

seashore news

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FROM THE HELM

What happened to 2000? It just began and already we are facing the prospect of starting a whole New Year in just a few days! Here's wishing an especially happy holiday season for everyone!

The Parking Rule Survey results are in. Over 572 households responded, or approximately 60% of all owners! We not only had a much better turnout than the recent presidential election but also the response was much broader than our own Niguel Shores annual elections of the past several years!

There has been much discussion pro and con regarding our parking rules here. The survey was a viable method of learning from the homeowners and asking for their direction. It was a simple, direct survey with no hidden agenda or trick questions. Did we ever get the message loud and clear! Votes for maintaining and enforcing the current Rule 6405 totaled 379, or 66 percent of those cast. Another 62 votes, or 11%, were for making the rule more stringent. The remaining 131 votes, or 23%, wanted the rules to be eased.

Actually about 15 of these votes wanted the rule to be eased only so that their guests or visiting family members could park overnight. Guests are already allowed to park overnight. All it takes is a day pass or a longer specific-time pass easily obtainable from the office. (Remember the office can work through the fax machine as well as in person.) Well over three quarters of the responding owners have directed the Board on this matter to keep and enforce Rule 6405.

Towing is a pretty drastic and traumatic punishment for a possible oversight on the part of a resident, so I have asked the Traffic and Safety Committee to evaluate a progressive fine system to ensure that only true scofflaws are towed.

Another subject: We had a bit of a problem at the Mariner entrance in early November. As you probably now know, we have changed guard companies. The old company frankly admitted that they could not meet our expectations. The new company – Burns – is getting into the swing of things. Unfortunately both the old guard company and all of us here in the Shores contributed to the problem. From our side many people were calling in their guests, contractors and others in the morning a few minutes before arrival. This tied up the gate sentry on the phone. On the other side the old company sentry apparently was letting in anyone that said they had been called in.

Conversely Burns, in doing their job, would not admit uncalled guests. Thus delays, anger, and a difficult situation resulted. Please be sure to call in your guests early. If they will be here in the morning, call before 6:30 AM or the night before. It will improve the situation for everyone.

**Board President
Andy Boush**

**NEXT OPEN BOARD MEETING
FOR COMMITTEE REPORTS
IS JANUARY 17 AT 7:30 PM**

BOARD ACTIONS TAKEN IN NOVEMBER

- ◆ Authorized Burns International to have a second sentry at Mariner gate from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, through December 7.
- ◆ Changed from using Gary Porter, CPA to Ardavan Keyhan, CPA, for the 2000 audit and tax return work, at the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Cost for the work will be \$3,900.
- ◆ Accepted the Finance Committee's recommendation to change provider of electricity from SDGE to Tenderland Power Co., Inc. This change will be effective January 1, 2001.
- ◆ Authorized staff to implement the Christmas/New Year holiday schedule for staff as presented.
- ◆ Changed the current policy regarding when the late fee is applied for assessment payments. Effective January 1, the date the payment is received by the bank will determine when the late charge is applied, not the Post Office cancellation date on the envelope. Under this policy, if the payment is actually received on the last day of the month due, no late charge will be applied. If the actual payment is received at the bank after the end of the month, then the late charge and interest will be applied to the account. Homeowners should mail their assessment payment in time to allow for delays in the mail service to avoid a late charge.
- ◆ Authorized staff to purchase the bar code scanner for Cabrillo Isle Gate and to have the barrier arm/retractable teeth unit installed in front of the entry swing gate.
- ◆ Appointed Gerlinde Duffy to chair the Nominating Committee for the 2001 Annual Meeting.
- ◆ Appointed Beth Erickson to the Tree View Blockage Committee.
- ◆ Authorized Wendt Landscape to remove three *eucalyptus* trees on Mariner Drive, near Niguel Road, on the Berkus Homes side. The Landscape Committee made the recommendation because of view blockage

complaints and plans to plant new ornamental trees when the new monument markers are installed.

- ◆ Accepted the 2001 budgets for Niguel Shores, Breakers Isle Extraordinary Assessment and Sea Terrace II Extraordinary Assessment. Staff was directed to mail a copy to the affected homeowners prior to November 15.

ASPHALT REPAIR WORK SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY

The long-awaited project is scheduled, with the holiday period being kept in mind. During the week of December 11, the asphalt contractor will spend the week repairing existing asphalt in multiple locations, with a large part of the work in Berkus Homes and several locations near the beach parking lot. The contractor will also complete the drain line installation on Windlass and install conduit pipes across Niguel Shores Drive, east of Mariner Drive. All of this work will take the entire week to complete, provided the weather cooperates.

The Broadmoor Homes street asphalt overlay project will begin on Monday, January 8, 2001. The contractor estimates the work will take three weeks to complete, again provided the weather cooperates. In mid-December, those in Broadmoor Homes will receive a letter providing more specific information on the project schedule and how residents will be affected.

GUIDE TO USING YOUR ACCESS DEVICES

Over time, Niguel Shores has issued different types of access devices to residents for various purposes. The following is a guide to using your access devices:

BLUE "H" HOMEOWNER DECALS – Each household is entitled to five decals for eligible vehicles. Blue "H" decals do not expire. However, they are not transferable to another vehicle. If you sell the vehicle, remove the decal and return it to the NSCA business office. Otherwise, you will be charged \$25. A new decal is issued to each new vehicle, if eligible, *at no charge*.

TENANT DECALS – Each household is entitled to five decals for eligible vehicles. A deposit of \$25 each is collected. Tenant decals are color-coded and numbered and are issued pursuant to the term of the lease. They are not transferable to another vehicle. If you sell the vehicle, remove the decal and return it to the NSCA business office. Otherwise, you will lose your \$25 deposit. Expired decals will be exchanged, *at no extra charge*. A portion of the deposit is refundable if the decal (and keycard) is returned when you move.

KEYCARDS – Vehicle gate keycards are issued as a package with vehicle decals. You should have the same number of vehicle gate keycards as decals. Owners receive vehicle gate keycards at no charge. Tenants receive vehicle gate keycards for \$25 each. Vehicle gate keycards are white with either a green arrow and an “A” number, or a blue arrow and either an “A” or “B” number. Homeowner keycards *do not* expire. Tenant keycards *do* expire pursuant to the term of the lease. If you are no longer eligible for a vehicle gate keycard, you must return the vehicle gate keycard to the office. Otherwise, there is a \$25 charge. A portion of the tenant deposit is refundable if the keycard (and decal) is returned.

BAR CODE DECALS – If your vehicle has a valid decal, it is also eligible for a bar code decal, which will open the entrance gate without stopping, rolling down your window, or inserting a keycard into the reader. There is a bar code reader in the Mariner Drive resident lane, and *the bar code reader will be the only device available at the new Cabrillo Isle entrance*. Bar code readers will also be added to the Selva gate, the Garibaldi gate, and the Manta gate in the near future. A bar code decal costs \$20. Bar code decals do not expire. However, if you sell your vehicle, remove the decal and return it to the NSCA business office. Otherwise, you will be charged an additional \$25.

PEDESTRIAN GATE PROXIMITY DEVICES (CARDS / FOBS) – Each owner household is issued one proximity device at no charge. Each tenant household is issued one proximity device for \$25. Up to four additional proximity devices (depending on eligibility) can be issued to owners at \$10 each and to tenants at \$25 each. A portion of the tenant charge is a refundable deposit. When “touched” to the reader at the Community Center, Mariner Drive, or the beach lot gates, the pedestrian gates will open with a slight push/pull. The proximity device must be used to

access and exit these gates. If you lose these devices, there is a \$25 charge. These devices will be deactivated when you move from the community.

VEHICLE GATE SCANNING DECALS

The laser scanning device at the Mariner Gate has now been in operation for 18 months. It has proven to be not only convenient for residents entering the community, but also quite reliable and very user friendly. Many have remarked how nice it is not to have to open the car window and insert a gate card into the reader when entering, particularly at night and during our periodic rains. The operation of the new system has been so successful that the new Cabrillo Gate is equipped with only the scanning device to open the entering gate. Only vehicles with a scanning decal affixed to the left side rear window will be admitted through this gate. Key cards will not activate the new gate. The Mariner Gate will continue to accept either the scanning decal or the key card. Contrary to what a few residents have assumed, the pedestrian gate fob/cards will not operate any of the five vehicle gates.

Residents and owners may obtain scanning decals for their vehicles authorized under NSCA rules at a modest charge during normal office hours. It is necessary to bring the vehicle to the office parking lot so the decals may be precisely applied to permit proper reading by the system. Special arrangements can be made for those who cannot come to the office on weekdays when the regular staff is available.

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

At its November 14 meeting, the Landscape Committee reviewed and discussed the plan for flax removal and replanting of Mariner Drive. Areas under consideration are the dolphin planter, coral tree planters (two planting areas on each side of Mariner entrance), African tulip tree planter (center of street inside Mariner gate and on outside wall facing street), security house planter and gate arm planter, median strip planter on Mariner Drive, and the monument planter (corner of Mariner Drive and Niguel Road).

Upon approval of the plan, the committee will forward it to the Board for action at its December 6 meeting.

Another possible deterrent to whiteflies has surfaced. Researchers have located and introduced two parasitic wasps from Mexico that feed solely on whiteflies. Although it takes months for them to become established, these stingerless, microscopic wasps lay their eggs inside the whitefly larvae, and when the wasp eggs hatch, their larvae feed on the whitefly larvae. The wasp then pupates and emerges, leaving behind a yellow or grayish-black shell of what would have been a whitefly.

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

As with any change in personnel, it takes a period of time for them to learn the routine, so please be patient and courteous to our new access control provider. They are only doing the job for which they were hired. They do not make the rules; they only enforce them.

Be extremely careful when exiting the Mariner Gate since people without a valid service pass or guests who have not been called in are being turned away. They are entering the exit lane from behind the gate house. This is a blind area, so look for cars making that turn. There is a mirror by the exit gate to help you see these turning cars.

The following are suggestions for getting your guests through the Mariner gate:

Call in the name the day before, if possible, preferably between 8:00 pm and 6:00 am. An average of 1,400 cars per day pass through the gate, so if you call during the day, allow a minimum of one hour for your request to be processed.

The gate officer is not permitted to call your residence and verify access for a visitor. If a guest shows up at the gate and no authorization has been received, that person will be turned away.

Speak slowly and distinctly so the gate officer can write the information as you give it.

As an option you may fax the guest name to the gate. The fax number is 487-9755. Don't forget to include your PIC code.

Finally, we continue to be hit with acts of vandalism throughout the community. If you witness any of these acts, call the sheriff and then fill out an incident report so appropriate action can be taken to stop these senseless acts, which have cost all of us \$2,000 so far this year.

TRAFFIC & SAFETY TIP

- Don't succumb to the pressure

In a previous issue of the *Seashore News*, residents were asked not to be intimidated by service providers blocking entrance at the Selva Gate. Sometimes service providers hope well-meaning residents will use their keycards to open the gate arm for the service provider. All service providers must enter through the Mariner Drive gate.

Sometimes service providers block the resident lane at the Mariner Drive gate, and bully residents into using their keycards to let them into the community, so they don't have to wait their turn in the guest lane. If the resident allows the service provider to access the community, the service provider becomes the guest of that resident.

Lending your keycard to anyone else is not a good idea. Exiting your vehicle in a traffic lane as busy as Mariner Drive to assist the service provider is a bad idea. Handing your keycard to an unknown service provider and expecting him to leave it in the reader for you, is a terrible idea.

The gate officer has the authority and ability to insist the service provider turn around and use the guest lane. Let the gate officer take that responsibility and don't succumb to the pressure.

For Your Information

Dana Point residents are entitled to two free bulky-item trash pickups annually, with a limit of four items per pickup.

Bulky items can include refrigerators, mattresses, rugs, water heaters and other items that wouldn't fit in the normal-sized trash cans. Information: 240-0446.

TENNIS RESULTS

Sunday, November 12 was a beautiful day, and it was a good one for tennis. Twenty-four enthusiastic tennis players participated in the final tournament of the year. After four rounds, the top two men and top two women were matched in a pro set play-off. Linda and Arnold Cordova won in a close match with Gaye Vaughn and Robin Roehlk.



CHRISTMAS GOODIES

Our gardeners, gate and patrol officers make Niguel Shores a more beautiful and desirable place to live. Each year at Christmas, residents donate homemade or purchased cookies, candies, breads and cakes as gifts to them. If you plan to give bread or cake, please wrap the pieces individually so they will not break during packaging. Baked goods with soft icing will not package well. Each gardener, gate and patrol officer will receive an assortment of delicious items.

We will be packaging the boxes on Thursday, December 21. Please bring your goodies to the Community Center office on Wednesday, December 20 or Thursday, December 21 by 10:00 am..

Your generosity and support for this community project is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Bette Quinlan at 493-9478.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

CHRISTMAS CAROLING SING-A-LONG

Sunday, December 17 at 5:00 pm

Kids and Adults Welcome

Hot cider, tasty snacks, cookies & coffee
Music and singing at the community center
Free!

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Garibaldi Gate

One of the reasons for moving to Niguel Shores was for the security. When I go through the front gate there is a guard. When I use the other gates, I don't have to worry about anyone following me in without a card. If they try, they would be replacing their tires, etc. If the teeth spikes are not replaced, anyone could follow you to your home, rob you, etc. I think security should be the number one priority with the teeth spikes. If people can follow us in without a card, why pay for Burns International Security Service?

Irene L. Hopson

I just finished the latest Seashore News. I would be remiss if I did not comment on the two letters written regarding the "new improved" Garibaldi gate. I find the gate to be a total embarrassment. It looks like a kindergarten class was turned loose on it. There are paint drippings everywhere and large blotches everywhere else. You would think our membership dues could pay for a professional painter who knows what they are doing.

Diana J. Brennan

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In response to Charlene Bailey, the "outstanding capital project that benefits our community" (Garibaldi Gate) does not in fact benefit our community. On the contrary, it does not perform its designated function-limiting entrance to only residents, guests and service personnel, an obligation provided by Rule #6110 of our by-laws. We are entitled to the protection we bought when we purchased our home. The Board was remiss in eliminating that protection.

The position that spikes and an arm are threatening is absurd. A gate is there to limit entrance. It is the board's obligation to provide every home in Niguel Shores with the same limited entry.

Should the gate be "welcoming" as Ms. Bailey implies, we should assume that all gates in our community would be of the same design, without arm or spikes. With that scenario, look at all the money we could save! We could also eliminate the Mariner Gate guard, allowing visitors to tailgate in behind cardholders. Visitors would then be given identification to place on the dashboard by residents they visit as is now done in the Villas and Sea Terrace II. Those without this identification can then be towed.

Too simple? There is a message here.

Dick and Hope Luedeke

New Name for Niguel Shores

My vote goes to "The Shores." If you want to make it "The Shores at Monarch Beach," that's okay by me. As a realtor in this area for over 20 years, I know that Emerald Bay is known by everyone who lives there as "The Bay." Everyone in Irvine Cove calls it "The Cove." For us to continue to be called "Niguel Shores" is not only misleading, but totally incorrect. The reason I also use Monarch Beach rather than Dana Point for my address is not snob appeal. There is another Leeward Drive in Dana Point. Order a pizza and you'll find that half of the time they go first to the wrong address.

Larry C. Wilson

On Thursday, November 9, at approximately 1:00 pm, the Selva Gate malfunctioned. I was unable to contact a member of the maintenance staff, so in an effort to minimize damage, I pulled my personal vehicle up to the arm and teeth, heading "out" the "in" gate. I stayed at the gate in this position for about ½ hour until a member of the maintenance staff arrived.

Here's the good news. During the entire time I was standing outside of my vehicle, in order to warn incoming vehicles, nearly every single vehicle exiting the community (20 or so) stopped and asked if I was OK or did I need help?

Isn't that nice? What a *beautiful* community Niguel Shores is – and I am not just referring to the *aesthetics*. Thank you to all those who expressed their concern.

Linda K. Hill
Community Relations Manager

Special thanks to May Brown for donating the new clock in the women's lockerroom!

FAMILY CLUB

Thanks to funding by the Board of Directors, donations from the Family Club, other NSCA clubs and individual residents, the After School Program started operations on October 17. To date, 27 NSCA children have enrolled in the program.

Michael, an 18-year-old senior at Dana Hills High School, leads the free program, which runs after school from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. There is no program on school holidays.

If you have school-age children or school-age grandchildren looking for some excitement after school, send them down to the Community Center. The only prerequisite is that the children must be old enough to play in the park alone and are free to leave the program or park at any time. The weekly calendar is posted in the office window, indicating on what days and at what times activities are taking place.

Michael offers a variety of crafts, games, sports, and special activities. A sample of a week's activities

includes button-making on Monday, sand art on Tuesday, board games on Wednesday, spin art on Thursday and cookie decorating on Friday.

WEDNESDAY BRIDGE

Join us for bridge every Wednesday at 12:15 pm. Newcomers welcome. For December play, call Dorothy Knauf at 240-3998.

Our gala Christmas party and bridge is Wednesday, December 6. Come at 11:30 am for a fun time. Call Dorothy Knauf for reservations at 240-3998.

Recent winners:

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| October 18 | November 8 |
| 1. Jean Freeman | 1. Gaye Vaughan |
| 2. Ann Kernan | 2. Frieda Baskin |
| 3. Nancy Kendall | 3. Ann Kernan |

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| October 25 | November 15 |
| 1. Frieda Baskin | 1. Regina Brevick |
| 2. Marie Milliken | 2. Dorothy Knauf |
| 3. Renie Nyland | 3. May Brown |

- November 1
1. Helen Campbell
 2. Dorothy Knauf
 3. Marie Milliken

PAGE TURNERS

There will be no Page Turners meeting in December. At the first meeting in the new millennium, we will be reviewing *The Girl with the Pearl Earring* by Tracy Chevalier. Happy holidays to all!



MENS CLUB

The Mens Club of Niguel Shores meets in the multi-purpose room at 8:00 am on the first and third Tuesday of each month for breakfast, fellowship, a short business meeting and a guest speaker.

On December 5, the Dana Hills High School Choir will pay a return visit to the Mens Club with a concert featuring holiday music. Also on December 5, a Marine Corps representative will be at the meeting to collect Toys for Tots. All members are asked to consider bringing an unwrapped gift to this meeting.

On December 12, the Men's Club will hold its annual Holiday Dinner Dance at the El Niguel Country Club. The cocktail hour will begin at 6:00 pm with dinner at 7:00 pm. Music will be provided by the Sam Conti band. All members and their guests are urged to sign up with the president at their earliest opportunity.

On December 19, Bob Enger will tell us about his experience coaching international football.

We hope all men in the community will take the opportunity to hear our speakers and consider participating in the Mens Club meetings and activities. If you are not a member, please come and visit us. Be our guest and sample the club fellowship.

WOMENS CLUB

There will be no December meeting of the Womens Club. The Womens Club will host their annual Christmas party at the Niguel Shores multi-purpose room on Thursday, December 7 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. All Mens Club members and their ladies are invited to attend.

Womens Club members are asked to bring a plate of hearty hors d'oeuvres or a dessert. If you plan to bring a guest, please bring a plate of additional hors d'oeuvres. Finger foods only. No dips, please. Happy holiday greetings to all.

MENS GOLF

Tournaments were held this month at Fallbrook and Temeku Golf & Country Club in Temecula. These two outings determined the final pairings for the Mens Club championship in both the emerald and gold flights. Results will be published in the January newsletter.

The results at Fallbrook for October 24 with a law net format: Don Ellis won the "A" Flight and Lee Writer and Jerry Pearl tied for second place. Bob Enger and Bob Gutknecht tied for first of the "B" Flight. Jack Christiansen placed third. Closest to the pin was Gene Lachel on one of the three pars, but nobody reached the green on number 18.

Results at Temeku on November 14 when the format was individual low net: The "A" Flight winner was Grover Brown (64) 8 under par. Lee Writer (69) placed second, and Jerry Pearl (71) finished third. The "B" Flight winner was Bob Enger (66) 6 under par. Dick Johns (69) placed second, and Ed Adams (69) finished third. The "C" Flight winner was Tom Crist (62) 10 under par. George Freundlich (73) placed second, and Jack Broering (73) finished third. Jerry Pearl shot closest to the pin on number two and Peter Rask shot closest to the pin on number 11.

Thought for the month: Whatever you leave out of your bag is the one thing you will need. If you need bandages, you will develop a blister; if you need a spare glove, yours will tear on the fifth hole.

WOMENS GOLF

November golf was a "field" day for Ceacy Johns, low gross, tie for low putts... for Margaret Banerian, and co-winner of the Mystery game . . . for Gretchen Rask. Liz Kelsch won low net and Ruthie Stahl was our "Top Turkey."

December Fun Day will be on the usual second Monday of the month, December 11, followed by our annual Christmas luncheon - a lovely catered luncheon and the Christmas elves will entertain us. Cost: \$15. Your check must be in by December 4. If your name is not already on the list for lunch, please call Lydia Reeve at 493-6539. If you are not signed for a tee time, please call Lee Sweeney at 661-5924.

All friends and former NSWG members are cordially invited to renew their ties with golfing on this

day in December. A reminder: 8:00 am is the check-in time for golf.

LIBRARY NEWS

Children's Library: The holiday season will begin on December 6 when Santa Jim arrives at 7:00 pm. A professional storyteller, Santa Jim will share holiday stories. Children may bring an ornament for the library tree, sit on Santa's lap, and share in the refreshments. Bring a camera for a special family event sponsored by the National Charity League.

Holiday storytime will continue on Wednesdays at 10:30 am through December 20 for toddlers and preschool children. Registration is not required.

An after school club will continue making ornaments. The current session is filled.

Pajama Storytime: The Sunshine Readers will read holiday stories, sing carols and provide refreshments. The date is December 11 at 7:00 pm. All ages are welcome to come in their pajamas for a family evening of fun. No registration is required.

Bookstore: Our annual Christmas sale will be held on two weekends: Friday and Saturday, December 1-2 and December 8-9. Many beautiful children's picture books, children's classics for older readers, art books, history books and literary classics are available at the usual attractive prices. A silent auction will be held during the period of the sale: December 1-9. Stop by to enter a bid on one or more of these exceptional books or on one of our surprise gift offerings for a memorable present for some special person, or just for yourself.

Dana Point Library
33841 Niguel Road
Dana Point, CA 92629
496-5517
Bookstore: 489-3956

NEIGHBORHOOD ADS

Items for Seashore News ads must be submitted by the 15th of the month together with a check payable to NSCA. \$3 for a maximum of 30 words) Advertisers must fill out a form available at the Association office. Neither NSCA nor the Seashore News assumes responsibility or liability of quality of goods advertised. See Rule 5525.

FOR SALE: New top quality glass sliding shower doors and trim 64" x 54", \$150. Mirror – 66" x 46" \$50. Phone (949) 240-6378 or (801) 596-1423.

MUST SELL: Doll collection – Mint condition. Collectable Lenox figurines. Great holiday gifts! Call (949) 240-7799.

FOR SALE: 1993 Mazda 4WD MPV van. Good condition, towing and cold weather packages, power windows, door locks, viper alarm and more. 80,000 miles. \$8300. (949) 493-3575 or JGoffman@aol.com

FOR LEASE/SHORT TERM: One level 3-bedrm / 2-bath; Catalina, ocean and sunset views. Newly renovated. Bright, sunny, quiet and charming. Great landscaping! \$2,600 per month. Available for 4 – 8 months. Call (949) 661-2779.

FOR RENT: Niguel Shores 3-bedroom/2 ½ bath. \$2,200. (949) 495-3000.

FOR SALE: Dining set – Glass top with dolphin pedestal; four metallic chairs with tapestry seats. \$1,000. Sanyo 19" color TV, rarely used. \$100. Call (949) 240-7471.

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31	<p>Sheriff's Department Information or to report crime 770-6011</p> <p>Dana Point Community Support Unit 8:00 am to 5:00 pm 248-3580</p>					

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Landscape
Maintenance
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Tree View Blockage

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Dick Mackaig
Janet Mackaig
Dick Beaubien
Don Beaver
Larry Coffing
Carroll Cox

MEETINGS

1:00 pm, 1st & 3rd Thursdays
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3:00 pm, 2nd Monday
9:30 am, 1st Friday
12:30 pm, 1st Monday
10:00 am, 1st Tuesday
1:00 pm, 2nd & 4th Monday

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Sea Terrace Townhomes Association I
Skip Eissfeldt, President
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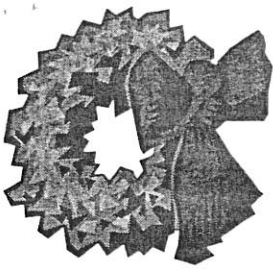
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Happy Holidays

I would like to wish you all a happy holiday season and thank you for your hard work and support during 2000.

I am looking forward to 2001 with equal enthusiasm!

Lieutenant Gus De La Torre, Chief of Police Services

Enforcement in the Dana Point Marine Life Refuge

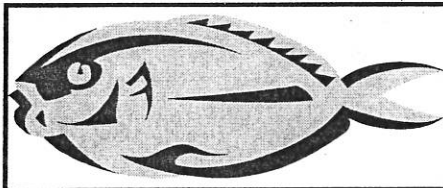
By
Ron Kennedy

The Marine Life Refuge in Dana Point Harbor is one of our City's prized treasures. The tidepools in the refuge serve as a living classroom to children from all over Southern California.

The staff of the Ocean Institute educates our youth about the fragile ocean ecosystem by allowing the kids to see the various forms of marine life in their natural habitat. Years of abuse by poachers and damage by uninformed visitors has caused nearly irreparable damage to the marine life in our refuge.

The County of Orange (Harbors, Beaches, and Parks Department), the Ocean Institute, and Dana Point Police Services got together in 1999 to develop a strategy to stop the destruction in the refuge. The Marine Life Refuge Enforcement program was born from that collective effort.

The Ocean Institute Staff, in conjunction with the California Department of Fish and Game, provided the Dana Point Police Services staff with specialized enforcement training in late 1999.



Deputy Russ Chilton was assigned to develop and manage the project and in January of this year Dana Point Police Services began enforcing the rules of the refuge. **The California Fish and Game Code makes it illegal to remove or damage ANY marine life or non-living item in the refuge.** It is also illegal to have dogs in the refuge. The program involves giving educational warnings to people inadvertently damaging the refuge and arresting poachers who blatantly violate the law.

With less than a year under our belt the program is already showing great signs of success. Deputy Russ Chilton has been asked to help expand the program beyond the city limits. He will begin training law enforcement personnel from the Laguna Beach and Newport Beach police departments.

Officials from Los Angeles County have inquired about the possibility of borrowing Russ to help start a similar program there. Russ has become quite the celebrity in the environmental community. His hard work and dedication to protect the environment has earned him the new title of "King of the Tidepools" around our office.

Holiday Season Safety

The joy of the Holiday Seasons can often be marred by an accident therefore, at this time of the year, it is important that we all be safety-conscious:

Be safety-conscious when purchasing toys for children, especially small children. Avoid projectile-type toys, check for sharp edges and exposed nails or loose parts that may cover sharp metal or plastic corners, and check for small parts that may be easily removed or torn off and end up in a child's mouth or stuck in his or her throat.

Also, be sure to follow instructions in setting up electric Christmas trees and house lights, don't put too many sets of lights on one circuit, don't use lights when wires are frayed, and be careful in placing trees, both natural and artificial, and gifts, etc. away from heaters and fireplaces. If you have a natural tree, be sure to keep water in the stand to keep it moist. Don't leave a natural tree in the house too long after Christmas if it has dried out, and remember that a Christmas tree can become a blazing inferno in a matter of seconds. If you don't have a smoke alarm in your home, give you and your family a smoke detector, as an early Christmas gift; it is a gift that may save your lives.

This is also a good time to check and replace the batteries in your smoke detector. Try to keep the area around the tree as free as possible of excess clutter



and cords that could cause slips or falls.

The Holiday Season is often a time of increased stress. To help reduce and control stress during this period, remember that it is the spirit of giving and good cheer that makes the Holiday Season meaningful, and not the amount of money which is spent nor the number of gifts which are given. Also, remember that you can't do it all yourself, so delegate responsibilities and set realistic goals and timetables. In the midst of all the family gatherings and parties, try to find some quiet, solitary time for your self.

Using alcohol to excess is the leading cause of motor vehicle accidents during this time of the year. As a host or



hostess of holiday parties, offer your guests not only alcoholic beverages but non-alcoholic beverages as well. Do not serve alcohol to guests who obviously have had too much to drink. Be sure and serve a sufficient amount of food. While on the road or travelling, remember to buckle up and drive safely. Don't drive when you are overtired, and don't drive while drinking.

Have a Happy Holiday.....
Courtesy of Health Advancement Services, Inc.

WORTHY V.I.P.S.

Many thanks to our Volunteers In Police Support for delivering the Dana Point Watch to the Block Captains city-wide. This community service has been in existence for over nine years.

The Neighborhood Watch Program is in need of additional Block Captains. For additional information, please call Program Coordinator Scotty Smith at (949) 248-3585.

If a stranger comes to your door, beware....

Criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts. And it's not uncommon

for people to try to take advantage of others' generosity during the holidays by going door-to-door for charitable donations when there's no charity involved. Ask for identification, and find out how the funds will be used. If you aren't satisfied, don't give. Help a charitable organization you know and like instead.

Last but not least, don't let holiday stress get the best of your holiday spirit. Make time to get together with family, friends, and neighbors, and think about reaching out in the spirit of the season and helping someone who's less fortunate or lonely. Do your part to make the holidays a safe and happy time for everybody-except criminals.

OPERATION I.D.

What is Operation Identification?

Operation I.D. is a citizen's burglary prevention/property identification program for use in homes and businesses. Operation I.D. involves the marking of property with an identifying number as a means of discouraging burglary or theft. This number also helps law enforcement agencies identify your property should it be lost or stolen.

Electric engravers are available through Dana Point City Hall, located at 33282 Golden Lantern, Suite 209 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A \$10.00 refundable deposit will be required for the loan of the engraver, Two 3-1/2 x 5" Operation I.D. window decals will be provided to those residents who use the engraver. This program is in conjunction with the City's Crime Prevention Program and Neighborhood Watch Program.

Nine ways to protect your credit cards during the Holidays

- 1 Never leave your purse or wallet unattended and always keep your cards out of sight.
- 2 After making credit card purchases, be sure the returned card is indeed your own.

- 3 Periodically take inventory of your cards to make sure you have them all.
- 4 Keep a separate list of your account numbers and the telephone numbers to call in case your cards are lost or stolen.
- 5 Never loan your credit cards to friends. Their use is your responsibility, not theirs.
- 6 Verify all charges on your account statements and report any discrepancies immediately.
- 7 Sign your credit card as soon as you receive it and keep duplicates in a safe place.
- 8 Report lost or stolen cards immediately.
- 9 Your PIN number should remain personal; memorize it or keep it disguised.



What's next on our schedule?

**Neighborhood Watch
Monday March 5, 2001
6:45 p.m.**

*Featuring guest speaker
Sheriff Michael S. Carona*

In the City Council Chambers
We look forward to seeing you!

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