

The Vista View

Message From The Board

Compliments Of President Leslie Barnebey



May Meeting

Monday, May 6th, 2013

7:00 PM

at

TURTLE ROCK
COMMUNITY PARK

1 Sunnyhill Drive

Irvine, CA

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Spring is finally here and there is lots of activity in the Vistas. The wood repair and painting is moving along. They are finishing Misty Meadow and have moved up to Falling Leaf. They expect to have the project completed by the middle of July. The pool is up and running and the new pool furniture has arrived. The Concordia fire road has been planted and planting is beginning on Hillgate.

We also have a new project manager from Action. Diane Pitchers was filling in for us until a new manager could be assigned. The new manager is Taylor deLauder. He is available at the same number as Diane. We will miss Diane and have told Taylor that he has big shoes to fill. Taylor will be at our Annual Meeting on the 6th. Come and meet him. Diane is planning to attend too so we can officially thank her for her help.

AND

Most important of all – our Annual Meeting will be at 7:00pm on Monday May 6. Please come to the meeting or send in your ballots and proxy papers. The proxy papers give us the numbers for a quorum and without a quorum we will have to reschedule and that is an additional expense for the community. PLEASE ATTEND THE MEETING OR SEND IN YOUR PROXY.

From the President,
Leslie Barnebey

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

DEADLINE for submissions to the May newsletter – Saturday, April 20th

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LANDSCAPE UPDATE

By Mike Murray

With the warm weather finally getting here, community members need to be on the lookout for rattlesnakes throughout the community. We have already found two this Spring.

We are starting to do the planting for the first part of the Landscape Master plan renovation. We will be planting along Rocky Knoll (by the college) as well as along Hillgate. We will also be replanting the monument sign on the corner of Hillgate and Rock View.

The lawn areas are scheduled for fertilization this month.

Lastly we will be installing new GPS communication circuits to the controllers. This will finally give us the ability to communicate on a regular basis with the central irrigation system as well as the ability to receive daily E.T. updates. This is something that the community has not had since at least 2008.

ATTENTION

WANTED: A reliable person to hand out flyers in the Turtle Rock area. 2 hours a week, \$10.00 per hour. Contact Jack Hannigan at (949) 838-5594 for more information.

FREE LOCAL EVENTS

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

IRVINE STUDIO ARTS FESTIVAL

Time: 10:00 am

Saturday, June 1st

Location: Irvine Heritage Park

Stars from the contemporary art scene will converge in Irvine to showcase their artistic talents at the annual studio arts festival. More than 100 artisans from all over California bring their combined perspectives, virtuoso skills and more than 1,000 original works of art, including ceramics, sculpture, jewelry, painting, photography, textiles, glass, gourd art and more. From functional to surreal, witty to elegant, these one-of-a-kind art works are sure to wow you. 2,000 attendees expected.

For more information, call (949) 724-6606 or visit http://festivalnet.com/cgi-bin/festbiz2/db.cgi?db=festbiz&fn=fno1058&return_to=%2Fcgi-bin%2Fsubs%2Fsubsdb.cgi%3Fdb%3Dsubs%26view_records%3DI%26ww%3DI%26ID%3D33251%26fn%3Dfno1058.

WIND ENSEMBLE CONCERT

Time: 8:00 pm

Tuesday, May 21st

Location: UCI Arts Center: Winifred Smith Hall

UCI wind ensemble. Kevin McKeown, director.

UCI SMALL JAZZ COMBOS GROUPS

Time: 8:00 pm

Wednesday, May 22nd

Location: UCI Arts Center: Winifred Smith Hall

UCI wind ensemble. Kevin McKeown, director.

Ken's Korner**Old Mac Irvine Had A Farm****By Ken Garrison****17 Valley View**

Some of you may accuse us of being “late to the market” in writing this story. Perhaps...but for those of you who have never taken the opportunity on your own, this month we're going on a visit to and through the Irvine Town Center Farmers' Market. And to get ourselves off on the correct footing, that should actually read Certified Farmers' Market. For you see, all of the food and craft products are marketed by vendors who must fulfill a certification process by the Orange County Farm Bureau. Agricultural products (vegetables, fruits and nuts) must be produced in California Counties, by California Farmers. Non-agricultural food sold must be prepared in accordance with County Health Standards. Craft items (jewelry, sewing articles, art work, etc.) must be handcrafted or embellished by the seller. In short, our local Certified Farmers' Market vendors must demonstrate their qualifications to county officials before they can “hang up” their Embossed Certification Document --- and that certification document must be posted in a visible location in each seller's stall.

Getting to the focus of this article, though, it is after all the food that is the major attraction at the Certified Farmers' Market. Here you have aisles packed with stall-after-stall of the freshest and sometimes largest vegetables and fruits you've ever seen...and they are all there for you to linger over, pick out and discuss with the grower. Variety and selection? I admit I'm not a foodie and certainly not a gourmet, but it is pretty astounding to view all the options. For instance, if you think like I do...a potato is a potato; then we're both wrong. There are potatoes in sizes and shapes and even colors like purple that I never knew existed. Hey, my eyes just start to glaze over when I see the wide selection of things available in this marketplace for those who are really into cooking: herbs, kale, boc choy, Asian vegetables (interestingly of all nations), microgreens like Baby Arugula and Golden Pea Shoots, and on-and-on-and-on. Heck...choices and varieties of things I personally have never heard of, let alone try to spell.

But it's all really kinda fun. Farmers' Market opens at 8:00 am on Saturday and goes 'til Noon. The crowd is thin at opening, but grows and peaks as the morning goes along. There are the novices like me, and there are serious and dedicated shoppers...what I would call the “industrial strength” folks. They come with their big shopping bags...many with pull carts that have serious shopping capacity...and they are clearly there on a mission. They move from stall to stall, looking and picking, questioning and discussing things with vendors as they go along. I

don't know, they're interesting to watch, I'd call them "shopping pros".

While Farmers' Market Customers come from all over the County (internet customer comments almost universally refer to The Town Center Certified Farmers' Market as the largest and the best, anywhere), the vendors who sell here come from all over the state. Qualification standards by the network of statewide County Farm Bureaus makes it possible for farmers from distant counties to sell their certified products here in Orange County. Vegetable and fruit producers from as far north as Fresno pack up their trucks at midnight and get to Irvine by the market's 8:00 am opening. Actually, with the urbanization of Orange County, it no longer is the leading supplier of farm products. Every vendor seems to have an interesting story or history, and walking and talking one's way around the marketplace is a good way to learn about berries from San Louis Obispo County, Kern County nuts, buffalo steaks from the Diamond Mountain Ranch above Lake Tahoe, an astonishing breadth of vegetables from Cal State Poly's school farm, honey from hives in local national forest areas, and so on and so on. Sure it's the veggies and fruit and taco seller and caramel corn and all the food, but it's also just the drifting along and enjoying the feel of an outdoor bazaar environment.

Certified Farmers' Markets began approximately 30 years ago here in Orange County, sponsored and promoted by the Orange County Farm Bureau. The one here at University Town Center dates from about 20 years ago. The average is from 105 to 115 vendors per week...and that's a physical limit governed by the space that Irvine Company can provide for the Saturday morning gatherings. Vendors pay the OC Farm Bureau a nominal fee for the space they use to set up their sales tent, and to cover live music, insurance and other overhead.

In closing, get yourself over to the market some Saturday morning. Don't go expecting to find the lowest prices in town. Expect fair prices...and the most spectacular fresh food in town, with crafts to boot. And oh yes...earlier is better for parking.

Finally, our thanks to Trish Harrison (Certified Farmers' Market Manager) who provided all of this article's essential background and for steering and introducing us around.

ATTENTION

Attention Dog Owners!

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--Onno Rahlfs

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ATTENTION Turtle Rock VISTA Homeowners!
Southland Median Home Sales Price Climbs Again;
Sales Rise YR/YR – O.C. Median Price UP 26.3%

As seen on DQnews.com, April 17, 2013

The median price paid for a Southern California home hit a 56-month high in March, rising 23.4 percent from a year earlier as the impact of foreclosures continued to fade and sales of mid-to-high-end homes shot up. Total sales were the highest in six years for a March despite a sharp drop in sub-\$300,000 deals, a real estate information source reported.

A total of 20,581 new and resale houses and condos sold in Los Angeles, Riverside, San Diego, Ventura, San Bernardino and Orange counties sold last month. That was up 29.1 percent from 15,945 sales in February, and up 3.1 percent from 19,953 sales in March 2012, according to San Diego based DataQuick.

Sales normally jump between February and March, with that month-to-month gain averaging 36.4 percent since 1988, when DataQuick’s statistic begin. Last month’s sales were the highest for the month of March since 21,856 Southland homes sold in March 2007, but they were still 15.1 percent below the March average of 24,254 sales. The low for March sales was 12,208 in 2008, while the high was 37,030 in March 2004.

The median price paid for all new and resale houses and condos sold in the six-county Southland was \$345,500 last month, up 8.0 percent from \$320,000 in February and up 23.4 percent from \$280,000 in March 2012. Last month’s median was the highest since July 2008 when it was \$ 348,000. The median has risen on a year-over-year basis for 12 consecutive months, and those gains have been double-digit – between 10.8 percent and 23.5 percent – since last August.

“It’s remarkable how much the housing scene has changed in a year. At this point in 2012 there were still plenty of folks sitting on the market’s sidelines, waiting to be sure the recovery was real. But gradually the psychology shifted as the economy picked up steam and mortgage rates fell to historic lows. We’re seeing the release of a lot of pent-up demand, especially in the middle and higher-priced neighborhoods where activity had been sluggish for years,” said John Walsh, DataQuick President. **CALL US TODAY TO SELL YOUR HOME AT THE HIGHEST PRICES!**



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*Which local realtor initiated
the highest sale since 2007
in the Turtle Rock Vistas?*



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