

The Vista View

Message From The Board

Compliments Of President Leslie Barnebey



October Meeting

Monday, October 1st,
2012

at

TURTLE ROCK
COMMUNITY PARK

1 Sunnyhill Drive
Irvine, CA

Contents

- Board Message
- News/Announcements
- Free Local Events
- Ken's Korner
- Advertisements

Fall is slowly arriving, and with it comes lots of activity in our community. Termite inspections are underway, wood trim painting is being planned; more tree-trimming will be showing; roof and gutter cleaning will be scheduled; and maybe we'll even see some rain. As these various projects begin, please help us by seeing that access is available when workers need it.

We would like to be able to contact you by email. If you would give your email address to our manager at Action Property, we will not publish it. Our only use will be to send information to the community. Eventually we would like to send this newsletter electronically, however, we will continue to print it for those who prefer.

From the President,
Leslie Barnebey

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Leslie Barnebey
Vice President	Jim Malina
Secretary	Joyce Gwidt
Treasurer	David Anduri
Director at Large	Jim Flood

EDITORS

Editor	Audrey Mitchell 46 Rocky Knoll (949) 232-0336 audrey@gemfinder.com
Assistant Editor	Ken Garrison 17 Valley View (949) 854-3767 ktgbruin@yahoo.com

MANAGEMENT COMPANY

Action Property Management Irvine 2603 Main Street, Suite 500 Irvine, CA 92614	Toll Free: 1800-400-2284 Phone: 949-450-0202 Fax: 949-450-0303
Community Manager: Diane Pitchers	(949)450-0202 dpitchers@actionlife.com
Manager Assistant: Missy Tran	(949)450-0202 mtran@actionlife.com

Vistas Website: Please visit www.trvista.org/www.turtlerockvista.org for complete meeting minutes, back issues of the newsletter, and a lot of other wonderful information.

DEADLINE for submissions to the November newsletter – Saturday, October 20th

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

I “WOOD” IF I COULD

The Board settled at September’s meeting a few decisions. Seeing as how there are quite a few wood problems around the neighborhood, what with termites and rot, the Board voted to start re-painting the Turtle Rock Vista. This year, the budget will only allow to freshen up the paint a bit, just covering up a few barren areas and such. However, they will try to save money for next year to paint most of the community’s houses, as well as getting rid of bad wood and replacing it. Both have to be replaced sometime, and now seems like the best. The Board expects that it will be expensive, hence the wait for the new year, but well worth the money.



POOLSIDE REPLACEMENT



In a previous newsletter, it was reported that the pool equipment (chairs, for example) has been falling apart, and that they should be

replaced soon. Now, the Board’s plans are a little more definite. After discovering that only four chairs are still working, they are tentatively planning to replace the chairs by next March. Now, while that does seem like a long time from now, the pool won’t be heated for the majority of the time between then and now.

With the pool frigid in cooler

weather, it can be expected that not many will show at the pool before the New Year. Bad news for suntans, but good news for aching pool furniture. Once a definite plan of next year’s budget is made, even more will be revealed.



Some residents of the Turtle Rock Vista have asked for the newsletter to become more intimate-celebrating birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, and the like. Therefore, from now on, if anybody has anything that they would like to publicize through the newsletter that follows those lines or more, please just email me by the twentieth of the month with your story (either write the article yourself, or just give me a few bullet points that I will write into a story), and chances are that it will get into next month’s edition of The Vista

View.

SPRINKLERS

Once upon a time, in a land, not far from the rest of the world, there lived a mystical object, aging, years at a time. It was in charge of looking after the plants, keeping them from death, spraying water at periods of time. What is this mystery piece? It goes by the name . . . sprinkler. At the Board meeting in September, the landscaping man present brought up this issue. He pointed out that the valves are thirty-five years old (and counting), and have been operated by hand

for years. He thinks that they should be replaced, though that will be rather expensive. Mr. Garrison, best known for his monthly “Ken’s Korner”, asked who in the Vista was responsible for the irrigation system. If nobody is responsible, then nothing will get fixed. The Board said that that was a good idea and that they would think about that, and the meeting moved on. This probably means that the sprinkler problem will be fixed shortly.

STAR LIGHT, STAR BRIGHT, FIRST TERMITE I SEE TONIGHT. . .

Termites have long been a problem-everywhere, it seems. However, in the midst of the summer during the bug frenzy, termites have become a serious issue. About a million dollars have gone into termite repairs so far, for one thing. The only way to easily solve

the termite problem easily is to tent the houses, but that will ruin the tiles on whichever house it is done, further adding to the costs. At the board meeting, President Barnebey asked for a budget. The maintenance guy on the case has decided to go house by

house to prioritize, and see what needs fixing the most.



www.shutterstock.com - 38725534

THE PREHISTORY OF TURTLE ROCK VISTA

BY BILL MITCHELL

When homebuilders first broke ground on Turtle Rock Vista in the late 1900s, my brother and I were grade-schoolers at the nearby Turtle Rock Elementary School. On weekends, we sometimes rode bikes through the idle construction site, throwing rocks, climbing on bulldozers, and other mostly harmless mischief characteristics of 11-year-old boys. One afternoon, my brother came home from the building site with a truly amazing find. He had picked up a big rock to throw, but realized it was actually a giant petrified clamshell, bigger than a grapefruit. A fossil.

We had no idea what to make of this, so the human urge for narrative ran wild. Was this a relic sitting on the seabed millions of years ago, when ocean levels were high and dinosaurs ruled the earth? Our father resolved to find out, and called an archaeologist at UC Irvine, who was kind enough to visit us at home and take a look.

The scientist concluded that the giant shell was probable much more recent, a discarded shell from an Indian “midden,” or domestic trash heap, no more than ten thousand years old. Orange

County is littered (so to speak) with coastal middens, and our neighborhood apparently sits atop one of them.

My brother still has the shell today, so we took a picture of it a few age (see photo -- I have also attached a much higher-resolution for use in print).

If you go digging in your back yard, examine those rocks carefully!



FREE LOCAL EVENTS

For more events, visit <http://events.ocregister.com/irvine-ca/events/free+irvine+events>.

CONCERT: WIND ENSEMBLE

Time: 8:00 pm

Tuesday, November 20th

Location: UCI Arts Center

Winifred Smith Hall

CONCERT: SMALL JAZZ COMBOS

Time: 12:00 pm

Wednesday, November 21st

Location: UCI Arts Center

Winifred Smith Hall

CONCERT: GUITAR ENSEMBLE

Time: 12:00 pm

Wednesday, October 24th

Location: UCI Arts Center

Arts Amphitheater

For more information, and for more events at the UCI Arts Center, visit <http://www.arts.uci.edu/event/free-concert-wind-ensemble-0>

SENIOR HEALTH AND RESOURCE EXPO

Time: 9:00 am

Saturday, October 6th

Location: Lakeview Senior Center

More than 50 exhibitors will be onsite showcasing products, services and information related to wellness, safety, nutrition, long term care and assisted living options. The Expo will also feature demonstrations, health-related screenings and product samplings. Free flu vaccines will be provided by HOAG Hospital for seniors 50+. For more information, call (949) 724-6908.

ANNUAL DOG WALK AND FAMILY FUN DAY

Time: 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Saturday, October 6th

Location: Mason Park

Enjoy a day at the park and support a wonderful cause! Bring your four-legged friend or come meet some of ours! Enjoy a group walk around lake, entertainment, drawings, booths, contests, food, & more! Parking and admission are free! A \$20 donation gets you and event shirt and lots of goodies!(while supplies last) Pre-registration open now. All proceeds benefit Canine Angels Service Teams, a non-profit organization that provides assistance dogs for youths with special needs. For more information, call (888) 592-6457, or visit <http://canine-angels.org/DogWalk2012.html>.

Next month, we hope to report more in landscaping and sprinkler problems, and how they are meant to be fixed. We will also explain how to report a landscaping problem effectively.

Ken's Korner**I Think I've Got Election Fatigue****By Ken Garrison, 17 Valley View**

I can't remember exactly when this all started...but let's just say the Iowa Caucuses were a good starting point. At least that is what I vaguely remember as the Republican Party's "official" starting point for the 2012 elections. Way back "then" was when the Republican hopefuls began their huffing – and-puffing and bragging about how each of them was the GOP's - - nay, America's answer - - answer for being the next President of our great U.S. of A. The scramble was on to find the Grand Old Party's next leadership candidate. Meanwhile, the Democrats watched and kept their powder dry – gathering funds and their own programs in support of their "one-and-only" incumbent President.

When you added up the months of Intra-Republican verbal exchanges (and accusations), plus the sniping cross fire from the not-so-quiet Demo opposition, you almost looked forward to the "intermission" of the two Nominating Conventions just a month ago. That, as might have been expected, was hardly a moment of constructive relief. Pardon me for expressing *my* opinion, but the conventions merely seemed to sharpen the criticism of each party for the other.

The Conventions marked a point where approximately two months remained in our National, State and Local elections. As you read this, we've burned off one half of those two months. And frankly, I'm suffering **Election Fatigue**...and there's still over a month to go. You can turn down the volume on the TV news and candidate broadcasts, mute it or even turn it off. You can filter through or just blindly toss the political brochures and postcards that jam up your mailbox. You can drive-on-by the curbside promotions for local candidates and propositions. Somehow, though, there's just too much of it; it's daunting; it's costly I might also remind you.

The irony of it, on the national level especially, is that probably 97 to 98 per cent (maybe even more) of the voting population has probably already made up their mind on their party and candidate voting. So, millions of dollars are being poured into moving the needle a percentage point or two. I know, I know...important elections are sometimes won or lost on a few key votes. Nevertheless, the mind numbing verbal debates and dollar dumping nearly drive me crazy.

In conclusion, I wish I could be a bit more sanguine about the result we're going to get out of this wonderfully American process. I've already admitted that I'm suffering Election Fatigue. However, an outcome that produces a national legislature and an executive branch that works *effectively* to run this country would be a worthwhile price to pay for enduring the past months and the coming thirty some days.

The Vistas' Market Is On Fire!

- *Total Irvine Listings September 2011—1600*
- *Total Irvine Listings September 2012—344*

This means a quick sale for top dollar for your home. I have buyers today for the Vistas.

Thinking about a single story home?

There are 585 available today in the South Orange County area, priced from \$58,000—\$950,000.

**Call For Your
List today!**

Considering a 55+ Community?

Currently 110 listings on the Orange County market ranging from \$4,000—\$950,000.

**LIST OR BUY WITH REALTOR JACK
& GET READY TO PACK!**

Cell #949.838.5594

DRE#01889238

www.RealtorJack.net

CRealtorJack@gmail.com





Fran Lugo Remax Premier
Sold and closed

15 Misty Meadow-Plaza model

14 Rustling Wind -Madison model

37 Rocky Knoll – Broadmoor model

Trust the #1 Realtor in the Vistas who will get you a top price. She is an ethical Realtor who will get you a smooth escrow in a short amount of time. The number of homes on the market has dropped and buyers are taking advantage of excellent low interest rates. It is a great time to sell.

Call or email Fran Lugo for an update of the Turtle Rock housing market!

FRAN LUGO www.ezhomebuying.com

ReMax Premier Realty

(714) 325-3465

franlugorealtor@gmail.com

Selling OC Since 1981

DRE 00819620