learn more about him in the upcoming issue. Welcome aboard, David!

## More News and Announcements

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**Architectural/Maintenance Committee - Help Desperately Wanted!** Dear neighbors - If you have any construction experience, the association, of which we are all a part, would very much appreciate you contributing some of your time, effort, and knowledge for the good of the community. It is important that we apply our best resources both for financial and technical reasons. The prioritization of projects and the judicious use of funds are always demanding and must be done with our best qualified people. Please contact Rad Dwyer at 854-8895 if you're interested!

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### Landscaping Update:

1. Changes to Landscape Policies and Procedures: Upon receipt of several homeowner responses to the updated Landscape Policies and Procedures (issued on March 2009), the Landscape Committee revised them and the Board accepted the changes. The revised Policies and Procedures have been mailed to the homeowners. If you wish to provide a written comment, please use the form you received in the mail and mail it back to Action Property Management. The revised Policies and Procedures, as well as the mail form, are available on the community website for your convenience. Alternatively, you may also attend the Board Meeting on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, and provide your comments in person.
2. Sprinkler updates to reduce the flow of water onto the roads are in progress on center islands and are proving to be successful. The community is doing its part to conserve water in this record-breaking drought.
3. Replanting and other landscaping enhancements throughout the community will resume in the early fall after the temperatures cool down. The Landscape Committee appreciates your patience.

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**Interior Damage:** The Board feels it is necessary to remind our members that interior damage caused by such mishaps as roof leaks is the responsibility of the homeowner. There are a few exceptions which are addressed on an individual basis. Should you have any questions, concerns or need further information please contact the Community Manager, Liza Salinas, at (949) 450-0202 or via email at [lsalinas@actionlife.com](mailto:lsalinas@actionlife.com). Thank you for your cooperation.

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### Free Local Events

**"Travelers and Magicians" presented by the Irvine Multicultural Association**

**Friday, September 25th 6:00 - 9:00pm**

(Irvine City Hall, 1 Civic Center Plaza)

Join us for another presentation by the IMA International Film Series. This film is an award-winning motion picture from Bhutan. Admission is FREE, seating limited to first 200 guests.

**8th Annual Pet Trek 2009**

**Saturday, September 26th**

(Woodbridge Community Park, Alton & Lake)

Bring your pet out to this special event!. This canine walkathon benefits homeless animals. Event includes vendors, entertainment, food, silent auction. For more information or to register, visit

[www.IrvineShelter.org](http://www.IrvineShelter.org) or call (949) 724-7740.

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## UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM PROJECT UPDATE

Our community website ([www.trvista.org](http://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 September 2009

### **IUSD Approves Stadium Project - City and Land First File Litigation against IUSD! Take Action NOW!!!**

Both the City of Irvine and Land First have filed litigation against Irvine Unified School District to force the District to deal with the serious traffic and public safety issues that a 2940 seat stadium will generate. A CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) conference will held between the IUSD School Board and Land First (Responsible Land Use First - of which our community is a member). An effort is underway to alert the City Council that many registered voters oppose the stadium at the University High site because the traffic and other impacts are so severe that they cannot be mitigated. This in fact is the conclusion in the Environmental Impact Report issued by the School Board. The Board has voted to override this concern and proceed with the stadium plan. The City's lawsuit addresses a more limited scope than that of Land First. However, alerting the council members that voters are not satisfied with this stadium location will let them understand that we are concerned that attempts at traffic mitigation are helpful but not enough. Conversations have been held with Mayor Sukhee Kang, Mayor Pro Tem Larry Agran, Councilperson Christina Shea and Councilperson Beth Krom. Christina Shea, Larry Agran and Beth Krom voted support for the City Lawsuit.

**Now we need to let them know that they have popular support for their position.**

**Please do write to each member of our City Council supporting their lawsuit but asking more, that the stadium be situated elsewhere. Please use your own words and copy the School Board. Just a few sentences are enough.**

Voice your concerns to :

Mayor Sukhee Kang - [sukheekang@ci.irvine.ca.us](mailto:sukheekang@ci.irvine.ca.us)

Mayor Prom Tem.Larry Agran - [larryagran@ci.irvine.ca.us](mailto:larryagran@ci.irvine.ca.us)

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Copy the School District at the IUSD web site

[http://www.iusd.k12.ca.us/contact\\_iusd/index.html](http://www.iusd.k12.ca.us/contact_iusd/index.html)

Or Copy the IUSD Board members as well:

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**As we ask for support from our elected officials, we need to support them. Write today!**

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

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As was announced in the last news letter, Barbara and Dennis McCollough are moving and this means we lose an excellent Director and an outstanding Social Committee chairperson, which is a true double whammy for the community. Dennis has been a tremendous help to the Board, and as he is not moving far away, he has agreed to be available for consultation in technical matters (thank you, Dennis!).

Mr. David Gwidt has agreed to join the Board, and we welcome his acceptance.

The Board held a brief in camera session and the meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

The next Board meeting will be held at 1 Sunnyhill, Irvine on Tuesday, September 8, 2009. Please note the irregular schedule due to a holiday weekend.

On behalf of your Board  
Eldon Ferguson, President

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## Free Local Events

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### Orange County Great Park Weekend Concert Series

Free admission, \$8 parking.

Directions: <http://www.ocgp.org/visit/hours-directions/>

### **Friday Night Dance Parties 8:00PM (7:30 PM, free dance instruction)**

#### **September 11th Johnny Polanco y su Conjunto Amistad**

So popular at the Great Park last summer that he was invited back immediately, Johnny Polanco is our favorite salsero, with regular gigs at El Floridita, The Mayan and other iconic Southland venues.

#### **September 18th Merchants of Moonshine**

The two-steppers, the line-dancers, the citified folk in their high-heeled boots: the Merchants of Moonshine make room for all. Expect good times, great guitar licks, and songs that'll break your heart, fix it up, and then break it all over again.

#### **September 25th Bollywood Step**

Our 2009 summer dance party finale: a Bollywood blow-out! A special night of fun with exuberant Bollywood dance demonstrations, step-by-step instructions and simple choreography for all to follow, a party atmosphere and, of course, those irresistible dance rhythms.



### **Saturday Night Concerts 8:00pm**

#### **August 29th Big Bad Voodoo Daddy**

True heroes of the swing revival, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy celebrates 100 years of Cab Calloway, the legendary fireball of talent whose goofy "hi-de-hi's" and "ho-de-ho's" in a rich and vibrant baritone brought a much-needed, high-voltage jolt of winning, feel-good energy to a country slogging through tough times...making Cab Calloway a man for our times, too.



**September 5th 17 Hippies**

For the past 12 years Berlin's very own "orchester spezial" has been playing its whirling, crashing, diving, bobbing and weaving mixture of music that morphs French songs, English ballads and international rhythms into a captivating cocktail of sound. An eclectic band of virtuosi, the 17 Hippies are variously masters of the accordion, trombone, trumpet, violin, cello, woodwinds, mandolin, ukulele, banjo, Irish bouzouki, guitar, double bass and harmonium. And then there are the stellar vocals, in German, English and French...

**September 12th Niyaz**

"Call it Sufi music or World Fusion, but one thing is for sure, the band Niyaz is an Iranian musical trio whose debut album ranked #1 on world music charts on iTunes..." This is trance music for the 21st century: hypnotic, ecstatic, ghostly, delicious. Azam Ali, best known as half of the popular duo Vas, is the vocalist heard on the soundtrack of "The Matrix: Revolution"; Loga Ramin Torkian, formerly of Axiom of Choice, is a master of Persian and Turkish musical traditions. Loga and Azam are accompanied by tabla, bass, violin and laptop.



**September 19th HAPA**

Last summer's HAPA concert at the Great Park was among our favorites; this year Barry Flanagan and Nathan Aweau are joined by traditional chant master Charles Ka'upu for an evening of Hawaiian bliss. Known as "the sound of Maui," HAPA filters the pan-Polynesian traditions of Hawaii through the lens of contemporary acoustic music to create a sound that has kept them in demand on the festival circuit while earning them a record-breaking number of Na Hoku Hanohano ("Hawaiian Grammy") Awards.

**September 26th Easy Star All-Stars**

Lonely Hearts Dub Band, Dub Side of the Moon, RadioDread... the Easy Star All-Stars are the very soul of dub reggae. Almost anybody can sing along to their favorite tunes, but only an artist can take something familiar and make it entirely their own, exploring the heart of the work and taking it to a new and different place. That's what you'll hear on the "Lonely Hearts" tour, plus Easy Star originals in our reggae fest conclusion to the summer concert series.

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## Free 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.

September 13<sup>th</sup> (Sunday), 5 p.m. ~: Picnic and Sunset Hike  
September 19<sup>th</sup> (Saturday), 8:30 a.m. ~: Hike Bommer Canyon with Mayor Sukhee Kang  
September 26<sup>th</sup> (Saturday), 8:00 a.m. ~: Wilderness Access Day  
September 27<sup>th</sup> (Sunday), 8:00 a.m. ~: Painting like Audubon Interpretive Program

All programs are free, but pre-registration is required. For more information and to register, visit [www.irvineranchwildlands.org](http://www.irvineranchwildlands.org) and click "Let's Go Outside" or call 714-508-4757.  
Remember to take plenty of water, wear sunscreen and insect repellent, and wear good shoes!  
Happy hiking!

Perhaps a preview of things to come???

### Two Arrested after Brawl at Baseball Game

On Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, a fight broke out during a baseball game at University High School baseball fields. Two men were arrested for felony assault, and four were hospitalized. Of the four injured, two of them were allegedly hit by a baseball bat. Read the full news in the back issue of Orange County Register at <http://www.ocregister.com/articles/police-baseball-fight-2508933-team-victims>.

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