

# seashore news

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## FROM THE HELM

Mark your calendars **MARCH 7** and **VOTE!** There are many issues of varying importance. Perhaps one of the most important ones, for all of us as residents of Niguel Shores and as residents of South County, is Measure F. There is a great deal of emotion on both sides of this measure. Down here in South County, the overwhelming sentiment according to all polls is in favor of Measure F. Neither Niguel Shores Community Association or its Board members can take an official position. It would seem hard, however, for me to comprehend how an owner of Niguel Shores property or a resident here could not recognize the benefits of voting in favor of this ballot initiative.

**Guess what? We are going to have a survey!** This survey is not of national import or is it even of countywide import. It could have quite an impact on many of us here in the Shores. As some, if not many, of you are aware, there has been much discussion and, yes, even controversy about parking here. The rules which have been in effect since way back in the 1900's (about 1986 or earlier) limit overnight street parking to cars owned by residents that are in excess of the size of their garage and/or their driveway (Our guests are able to park overnight). Part of the reason for this is aesthetics, part is safety considerations. Some of our narrower cul-de-sac streets really cannot handle many cars, day or night. Some of our larger streets with houses on only one side almost beckon cars to stop and tarry for a day or two.

At some times in the past these rules have been strictly enforced. More often, they have been enforced only after complaints by neighbors. Most of us don't want to complain about our neighbors because most of them are really nice people, and why start a difficult situation. We do have to consider that when each of us purchased here we signed papers that said we would uphold the Constitution and laws (oops, I mean CC&R's and Rules) of Niguel Shores. Times do change though. Things were quite different in the '70's when the original documents were created for Niguel Shores. There are a lot more cars per family and some of them are a lot bigger. Possibly a good reason to relax some of our rules, but also a good reason to become even more stringent in enforcing them!

So, shortly you are going to receive a survey and I urge you to read it, think about it, fill it out and, oh yes, mail it back. Your opinions are most important to us. If we get a hundred or so responses, it really wouldn't be of that much value; but if we get five or six hundred or more responses out of the nine hundred and sixty possible, we would have a much better chance of setting policies that we all can live with. Until the survey is completed, Lincoln will continue to cite illegally parked cars, but only those who have violated other rules besides overnight parking will be towed until a final decision is reached.

Have a great St. Patrick's Day celebration, and as I said at the beginning, **VOTE ON MARCH 7**. One last note: Several people have indicated a desire to communicate via the internet. Until further notice I can be reached at [nscacb@attglobal.net](mailto:nscacb@attglobal.net)

**Andy Boush**  
Board President

**NEXT OPEN BOARD MEETING  
FOR COMMITTEE REPORTS  
IS MARCH 15 AT 7:30 PM**



## **FEBRUARY BOARD ACTIONS**

- ◆ Authorized staff to reimburse several residents for tire damage suffered at the Selva gate.
- ◆ Authorized staff to finalize the new design with the architect for the replacement of the Torii gates, which was posted at the Community Center.
- ◆ Directed the maintenance staff to place the street signs for all Atlantic Garden Homes on 4x4 posts and place them along Atlantic Drive/Avenue.
- ◆ At the request of the Traffic & Safety Committee, authorized Lincoln Security to have a second patrol shift during the spring break period from April 17-21, operating from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.
- ◆ Accepted the Recreation Committee's 2000 calendar of activities.
- ◆ Accepted the employee's year 2000 holiday schedule.
- ◆ Authorized staff to order new monument sign lettering for Mariner Dr., from Pacific Sign, at a cost not to exceed \$400. This lettering will not be installed until the Maintenance Committee finalizes changes to the existing marker location.

## **DISASTER PREPAREDNESS MOCK DRILL**

Mark your calendars now. On Saturday, April 15, we will stage a mock disaster drill between 10:00 am and 12:00 noon here in Niguel Shores. All block captains, street leaders, special disaster teams and residents will be expected to attend. We will need adults and children willing to play victims to be rescued. An outside observer from the City of Dana Point will be auditing our drill and grade our efforts. Now is the time to prepare and find out what you need to do when a disaster strikes. Do we have your next of kin's address and phone number in our data base?

Emergency contact information forms and NSCA Disaster Manuals are available at the office. For more information, call Gerlinde Duffy, 661-9416.



## **LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE**

On a trial basis the Committee has decided to plant two 15-gallon Japanese pagoda trees (*Saphora Japonica*), if available, on Niguel Road between PCH and Mariner Drive. These trees are replacements for the eucalyptus trees and will be planted before the old trees are removed.

Landscape Committee work projects for 2000 are well underway and on schedule. Improvements for February include the following:

**BERKUS:** Add 20 5-gallon flax and 25 5-gallon tacoma to improve the corner of Stonehill and Niguel Road.

**CUSTOM HOMES:** Add 12 5-gallon street trees to Magellan Isle (type to be determined).

**ATLANTIC GARDENS:** Make front yard

improvements, consisting of various ground cover and 5-gallon trees/shrubs.

SEA TERRACE II: Along the rear yard fences within Manta greenbelt, add 40 flats of vinca, 50 5-gallon *rhapiolepis*, 100 1-gallon *agapanthus*, and 4 15-gallon trees. Also, two pine trees will be removed.

## FAUX ROCK CABLE COVERS

In the Landscape Committee article in the February issue of the *Seashore News* there was an erroneous statement that any owner could call Cox Cable and request the cable box be replaced with a cover that resembled a rock.

What the article failed to mention is that there is a charge for a survey to determine whether the box CAN be replaced, plus a minimum charge of \$250 for the faux rock cover. Since these cable boxes are all located in utility easement areas on private property, the owner, not the Association, is responsible for the costs.



## TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE

### 1. Vehicle Gates:

- a. Bar code decals for the Mariner gate are now available to all residents. The scanning device will eventually be installed on all gates as they are replaced or upgraded.
- b. There is still a problem with the synchronization of the gate arm at Mariner gate. Until this problem is resolved, residents are URGED to use caution when entering and merging with the guest lane. This problem is

being worked on and should be resolved shortly.

- c. Residents are reminded that when you call in or FAX a guest name to the Mariner gate to give your PIC (Personal Identification Code). This will prevent your guest from possibly being denied access.

2. Speed Trailers: The speed trailer has been repaired and is back in the community. If you would like to see the speed trailer in your area, let the Traffic & Safety Committee know and we will see that it happens.

3. Extra Patrols: The committee has again recommended to the Board that during the spring break an extra 8-hour patrol shift be added. Historically, during this period there is an increase in the number of trespassers and vehicle violations.

4. Community Watch: The committee is asking all residents to be alert to any suspicious activity and to report it immediately to the Sheriff with a follow-up to the office. We need to get involved and become a "community watch." If objects continue to be thrown over the bridge on to PCH, the Association may be forced from the standpoint of liability to enclose the bridge. This will not only be ugly and unsightly but very costly, possibly resulting in a special assessment to each homeowner.

### STONEHILL GATE CODE CHANGE

Effective at 9:00 AM on March 06, the code at the Stonehill Gate will change to: **6276**. This code will be effective until further notice.



## SEASHORE NEWS BLOTTER

The community continues to be the target of residential and vehicle break-ins. If you are the victim, you are encouraged to contact the Sheriff. The more involved we get, the more visible the drive-by patrol will become. The numbers to call are:

949/248-3580. This is the office in Dana Point and it is open during business hours Monday thru Friday.

949/770-6011. This is a 24-hour dispatch number and should be used when the Dana Point office is closed.

IT'S MUSICAL SHOW TIME AT  
THE SADDLEBACK CIVIC LIGHT  
OPERA

### MAN OF LA MANCHA

Special Matinee for Niguel Shores

Special Optional

No-Host Lunch Before

Sunday, July 9 At 3:00 PM

Special Rate Of \$21 Per Person

Reservations At NSCA Office

Checks Only Made Out To NSCA

Deadline: April 1

**Please Do It Now, Tickets Limited**



## RECREATION COMMITTEE

At the end of January, the annual Super Bowl party was held at the Community Center with an appreciative crowd of about 85 residents. All agreed that the hot dogs, pizza and popcorn were superior. The football game turned out to be a thriller and the winners' pools helped to make it a success. The success was made possible by the volunteers who are the backbone of our community affairs.

On Saturday night February 12 we instituted our first Big Band Night. 51 stalwarts came out to support what may become a regular attraction on the recreation schedule.

The evening started with an open bar and hearty hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 pm. Then the strains of Glenn Miller, the Dorseys, and all the wonderful 40's bands took over. The dance floor was adequate and the intimate table arrangements made for a very casual and enjoyable evening. The nice thing was that we were all in bed by 9:00pm. Again thanks to our volunteers.

Thanks to the organization of Dale Baltimore, the one and only Mr. Potluck, and his many volunteers, we again enjoyed a good turnout for the monthly Potluck meeting with the always great food and a few surprises.

### STREET SWEEPING MONDAY, MARCH 6

Please keep all cars off the streets  
and out of the parking bays.

This will allow the sweeper to do a better job.



## INFORMATION GUIDE ATTACHED

A newly revised *Your Information Guide*, with green cover, is attached to this issue of the *Seashore News*. It replaces the yellow-colored booklet dated 1995.

Please carefully open up the staple and remove the booklet from the *Seashore News* and then refold it.

You will want to re-familiarize yourself with its contents noting changes and additions made over the past five years:

Page

1. Association explanations
2. List of documents you should have
3. Organization of the Association
4. Items of special importance
- & 5.
6. Statistics and history
7. Community map
8. Center facilities, clubs & activities
- & 9.
10. Area services and phone numbers
- & 11.

The Board of Directors and the Communication Committee hope you will retain this guide as a useful reference to your interaction with the Association and the broader community.

## MARINER DR. & WINDLASS DR. ASPHALT REPAIRS

NSCA staff expects Mariner Drive, near Niguel Road, and a large section of Windlass Drive, will be scheduled in March to receive asphalt repairs. Staff also expects several other streets to receive minor asphalt street repairs. The rainy weather in February has caused our contractor to reschedule projects. Please watch the Mariner Drive display case for a sign providing the specific dates. Residents directly affected by these asphalt projects will receive, a letter in advance, providing specific details. The staff wants to thank residents for their patience.

## RULE 6405 REQUIRES USE OF GARAGE / DRIVEWAY FOR OVERNIGHT PARKING OF VEHICLES WITH DECALS

The Board of Directors would like to remind residents that they are expected to use their garages and driveways for overnight parking of their vehicles with decals.

Residents need to understand that parking on the street overnight is not allowed because the streets are narrow, and the Orange County Fire Department requires an unobstructed twenty (20) feet-wide fire lane.

If you have more vehicles with decals than you have garage and driveway parking spaces, please contact the NSCA business office during normal business hours. If the Traffic & Safety Committee finds extenuating circumstances, a temporary or permanent waiver may be granted.

## WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

**William and Kathy Allen** have joined this community on Flying Jib. Both are retired from the Laguna Beach Unified School District. Bill was a school administrator, while Kathy was an elementary teacher. Bill is a graduate of UC Santa Barbara, and Kathy received her education at Dominican College, UC San Diego, and UC Irvine.

This very active couple enjoys tennis, boating and bicycling, and looks forward to joining others in these pursuits. Bill has also designed and built small wooden boats in the past, and Kathy is a cooking and computer buff. They chose our community for its easy harbor and beach access and its tennis courts and pool. Other amenities they especially appreciate are the beauty of the landscaping and the warm feeling of community shared here.

A warm welcome to these lively new residents!



## VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Letters are welcome and limited to 200 words typed if possible, including name, address and phone number of writer. Refer to NSCA Rule #5221, 2, 3 and 4. Submissions due on the 17<sup>th</sup> of the month.

### *“THE GOOD & THE BAD IN FIGHTING THE AIRPORT”*

**The Good News:** Niguel Shores is now over the \$30,000 mark of donations to “Safe and Healthy Communities,” to help stop the airport. That is 75% of our goal of \$40,000.

**The Bad News:** South County Collections are barely at the \$1,000,000. That is a long way from the \$2,000,000 needed to continue to produce mailers and TV spots through March 6, the day before the election.

Frank Bethard’s 1931 Model “A” Ford with Niguel Shores’ thermometer will continue to show our progress up through March 6. Watch for it in your neighborhood, and at the community center parking lot on weekends. Make checks to “Safe and Healthy” and mail to P.O. Box 223, 24843 Del Prado, and Dana Point, CA 92629.

Our biggest need is your **YES Vote for Measure “F”** on March 7. Analysts seem to agree that anything short of 55% of registered voters for South County will mean the Pro-airport people will win.

Dick MacNair  
Dick Mackaig

### *“BEAUTIFUL EUCALYPTUS TREES ON NIGUEL ROAD”*

*Please be advised that I live in the Atlantic Garden Homes, and my back patio is on Niguel Road. I have owned this home since 1975, bought it new from AVCO.*

*During the time I have lived in the home. I have noticed the eucalyptus trees, they are beautiful; they are tall and lacy, they keep much of the dirt out of my patio, they don’t block views; they keep the street lights from Niguel Shores out of my bedroom window at night. They don’t block views, they are large, and lacy.*

*The eucalyptus trees only need to be trimmed once per year to keep them at their best. Filtered clusters for maximum views and fewer shedding of leaves.*

*The trees suggested to the Landscape Committee “Brazilian Peppers” are also surrounding my patios. Front and back. They are extremely messy, get large, and should be pruned twice a year by an arborist (someone who knows about trees). The mess is very annoying, these pepper trees have a soft flower that SHEDS for several months, clogging up my fountains and messing up my walkways and the foliage under the messy pepper trees. California peppers are not even so messy. BUT WHY tear out the existing beautiful, mature, friendly eucalyptus trees?*

*If you had them cut yearly, as you should, the cost wouldn’t be so much as it was this year. The Board should take care of things, not just tear things out when they get too big, or old, or rotten. I hope you don’t tear out the beautiful eucalyptus trees.*

Mary Jeffries

### *"THE EUCALYPTUS TREES"*

*The Eucalyptus trees referred to on Niguel Road are not what I could call "friendly" trees as the writer calls them. They are a potential 60 foot tall tree (or more) if not cut hard every year. After over the 20 years of heavy trimming that these trees have endured, they appear to be under control; however, they would quickly get out of control without the heavy annual "harvesting." This type of trimming is not in harmony with the natural growth pattern of this tree; it is expensive in terms of man hours and debris generated.*

*What is much preferred for a height restricted location is a tree that develops a lateral branching pattern (canopy style) and does not produce a leader that must be continually cut to control its height. The height of most canopy type trees can easily be kept within the requirements of a "view" community with a more natural thinning type of trimming that is much more pleasant to look at.*

*Before any changes in the landscape are made, the Landscape Committee has many factors to consider. The move away from Eucalyptus trees to "canopy" style is not a difficult decision, which is why a canopy style replacement tree was chosen.*

*Dick Wendt, Certified Arborist ISA WC 3598*

### *"EXCESSIVE RABBIT POPULATION"*

*The abundance of rabbit droppings found in the streets and in our yards is causing coccidian (tapeworms) in our pets as well as destroying many plants and flora. If your pet consumes any rabbit droppings, which resemble little dog kibble it should be immediately treated by your vet using at least two courses of Albarn until the parasites are eliminated. You can determine if your pet is*

*infected by taking a sample of your pet's fecal matter to your vet for analysis. One vet who is familiar with this problem is Dr. Cohen, DV in Newport Beach, 722-8152. If one of our committees could, once again, address the problem of rabbit control in our community, it would be greatly appreciated by everyone, especially pet owners.*

*Jack Snyder*

## **PAGE TURNERS**

Page Turners invite you to hear the book discussion of Heatwave by Penelope Lively on March 20 at 10:30 am. Phyllis Tezer will be our reviewer. Robbie Wolff, 33571 Brigantine, is our hostess this month. Dorothy Eubank will assist with refreshments. Please call Marilyn Pappas, 496-7072 or Phyllis Tezer, 496-4710, if you have any questions.

## **POT LUCK**

With the arrival of Spring, we have good reason to gather and celebrate the new season. So, adorn yourselves in flowers and ribbons and join us for a rollicking good time. The date is Sunday, March 19.

Please bring your own table service and dish to share. First-timers are welcome, but should call the committee members listed, using the letter of your last name to find out what to bring.

A – E	Jackie Maier	496-9654
	Anita Geyer	496-7843
F – M	Donna Thompson	496-4264
	Bob Thalimer	
N – Z	Margaret and Walt Brugger	493-1438

The no-host social hour starts at 6:00 pm and dinner is at 7:00 pm in the MPR.

## TEAR-OFF 55 ALIVE REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(Check-off) I Have \_\_\_\_\_ I Have not \_\_\_\_\_ taken the course previously.

A check made out to AARP is attached for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

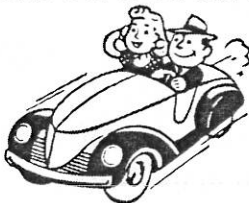
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Cut out and return to the NSCA Office by March 16, 2000.

### 55 ALIVE CLASS OFFERED

Over twenty people registered their interest in having a 55 Alive Safe Driving Class. So, a class has been scheduled for Thursday, April 20, 9:00am to 1:00 pm and Friday, April 21, 10:00am to 12:00pm and 1:00pm to 3:00 pm. On Friday, because of the exercise class, it is scheduled from 10:00am to noon and 1:00pm to 3:00 pm.

This eight-hour course is offered through the American Association of Retired People (AARP) and qualifies seniors for a discount of five to ten percent on their automobile insurance. It is good for three years and then must be repeated in an updated course to maintain eligibility. There is a ten dollar charge for the class and a minimum enrollment requirement of fifteen. The maximum class size is thirty, so enrollment is on a first come basis. For further information, call Ed Adams, 493-4445. To register for the class complete the tear-off registration form and return it to the NSCA office with a check for \$10. (\$20 for a couple) made out to AARP.



### NUISANCE ANIMALS AND CODE ENFORCEMENT

NSCA has rules and regulations regarding animal nuisance – barking, defecation and cleanup, running loose, etc. We enforce the 9100 series of the rules and regulations through a series of letters *after the complaint has been verified*. But, we are not here seven days a week, or 24 hours a day, and sometimes we just can't verify the complaint.

We have been advised that animal control in Dana Point is handled by Coastal Animal Services Authority, which enforces the county's ordinances. Just one phone call will generate a letter "with bite." Following the letter, a second call from the same individual regarding the same animal will initiate an investigation – is the animal licensed and does it have its shots? A call from another individual regarding the same animal will warrant the issuance of a citation with a fine/penalty attached. Dana Point and Niguel Shores encourages all residents to handle animal nuisance complaints through Coastal Animal Services Authority. Their phone number is 492-1617. Hopefully, enough calls from Niguel Shores' residents will persuade animal control to spend more time in the community on a regular basis.



## **VISITOR PARKING PASSES**

The # plus four digit gate access code that currently opens both the Manta and Garibaldi gates will be changing at 9:00am on March 6.

All Sea Terrace II and Villas residents should have received a notice with the new code and nine new visitor passes printed on pink paper. The new visitor passes must be used beginning April 1, and are valid through September 30.

If you did not receive the mailing, come to the NSCA business office during regular business hours to receive a duplicate copy of the notice and your visitor parking passes.

## **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COLLECTION FACILITIES**

Remember, it is illegal to dispose of household hazardous waste (HHW) through the automated residential program. There are four HHW Collection Centers in operation throughout Orange County. To ensure proper disposal of the HHW, it must be disposed of at a certified collection center. The nearest collection centers are located at the Prima Deshecha Landfill in San Juan Capistrano and in the City of Irvine. The hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday, 9:00 am – 1:00 p.m., and closed Sundays, Mondays, holidays and rainy days. A maximum of 15 gallons or 125 lbs. of hazardous material may be brought to the collection center per vehicle, per visit.

If you need directions to the additional HHW facilities located throughout the county, please call the Orange County Integrated Waste Management Information Line at (714) 834-6752.

Household hazardous waste includes, but is not limited to: motor oil, pool chemicals, batteries, pesticides, cleaning products, wood preservatives, solvents, road flares, and paint.

## **HOMEOWNERS WITH CEMWOOD ROOFING MATERIALS SHOULD BE AWARE OF PROBLEMS INVOLVING THE MANUFACTURER**

The NSCA office was contacted by a homeowner and notified that American Cemwood Corporation is out of business and there is a possible settlement of a class action lawsuit involving their roofing materials. This company manufactured cement/wood fiber roofing products commonly known as Cemwood Shakes. The company sold this product under the following brand names: Cemwood Shakes, Permatak Shakes, Permatak II Shakes, Trieste Tiles, Pacific Slate, Royal Shakes or Cascade Shakes.

Homeowners who have this product on their roofs should check out the following web site for information and claim forms:

[www.cemwoodclaims.com](http://www.cemwoodclaims.com).

If you do not have an internet connection, then you can obtain information by calling 1-800-708-3266 or by using the following mailing address:

American Cemwood Roofing  
Litigation Settlement  
P.O. Box 4540  
Portland, OR 97208-4540

The office staff has posted a three-page description at the Community Center, obtained from the web site that provides some details on the lawsuit and what homeowners need to do to submit a claim. The material is in the display case inside the entry gate.

## SERVICE PERMITS EXPIRING

REMINDER Six-Month Extended Service Permits for your service personnel will expire on March 31. Please fill out the pink application attached to this issue of the *Seashore News* to authorize the NSCA business office to issue new Six-Month Extended Service Permits that will be valid from April 1 through September 30.

Return the pink application to the NSCA business office as soon as possible. You or your service person can pick up the new permit on or after April 1.

The current permit expires on March 31, but will be honored at the Mariner Drive gate until April 9, only.

## CITY OF DANA POINT TO PARTICIPATE IN VOTE 2000 TO GET REGISTERED VOTERS IN NSCA OUT TO VOTE

The Board of Directors is in receipt of a letter from John Bahorski, City Manager, requesting permission to allow "field staff" from *Vote 2000* to have access to the community on Tuesday, March 7, 2000. *Vote 2000* is a program that encourages registered voters to vote in the Primary Election. According to Mr. Bahorski, "*Vote 2000* is a non-partisan program and will not attempt to solicit votes for any candidates, party or issue."

The Board will allow these individuals to have access to the community on March 7. Residents who have not voted at the polls might have someone from *Vote 2000* come by their home, knock on their door, and receive encouragement vote before the polls close. The Board believes this is a program the community will support.



## WEDNESDAY BRIDGE

Join us for bridge every Wednesday at 11:45am. Newcomers are always welcome. Call Frieda Baskin at 661-3521 to play during March. Winners were:

### January 19-

- 1<sup>st</sup> Joan Sullivan
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Anne Kernan
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mary Apramian

### January 26-

- 1<sup>st</sup> Helen Campbell
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Joan Sullivan
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Irene Nylund

### February 2-

- 1<sup>st</sup> Helen Campbell
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Frieda Baskin
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jean Freeman

### February 9-

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mary Apramian
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gaye Vaughan
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jeanne Wadkins

### February 16-

- 1<sup>st</sup> Marie Milliken
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Helen Campbell
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Gaye Vaughan



## WRITERS GROUP

If you enjoy writing then this is the group for you. Even if you have never written a word on paper, we can help you get started. It is for people who are just beginning or are more advanced.

We will meet this month on Tuesday, March 7 at 10:30am to 12:00pm. Bring anything you have written and all your ideas for discussion and fun.

This month the meeting will be held in Phyllis Bailey's house. For directions call 493-8257. Or for more information, call Irma Slage at 234-0052.



## WOMENS GOLF

Niguel Shore's women golfers know how to have fun in the rain. **DON'T PLAY GOLF!** On Valentine's Day, they ignored the rainy, soggy golf course and set up a 9-hole putting green in the MPR...and the winner was ...Lee Sweeney. A delicious lunch provided energy to conduct the monthly business meeting. NSWG doesn't call this 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month **FUN DAY** for nothing. To join the group on Monday, March 13, please call Wanda Gilliland, 487-0030, who is golf captain, or Margaret Banerian, 661-5307, who can sign you up for lunch. You, then, can also be part of whatever happens on **FUN DAY** this month.

## WOMENS CLUB

On March 9, the Womens Club will have as our speaker, Niguel Shores resident, Barbara Milner along with her husband, Jerry, to whom she fondly refers as her "penguin." They will entertain us with stories of their recent expedition to Antarctica. Come as our guest if you aren't a member, but please call Ruth Lewis, telephone chair, 661-7786, for a reservation. Members bring either salad or dessert every other time they attend. If a member has not been contacted before the meeting, call your telephone committee representative, not Ruth Lewis, for a reservation.

The monthly board meeting will be held at 4:00 pm on Thursday, March 2, in the multi-purpose conference room.

An outing to the Orange County Museum of Art in Newport Beach has been planned for Tuesday, April 4, at 11:00 am. There will be a docent tour of the current Winslow Homer exhibit followed by a no host luncheon from the menu at the Museum Café. We will carpool from the Community Center parking lot at 10:00 am and drive to the museum near Fashion Island, 870 San Clemente Drive, Newport Beach. There is no admission charge on that date so no money will be collected in advance. A sign-up sheet will be passed at the March meeting.

### SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PHONE NUMBER

9-1-1 For Life Threatening Situations

To Report a Crime or Request Police  
Service or General Information  
714-770-6011

Dana Point Sheriff's Office  
8:00am to 5:00pm  
248-3580

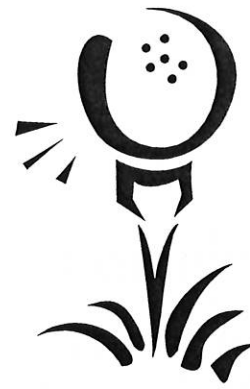


## MENS CLUB

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.

In March there will be only one meeting. The normally-scheduled meeting on March 7 will not be held since the MPR will be in use for the election. The March 21 meeting will feature a speaker from the California Angels. Come and hear our speaker discuss this year's pennant race.

The Mens Club bus tour to the Norton Simon Museum will be on Wednesday, March 29. The cost of \$22 per person includes admission to the museum and a guided tour. The bus will leave from the parking lot at 10:30 am, to arrive in Pasadena at 12:00 noon, and will leave Pasadena at 5:00 pm. Since the bus capacity is 46 people, the trip will be limited to Mens Club members and their guests. To go on this trip, put your money (cash or check) in an envelope, write your name and "Norton Simon Trip" on the outside and give it to the office for placement in the Mens Club box.



## MENS GOLF

Our late January outing to Camp Pendleton had to be cancelled due to rain. Not only did we miss a regularly scheduled tournament, but also the notorious military S.O.S. breakfast. Better luck next year.

Twenty-eight golfers, seven teams of four, took part in a best two ball tournament held on February 8, at Encinitas Ranch in San Diego County. First place went to the team of Dick Brame, Dick Johns, Joe Sanders, and Carl Printz with a 37 under par and a one stroke victory. Second place was captured by Grover Brown, Todd Hughes, Gene Lachel, and Boyd Van Ness. This team had the best nine hole score: 20 under par. The competition was really tight with only 6 strokes separating the first and seventh place teams. Carl Printz and Ed Bouffard won closest to the pin.

**Thought for the month-** the rules of Golf have evolved to be very complex but in earlier times were quite simple:

- 1. Play the course as you find it.**
- 2. Play your ball as it lays.**
- 3. If you can't do either, do what's fair.**





### **Classes for Niguel Shores Residents**

#### **Fitness Class**

Men and Women

9:00 am to 10:00 am

Mon., Wed., Fri., at the MPR

\$50 per month (12 lessons)  
or \$6 per class.

Call Ian Harris at 497-1282 for details.

#### **Tennis Lessons**

Adults, all levels

Monday 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Wednesday 9:00 am to noon

Friday 9:00 am to noon and

2:00 pm to 5:00 pm NSCA Courts

For fees and times call  
tennis pro, Jennifer Lyons  
evenings at 489-1734.

#### **Water Aerobics**

Men and Women

10:00 am to 11:00 am

Mon., Wed., Fri., at the Pool.

\$28 monthly or \$3 per class.

Call Ceacy Johns at 493-8355 for details.

#### **Water Color/Drawing Lessons**

Men and Women

Tuesdays 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

\$10 per 3-hour session.

Call Doris Adams at 493-4445 for  
location and materials needed.



### **SECOND ANNUAL BOAT PARADE**

Mark your calendars great FUN for young  
and old!

DATE: SUNDAY, MARCH 26

TIME: 4:30 PM

BOAT ENTRY PARTICIPANTS  
PLEASE PICK UP YOUR ENTRY  
FORM AND THE RULES AT THE  
NSCA BUSINESS OFFICE.

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR JUDGING  
ENTRIES MUST BE IN BY  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22.

BOATS MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
FOR JUDGING  
BY 4:00 PM ON MARCH 26.

ADMISSION CHARGE IS  
FINGER FOOD HORS D'OUVRES  
TO SHARE WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS  
ALL DRINKS \$1  
RAFFLE TO BE HELD FOR  
RESTAURANT DONATIONS





## LIBRARY NEWS

**Children's Library:** The spring story time sessions will begin March 15 with toddler/pre-school story times on Wednesdays at 10:30 am and school-age After School Club on Thursdays at 4:00 pm. Registration is required. Family pajama story time is the last Monday of the month at 7:00 pm.

**New Computers:** Sixteen new computers with a Windows-based system have been installed in the Library for patron use. Six have access to the internet with two filtered ones in the Children's library. The other ten offer library catalogs, databases for business, health and literature, a national phone directory, full text magazine articles and other features. A volunteer will be on site on some Wednesdays in March from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Check with the library (496-5517) for dates and times.

**Taxes:** Free tax help through the VITA program is being offered on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Call or stop by the library for an appointment.

**Library Bookstore:** Our customers love old vinyl records. Please donate yours to us if you want to clean off those shelves. We need non-fiction books too. Support your library and join the Friends in 2000 for fifteen tax deductible dollars per year. Pickup an envelope in the library or bookstore.



## NEIGHBORHOOD ADS

Items for Seashore News ads must be submitted by the 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Attention Cox @ Home Users**-I am forming a Cox@home users group so we can get improved service and faster repairs. Please e-mail name, address and phone # to [Alans@omahasteaks.com](mailto:Alans@omahasteaks.com).

**For Sale**-1994 BMW 325i red convertible with new black top, tan interior. Excellent condition. 37,000mi. \$23,950. 496-3357.



IT'S MUSICAL SHOW TIME AT THE  
SADDLEBACK CIVIC LIGHT OPERA



Man Of La Mancha

SPECIAL MATINEE FOR NIGUEL SHORES

- *SPECIAL OPTIONAL NO-HOST LUNCH BEFORE*

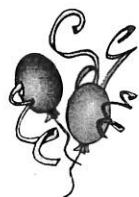
SUNDAY, JULY 9<sup>TH</sup> AT 3:00 P.M.

SPECIAL RATE OF \$21.00 PER PERSON  
CHECKS ONLY - MADE OUT TO N.S.C.A.

DEADLINE: APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2000

BUY TICKETS NOW

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# NSCA 2000 RECREATION ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



## March –

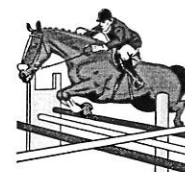
Pot Luck Dinner	Sunday	19	6:00 PM
Boat Parade	Sunday	26	TBA

## April –

*New Residents Orientation	Saturday	8	4:00 PM
Pot Luck Dinner	Sunday	16	6:00 PM

## May –

Kentucky Derby Party	Saturday	6	TBA
Pot Luck Dinner	Sunday	21	6:00 PM
Memorial Weekend BBQ	Sunday	28	5:00 PM



## June-\*Nothing scheduled

## July –

4th of July Celebration	Tuesday	4	All Day
And Beach BBQ	Tuesday	4	5:00 PM
*New Residents Orientation	Saturday	22	4:00 PM
Garage Sale	Saturday	29	All Day
And Chili Dinner	Saturday	29	5:00 PM



## August –

Beach BBQ	Sunday	6	5:00 PM
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## September –

Labor Day Weekend Beach BBQ	Sunday	3	5:00 PM
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## October –

*New Residents Orientation	Saturday	7	4:00 PM
October Fest	Saturday	14	5:00 PM



## November –

Art Affaire	Sunday	5	1:00 PM
Pot Luck Dinner	Sunday	19	6:00 PM

## December –

Caroling Party	Sunday	17	4:30 PM
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Also planned are the Dan Aldrich Series lectures, tennis tournaments, and a 55 Alive driving class arranged by AARP. Dates are unknown at this time. Please watch the Seashore News for more information.



\* Tentative event





**NIGUEL SHORES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
SERVICE PERMIT FORM**

OK CRM

**RESIDENT NAME**

**NIGUEL SHORES ADDRESS**

**DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER**

1.       6-month                       New Permit                       Valid Saturday                       7am to 7pm  
          30-day                               Renewal                               Valid Sunday                               24-hours

**COMPANY NAME**

**COMPANY ADDRESS**

**PHONE**

**TYPE OF SERVICE**

2.       6-month                       New Permit                       Valid Saturday                       7am to 7pm  
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**COMPANY NAME**

**COMPANY ADDRESS**

**PHONE**

**TYPE OF SERVICE**

Six month service permits are issued twice a year: April 1 (expiring on September 30) and October 1 (expiring March 31). If you wish to renew your service permits, either come in to the association office 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or provide the above information in writing prior to the expiration date of the permit.

**RESIDENT'S SIGNATURE**

**DATE**



# DANA POINT WATCH

## THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

### NEWSLETTER



DANA POINT POLICE SERVICES  
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### Neighborhood Watch Annual Potluck Dinner

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Neighborhood Watch Block Captain Pot Luck Dinner was hosted by Peggy Nunes, VIP Program Director and Scotty Smith Coordinator of the Neighborhood Watch Program. It was held at the City Council Chambers December 6<sup>th</sup> with 85 in attendance.

Lt. Paul Ratchford, Chief of Police Services opened the festivities by expressing his appreciation for a job well done and the effort and dedication of all the Neighborhood Watch Block Captains the Volunteers in Police Support, V.I.P.S.

Lt. Ratchford introduced Mayor Ruby Netzley, Mayor Pro-Tem Ingrid McGuire, City Manager John Bahorski and his wife Carie.

We were indeed privileged to have the Dana Hills High School Vocal Ensemble under the direction of Mr. Ray Wood whose group presented a varied selection of Christmas carols. The choir consists of 20 students and they performed magnificently. At the conclusion of the performance, Mr. Wood was presented a plaque in appreciation.

Mr. Alan Snow and Deputy Russ Chilton served as food judges. They found it was a real challenge to decide who the winners would be.

#### BEST MAIN DISH

Carie Bahorski  
Polish Dumplings

#### BEST SALAD

The Lam Family  
Tortilla Chip Salad

#### BEST DESSERT

Gilbert & Joanna Paoli  
Brandy Dessert

Fifty five businesses contributed to the support of Police Services and for the Neighborhood Watch Block Captain program. A list of all businesses were distributed to the attendees.

OUR COMBINED THANKS: Irene Wirtz, Paul Munroe, Ed & Karen Ungerman, Martha Smith, Joe Trimm, Gaye Vaughan, Lee Goode and Ed Bolanski for their combined effort in collecting donations from local businesses.

Those that were in Christmas attire were asked to compete for an award for the best costume. The winner was selected by the applause reading of the attendees. First place winner went to Judy Brandmeier for her "Mrs. Santa Claus". She received a hand Mixer from Walmart.

The winner of the gentlemen competition was Brad Brandmeier for his "Mr. Santa Claus". He received a power screwdriver set from Ace Hardware.

#### ATTENTION

#### POTLUCK PARTICIPANTS:

Missing anything? Police Services has a collection of serving utensils and bowls from past potlucks. Please call Scotty Smith at 248-3585 for further information.

#### About the VIPS

Volunteers in Police Support was formed in 1991 and was designed to assist the staff of Dana Point Police Services.

Our volunteers patrol the City in the VIPS van conducting vacation home

checks and assisting the Sheriff's Department with traffic control and parking enforcement. They also assist the City by reporting code enforcement violations and delivering the neighborhood watch newsletters to the block captains.

Our bicycle patrol provides regular patrols to areas of the City inaccessible to motor vehicles such as the beaches and Dana Point Harbor.

Since the program began, the VIPS have donated over 55,000 volunteer hours.

#### Business Travel

Business travel can be stressful. Why make it more so by setting yourself up as a target for crooks? Here's what you can do—at the airport, on the road and at your hotel or motel—to improve the chances you'll return home safely.

#### At the Airport



- Stay especially alert and watch your bags and computer carefully at all times. Don't let anyone but uniformed airline personnel handle or watch your bags.
- Watch out for staged mishaps, like someone bumping into you or spilling a drink. Often it's a ploy to divert your attention.
- Carry your purse close to your body, or your wallet in an inside front pocket. Better yet, wear a money pouch under your clothes.

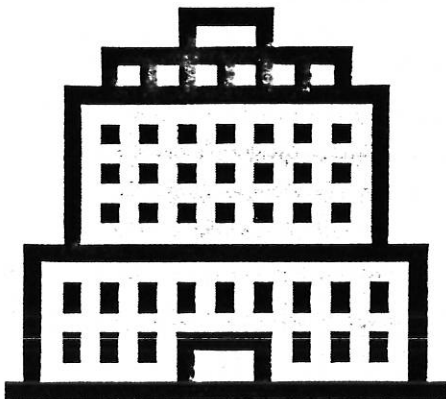
- Keep a separate record of the contents of checked luggage. And keep anything of value in a carry-on that stays with you.
- Avoid displaying expensive cameras, jewelry, and luggage that might draw attention. Your aim should be to blend in with the crowd.

### On the Road



- Become familiar with your travel route before you start. Get a map and study it.
- Make sure your rental car is in good operating condition. Learn how to operate all windows, door locks and other equipment before you leave the lot.
- Keep your maps and rental agreement concealed, not lying on the seat or the dashboard.
- Keep car doors locked while you are driving. Store luggage in the trunk.
- Park in well-lighted areas only, close to building entrances and walkways.
- Have car keys ready when approaching your car. Check the back seat and floors before you get in.
- If you are bumped by another car, think before you get out. If you are in doubt or uncomfortable, signal the other driver to follow you to a nearby police station or a busy, well-lighted area where it's safe to get out.

### At the Hotel



- Never leave luggage unattended.
- Keep all hotel doors and windows locked, and use all door locks.
- Insist that hotel personnel give you your assigned room number so others can't hear it.
- Learn the locations of fire exits, elevators, and public phones in case of emergency.
- Make sure your room has an indoor viewer and a dead bolt lock.
- Keep valuables – jewelry, cash, etc. in the hotel safe. Better still, leave them home.
- Ask hotel staff about the safety of the neighborhood and what areas to avoid.
- Before taking a cab, ask the staff about directions and estimated costs.
- Always verify who's at your door. Don't open the door to someone you don't know. If an unexpected visitor claims to be a hotel employee, call the front desk to make sure.
- Don't display room keys in public or leave them on restaurant tables, at the swimming pool, or in other places where they can easily be stolen.

Sure, crime can be random. But at the same time there's a lot you can do to limit your chances of becoming a victim. Often, simply being aware of the threat of crime—and alert to what you can do to prevent it—will go a long way to making your business trip both safe and successful.

### Important Numbers when Traveling Overseas

- The U.S. Department of Transportation has a Travel Advisory and Airport Safety Hotline (800-221-0673) that advises international travelers of potentially dangerous airports and countries.
- The U.S. Department of State operates a Citizens' Emergency Center (202-647-0900) that offers assistance in emergency situations to travelers abroad, as well as travel advisories and alerts for various countries.

## Welcome to 2000

*By Ron Kennedy*

Numerous citizens expressed concern about the turn of the century and the media did all they could to fuel the fire with numerous doomsday scenarios.

In response to this we worked in conjunction with numerous other governmental agencies and the major utility companies to ensure a smooth transition to the year 2000. Even though we were confident that there would be minimal problems, we had an army of deputies on duty to ensure that if the sky fell, we would be here for you to hold it up.

The turn of the century came and went with little fanfare. For Police Services it was like any other night, only quieter. Other municipalities across the country, and across the planet for that matter, experienced similar New Year's Eves. Despite the doomsday predictions, we all came through in one piece and we couldn't be happier.

Now that the year 2000 is underway, I am also happy to report that in addition to surviving the transition to the new year, crime is down. We don't have the final numbers for 1999, but all indications point down.

With a multi-year downward trend in the crime rate it is easy for us to become complacent about crime prevention. I would like to remind you that as quickly as the crime went away, it can return. Keep your guard up and your crime prevention wits about you and keep our crime rate down.

Things are looking good in Dana Point as far as Police Services is concerned and we all look forward to serving your needs in the new year and into the new century.

### Police Services Neighborhood Watch Newsletter Chief of Police Services Lt. Paul Ratchford

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