

# seashore news

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## FROM THE HELM

First of all this month, let me thank Andy Boush, Skip Eissfeldt, and Don Johnston for their significant effort

which has culminated in a personnel manual for our Association. This is something we've needed for a number of years. Now our employees know what we expect of them and what they can expect of us, and we meet the requirements of state and federal laws.

- Good job, guys, and thank you.
- At our meeting on March 18, the Board accepted our architect's draft proposal for the renovation of the Mariner gate. The plans are displayed at the Community Center. If you would like to make a comment or suggestion, we would appreciate it if you would do so in writing, and this will be a topic for discussion at the evening Board meeting on April 15. The Board wants to know what you think about this proposal and we would like to have, in writing, any alternative suggestion.
- When you receive this newsletter we will know the results of our three-month effort to amend the bylaws concerning the qualifications to be a member of the Board of Directors. Hopefully, we will have secured the 720 "yes" votes on the issue. As I write this, we are very

close. Properly, it's not easy to change our by-laws and articles of incorporation, but this is an issue that has needed attention. I'll stick out my neck and thank everyone who voted "yes." I'm certain the amendment has passed.

- The next major issue is the annual election of members of the Board of Directors. Soon you will be receiving a ballot. This year there are three seats of the five seats on the Board open for election. The five people who serve on this Board have a great deal to say about how their community of over 2000 people live. It is an important discussion on your part. Please give careful consideration to the candidate and vote. In my opinion, if you don't vote, it's difficult to justify a complaint with the Board in the future. This is your chance to make a difference.
- We've been considering some kind of a party to recognize and thank all the people who volunteer their time and effort to make the Shores a great place in which to live. So far we've identified, by name well over 100 people, and a good number of them are involved in more ways than one. I want to take the opportunity to thank each of you, not by name (that would take the whole issue) but when you receive your invitation to whatever we decide to do as recognition, consider it as a sincere thank you from the Board, and from every owner and resident in Niguel Shores.

**Jerry Milner**  
NSCA Board President

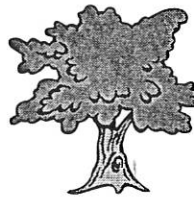
## BOARD ACTIONS FOR MARCH



- Fined a homeowner \$100 for a continued architectural violation.
- Fined a homeowner \$50 if the architectural violation was not resolved by a specific date.
- Denied a homeowner's request to waive a late charge because extraordinary circumstances were not provided.
- Reviewed the preliminary re-design for Mariner Dr., completed by Architect Marshall Innis. Staff has posted the plans at the Community Center for viewing by homeowners. Written comments, if any, are due in the office by April 13.
- Authorized staff to complete the rewiring of the Kara Bay coach lamps, using conduit and copper wire to replace the aluminum wire. This street is a test to see what it will cost to complete wiring replacement and will be applied to other streets.
- Accepted the bid of \$9,200 from Trend Construction to complete further remodel work in the Women's locker room. The remodel plan was designed by Architect Marshall Innis with input from the Board and several homeowners.
- Accepted the bid of \$14,247 from Custom Concrete Coating to resurface approximately 50% of the pool deck.
- Appointed the following homeowners to the Election Committee for the May Annual meeting: Bob Borland, Linda Ross, Terry Scott, Skip Eissfeldt and Jack Christiansen.
- Authorized staff to print and mail a new survey to all homeowners regarding the use of locking devices on community perimeter gates and at the Community Center. Survey responses are due in the office by April 13.
- Authorized staff to have Saddleback Valley

Ornamental Iron add additional fencing on either side of the pedestrian gate leading into the upper beach parking lot, near the Breakers Isle vehicle gate. Cost for the work - \$665.

## LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE UPDATE



The Board of Directors has completed an easement agreement with the Ritz-Carlton Hotel involving the landscape strip between Cabrillo Isle/Seaward Isle and the hotel's boundary wall. Since the hotel was built, the hotel's staff has maintained this landscape strip and irrigated it because part of the strip is owned by the hotel. As many homeowners in the custom homes know, the maintenance has been somewhat poor. With the agreement completed, our landscape contractor is maintaining the area.

The first step in the transition is to disconnect the hotel's water from the irrigation system, then connect it to our reclaimed water supply. Fortunately, there is an unused reclaimed water meter at the intersection of Cabrillo Isle and Seaward Isle. However, the change in wiring from our nearest irrigation clock to the valves will require the street to be cut and later patched.

Later in April, Wendt Landscape will implement a conceptual planting plan put together by the Landscape Committee with the assistance of Dale Hadfield, a Landscape Architect. The general plan uses large shrubs along the hotel's wall to screen it and the buildings, with colorful shrubs in front of the large ones. A portion of the replanting will be paid for by the hotel. It is hoped all work will be completed in April.

With summer coming, new color plantings will be installed around the community sometime in May.

During April the following projects will be completed:

- ✓ Add approximately seventy-five 1-gallon Cape Honeysuckle to the Stonehill slope.
- ✓ Improve the upslope along Capstan Dr. by adding thirty-five 5-gallon shrubs.
- ✓ Remove the remaining Escallonias on the slope along Selva Rd.[below Sea Terrace II] and replant with (Myoporum Pacificum) as ground cover and thirty-five 5-gallon shrubs.
- ✓ Remove the remaining Escallonias on the slope along La Cresta [below Sea Terrace II] and replant with (Myoporum Pacificum) as ground cover.
- ✓ Shrubs will be added along the rear yard fences within the Manta greenbelt.
- ✓ Add approximately thirty-eight 1-gallon Agapanthus plants on the north side of the Villas greenbelt, between Vista D'Onde and Vista D'Oro.
- ✓ Remove the remaining nineteen Evergreen Pear Trees in the Villas and replace with fifteen 15-gallon New Zealand Christmas Trees. This work will complete the three year project.
- ✓ Add twelve 15-gallon Melaleuca shrubs behind parking bays along Via Capri.

The office has received a few requests from residents that the Association's coral trees are blocking views. Once these trees are finished blooming, estimated to be sometime in May, Wendt Landscape will begin trimming all coral trees.

**DANA POINT**  
**CITY COUNCIL ON CH 30 TV**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> Tuesday**  
**Start 6:00 pm**  
**Recess 6:30 pm**  
**Resume 7:00 pm**

## **HOMEOWNERS ARE REMINDED TO MAINTAIN/REPAIR THEIR HOMES**

All homeowners are reminded that they are responsible for maintaining their homes by painting, landscaping and making repairs in a timely fashion. This requirement also applies to walls and fences that surround the home. Failure to maintain your property will cause the Board to issue fines, or in extreme cases, take legal action.

The above matters also apply to those that live in Sea Terrace I and II. Upon review of the community, since the winter storms have arrived, staff has noted wooden utility doors have been damaged and wood fences are leaning/fallen and require replacement. Please make the necessary repairs/replacements so that enforcement action by the Board is not necessary.

## **PROJECTS WILL REQUIRE CLOSURE OF POOL AND WOMENS LOCKER ROOM**

The Board of Directors has accepted bids from contractors to complete two projects. Staff is trying to arrange the projects to occur at approximately the same time, after Spring break, scheduled for April 11 through April 19. Look for posters providing specific closure dates at the Community Center.

The renovation work planned for the womens locker room will take approximately two and one-half weeks to complete. The installation of a new pool deck surface will take approximately one week to complete. The current plan calls for both the pool and womens locker room to be closed at the same time. The demolition work can occur in the first week along with some of the remodeling work. Staff will attempt to have the Womens locker room partially open the second week for limited use. After the first week, staff will try to have the contractor start

after 10:00 am, thus allowing the early morning swimmers limited use of the locker room. Again, posters will be put up at the Community Center advising when the facilities can be used.

### **ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 19**

The annual meeting to elect three board members is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 8:00 pm, in the Community Center MPR. Look in your mail for the annual Meeting notice and proxy that is scheduled to be mailed by staff to all homeowners by April 6. If you have not received the mailing by April 15, please call the office and request another notice and proxy be mailed to you. Proxies should be immediately returned.

Please review, sign and date your proxy then return it in the envelope provided. **PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR QUARTERLY ASSESSMENT PAYMENT IN THE ENVELOPE !** Every year this happens, and the homeowners will be assessed a late charge because the service center did not receive it for deposit. When the proxy envelope arrives at the office, it is not opened by staff. All envelopes are held until the Election Committee meets on Monday, May 18 and then they are opened. All assessment payments are to be mailed to our service center in Santa Ana for processing and must be received by April 30.

**NEXT NSCA BOARD MEETING  
FOR COMMITTEE REPORTS  
WEDNESDAY, April 15  
7:30 PM**

### **HOMEOWNERS SHOULD UPDATE OWNER DECLARATION**

When homeowners purchased their homes, they had to check in at the office after the sale closed. When they checked in, staff asked you to fill out an owner's declaration form which provided the office staff with necessary information.

All homeowners, both on-site and off-site, should contact the office for a New Owners Declaration Page. It has become very apparent to staff that the information on many homeowner declarations is out of date. Please contact the office, Monday through Friday, 9:00 to 5:00 pm, and staff will assist you by either mailing or faxing the form to the homeowner. When the form is returned, staff will update the computer records. Phone numbers are very important so that staff can contact you, particularly if there is a problem with your property. Homeowner cooperation is greatly appreciated.

### **BOARD WILL BE WORKING WITH ARCHITECT ON REVISED DESIGN FOR TORII GATES**

Homeowners who are in either Atlantic Garden Homes or Shores Garden Homes drive under the torii gates every day. For many years, these wood structures have endured trucks rocking them and several gates have been ruined because of trucks. The Board has signed a contract with an architect to come up with a redesign of the structures by raising the clearance of the structure to equal what CalTrans uses on freeway bridges, approximately 14'-9". Raising the structures will necessitate having a structural engineer do new calculations on the materials to be used. The other weak part of the original design is the 8x8 wood posts which are

buried directly into a concrete foundation. Both insects and drainage [moisture] cause damage to the posts, weakening them. Thus the architect will explore using hollow steel posts that will be covered with wood.

The Board's goal with this work is to have a design that will assist in cutting the Association's costs to maintain the structures over the years and keep trucks from damaging the structure. The architect will also explore using the beams and decorative cross beams as part of the rebuilding process. Hopefully, the Association can have the structures rebuilt with the existing reserve funds. This redesign work will take several months to complete.

## START CREATING FOR THE ART AFFAIRE!

The next annual art show will be November 1998. So create now with your brush, pencil, or chisel for the show in November.

Art Affaire is open to all artists who live in the Shores. The sponsors are our Recreation Committee.

Watercolor, oil, and acrylic paintings; drawings; sculpture; stained glass; handmade paper; collage, mixed media; ceramics and tiles; jewelry; enameling; cards; wood boxes and turnings have been displayed in the past.

Our Art Affaire events have been a great success, thanks to our creative people in the Shores. We welcome you!

We will have more information in the Seashore News in the coming months.

If you want to help, or have questions, please call or contact Frank or Jo Turner at 493-5137.



## RECREATION COMMITTEE

### CAMERATA STRING QUARTET SCHEDULED



It will be a musical experience to enjoy and to remember. It is coming as a part of the Dan Aldrich Memorial Lecture Series arranged by the recreation committee. Niguel Shores residents will be able to enjoy the Camerata String Quartet on Wednesday, April 22 at 7:30 pm in the community center multi-purpose room. The program will include music by Mozart, Dvorak, Ravel, Creston and Andrew Lloyd Webber.

Two of the members of the quartet, George and Janet Traver, are new residents of the Shores and have just completed remodeling their townhome on Manta Court. Janet plays the violin and George plays violin and viola. Other members are Margaret Main who plays the violin and viola and George Bullock who plays cello. The quartet has been performing together for several years, including recent concerts in San Juan Capistrano, San Diego and Santa Barbara.

George and Janet Traver previously lived in the Los Alamitos area and for many years have been active in music in Orange County. Currently they are founding members of the Aliso Viejo Symphony. In addition to the music, the Travers will comment on the composers, their music and the concept of string quartets. Refreshments will be served following the program.

**THE FOLLOWING ARE RESUMES OF PROSPECTIVE NSCA BOARD CANDIDATES  
FOR THE ELECTION MAY 19. COPY IS PRINTED AS SUBMITTED AND IS  
UNEDITED.**

**RESUME OF  
RICHARD D. BRAME**

Born at St. Joseph's Hospital, Orange California in 1931 and have lived all of my life in the Southern California area. Attending elementary school in Newport Beach and San Diego, graduating high school in Colton and college at Cal State L.A.

1951 to 1955 found me in the United States Army and immediately sent to Korea. After military service, I spent the next 35 years as a marketing representative with IBM, retiring in February 1990. In between time, I had three daughters and now four grandchildren.

In 1985, my wife Linda, and I decided the Shores is where we wanted to be for the rest of our lives, living in God's World. We were very happy when we found this home and could move in.

I served for one year on the Community Relations Committee and briefly on the Maintenance Committee, where I found using things was a lot easier then fixing things I know little about. I have also been mildly involved in our local city government, arguing for causes I believe in (as an example, stopping the proposed change of Sea Terrace Park from passive to active).

I am hopeful that I can be of help to our community by serving as a member of the Board.

**RESUME OF  
JOHN BUEHLER**

We purchased our home in Niguel Shores in 1977 and have been full time residents since 1985.

My wife Lois and I have been married for 42 years. Our children and grand children live in the area. Our daughter, Kristin, has a home on Mercator Isle and our son Brain has a dental practice in Dana Point.

After returning from the Korean war I resumed my education and graduated from U.C. Berkley in Chemical Engineering. Upon graduation I joined Jacobs Engineering Group headquartered in Pasadena. I spent 27 years with Jacobs eventually rising to Group V.P. International Operations. My business afforded us opportunities to visit and live in many parts of the U.S., Europe and the Middle East. In 1977 I established an engineering office in Dublin, Ireland. That office executed a major project at the south end of the Dead Sea; including a town to house 450 families. We spent substantial time in Jordan between 1980 and 1985.

In 1985 I joined Santa Fe Braun as Sr. V.P. Operations. That move gave me the opportunity to spend more time at home. In 1995 I retired from Braun and carried on consulting activities until 1997. I have now ceased all consulting and look forward to getting involved in the community.

**RESUME OF  
GERLINDE S. DUFFY**

Education: B.Sc. In Health Sciences, CSUN 1978.

M.A. in HRM, University of Redlands, 1982.

Professional: RN, CNOR, CNA

Business: Multi-faceted executive management experience at University of California Medical Centers (UCLA and UCI), including financial, material, information systems, public relations, departmental, and personnel management. Preceptor for graduate students in management for the UCLA School of Nursing.

Retired from university service in 1994 as Associate Director, UCI Medical Center. Health Care Consultant (Hospital Audit) to KPMG Peat Marwick (1995-96).

Personal: Married Kevin Duffy in Zambia/Africa 36 years ago. Two adult sons. Homeowner and resident in Niguel Shores since May 1994.

Statement: I would be honored to be chosen as your representative on the NSCA board.

**RESUME OF  
DON JOHNSTON**

My career prior to retirement in 1994 includes ten years as a senior executive for two major paperboard packaging companies, Container Corp of America and Jefferson Smurfit Corporation. Additionally, I was able to mix civilian accomplishments with participation in the Naval Reserve from which I have retired as a Captain after serving in several major command positions. This background provides experience directly related to acting as a Board Member for NSCA.

My family totally enjoys living in Niguel Shores and I want to continue to lend my talents to perpetuating and improving our community lifestyle. Your present Board has many unfinished projects underway and as an incumbent member, I am anxious to see them through to successful completion. While serving I will attempt to assure:

1. Consistent focus on and enforcement of established Rules and Regulations of the Association while being sensitive to operational needs and owners requests if changes are necessary.
2. Improved quality of staff services and organization including a more "user friendly" environment.
3. Continued care for fiscal management.
4. Achieving high standards for the Association physical assets.
5. Personal availability to enhance communications between the Board and residents/owners.

## RESUME OF SID KAHN

Member, NSCA Board, 1990-1996, 1 Year as President

Niguel Shores resident since 1983.

**Experience:** Advertising\marketing executive for 30 years, principal and general manager of West Coast's largest independent advertising agency. (Merged with Ogilvy and Mather in 1971). Organized a Publication Services Department at UCLA and was its director for 13 years; an interesting and challenging second career.

I retired from UCLA in 1989 and am currently involved in SCORE, Service Corps of Retired Executives. I do counseling and lecture at various workshops. SCORE is sponsored by the Small Business Administration.

**Education:** BS, University of Illinois; MA, University of Southern California.

**Qualifications:** Broad experience in both public and private sectors. 2 ½ years in international marketing\advertising in Europe. Instructor at UCLA Extension and USC School of Journalism..

Member of various trade associations and member of Council for Advancement and Support of Education. (CASE). Have also served on various NSCA committees over the years.

**Personal Notes:** Mid-westerner by birth, California resident since 1946. Married to Bobbe (current ACC member), two daughters, five grandsons. Served in U.S. Navy in WW II and the Korean war.

## RESUME OF JERRY MILNER

I moved to the Shores in September 1994 and got involved in the community right away. I was a member of the Maintenance Committee and then later a member of the Finance Committee. Two years ago I was elected to the Board and became the Chief Financial Officer. I helped establish a cash management policy so we would earn as much as possible on the investment of our reserves.

Currently, I'm the President of the Board. Last June I asked the Board to identify a list of projects we wanted to complete in the '97-'98 administrative year. In "The Helm" article of the January Seashore News I listed what we'd accomplished in six months. Now we're closing in on completing those projects, but there is still more to do. I want to continue to work with the two hold-over Board members and with whomever is elected to the other two seats to complete the Mariner Gate and get started on the Cabrillo Gate. We have more paving that needs to be done. We need to keep working on the issues of security and safety.

I've enjoyed my service on the Board and I'm proud of what we've accomplished this last year. I'd like to continue to serve the community. Please vote for me.



## TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE



1. Bids are in on the Breakers Isle Gate. Association is paying for the gates and phone. Additional upgrading will be paid for by Breakers Isle Residents or will not be done.
2. Management is to send a letter to the City of Dana Point asking for permission to post signs regarding use of skateboards on cul de sacs only. Securtec will look into requirements for signs.
3. *Please note that the Neighborhood Watch Newsletter is included with this issue of the News.* The City would like to have more block captains whose only job will be to help neighbors to know each other so that we can all be on the lookout for crime. If you can help please call Scotty Smith at Dana Point City Hall. The phone number is 248-3550.
4. The committee is reviewing Rules and Regulations and will bring specific recommendations for any changes.

## THE SHORES BLOTTER

1. Three residents apprehended a teenage driver who drove onto the greenbelt at the Beach Parking Lot. He was a visitor in the Shores. Patrol arrived and took pictures of the truck and the greenbelt area and any action will be determined by the Association. The residents were commended by the Patrol for their actions. If Patrol had stopped and detained the subjects, the Sheriff would have been called.
2. *Patrol requests that homeowners with any problems not related to common areas or Traffic to please call the Association Office and not the Mariner Gate.*

3. Several service people have tried to gain access to the community without being called in by homeowners. *Securtec has orders not to allow entry without authorization.*

## LIBRARY HAPPENINGS FOR APRIL



National Library week is April 19 - April 25. This year's theme will be "Kids Connect at the Library". It will be celebrated during Spring break on April 14 with a Spring Puppet Show at 11:00 am for children of all ages. (No registration required).

Spring Storytime for Toddlers/Pre-School will continue until April 16; Thursday at 4:00 pm for School Age children.

The Friends of the Library will hold its first ever "Silent Auction". A display of rare and special books will be on display for bidding. Come take a look!

Library Phone 714-496-5517  
Dana Niguel Library  
33841 Niguel Road  
Monarch Beach, CA 92629

## BOOK SALE

A book store sale will be held in the library's community room during the week, April 23 - 25, at Dana Niguel Library. Hundreds of books will be available. April 23 is reserved for Friends of the Library only. However, new members will be accepted on that day.

Local author Peggy Phillips Bucci will be have a book-signing from 1:00 - 3:00 pm on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Hours: 12:00 - 5:00 pm all three days. Come early for best choices and to get your bids in for the Silent Auction Books. They are choice!

## VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Letters are welcome and limited to 200 words, typed if possible. Include name, address and phone number of writer. Refer to NSCA Rules #5221, 2, 3, and 4. Submissions due on the 17 of the month.

### ENTRY GATE CARDS

*At February's open Board meeting a large group of members showed up to complain about the Board's decision to try out the use of entry gate cards to the community center and access at the beach.*

*Solutions to the "free-to-all" entrance problem have been discussed by Boards at open meetings over several years. Some solutions attempted or already in place obviously don't work.*

*I think the majority of us welcome the Board's newest effort to prevent the entry of outsiders.*

*Providing each family with only cards may prove to be an inconvenience but not something that can't be worked out within the family. How about having a central location in each resident's house to keep the cards so members can take one as needed? As for being inconvenient, many things in our lives are that way only because others don't want to play by the rules.*

*Our 25 year-old community has footed the bill for the wear-and-tear and worse, vandalism by people who have no right to be here and many of us have complained that something must be done. Well here's another chance, let's at least give this one a try.*

*John Dickerhoff*

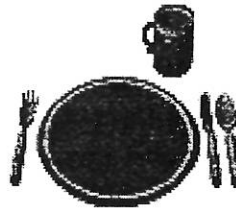
## WATER AEROBICS CLASSES



Come join the 'DIPPY DOLPHINS' in the warm water at the Community Center pool. Classes are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 to 11:00 am. The fee is \$28 per month, or come when you can for \$3 per class.

The instructor is Susan Foltz. If interested, call Lavonne Borland, 248-1493

## POT LUCK



### TAX-FREE ENTERTAINMENT

Come shed the tax-time blues and join pot-luckers on Sunday, April 19 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Community Center.

No-host Happy Hour: 6:00 pm

Dinner: 6:45 pm

Bring your meal service and libations. Regular attendees will be called by the committee to request casseroles, salads, or desserts, but we always welcome new faces who should call the numbers below:

A-F: Hope and Dick Luedeke 240-8496

G-M: Shirley Ziemantz 489-7994

N-Z: Dee and Don Johnston 248-7148

Reservations should be made by Thursday, April 16 (Your taxes will be in the mail by then!). Cost is \$1.00 per person at the door (no tax charged).

## MENS CLUB

The Mens Club meets in the multi-purpose room on the first and third Tuesday of each month for breakfast, a short meeting and a guest speaker. We hope that all men in our community feel invited to attend any of our meetings.

The March meetings were well attended and had interesting programs. Our own Bryce Gillespie gave an outstanding talk on the Titanic disaster, the motion picture about it, and his oil painting of the event. The program for the second March meeting was a representative of the Angel baseball team who outlined what to expect during the upcoming season.

The meetings in April are on April 7 and 21. The speaker for the first meeting will be James Wehan, the captain of the Pilgrim, the square rigged sailing ship in Dana Point Harbor. We will find out the use for this interesting vessel. The second meeting will have as the speaker a long time realtor in this area, Joe Smith of Monarch Beach Realty will give us background of the early development of Niguel Shores as well as some information and views of new and proposed development.

## WOMENS CLUB

Niguel Shores Womens Club will meet Thursday, April 9, at 12:30 pm for a Tea and Installation. The new officers to be installed are: president, Harriet Writer; vice-president Dee Johnston; secretary Ceacy Johns; treasurer Georgiana Emery, historian Hope Luedeke; Frieda Baskin, parliamentarian. If you have not been contacted by April 6, please call Evelyn Lingenberg at 661-6815 for your reservation.

There will be a joint board meeting and brunch at the home of Frieda Baskin on April 6 at 11:00 am. Please bring all procedure books for the new board and RSVP to Frieda at 661-3521, by April 2.

Womens Club Craft class will meet Thursday,

April 2 in the multi-purpose room at 10:00 am.

The Womens Club of Niguel Shores is a nonprofit organization; and therefore as our treasury accumulates funds, we are constantly looking for ways to contribute to the community at large. We are very happy this year to be able to donate a magnificent 10-foot artificial Christmas tree to the Association to be used every year in the recreation center. It is our hope that the community at large will gain much pleasure from it during the holiday season in December, when so many of our community affairs are held in the community center.

For many residents who may not yet have attended our Womens Club meetings, we invite you on the second Thursday of every month, at which time a pot luck lunch is served and an interesting program presented. We welcome all new ladies to come at least once as a guest and see what we have to offer. If you wish to attend, please call.

Frieda Baskin, president

Niguel Shores Womens Club

### Niguel Shores Womens Club

We are now collecting our yearly dues of \$5.00. All women of the Shores are invited to become members. Come join us for some good times!

## MENS GOLF



We got rained out of Anaheim Hills, the second tournament so far this year, thanks to the weather man.

On March 10, 28 golfers showed up at Costa Mesa, and we played the Tin Whistle format (points for a par bogey, etc.) Bob Munz shot a spectacular 78 and earned 44 points for first place in the A flight. Second went to Peter Rask with 40 points and third went to Buck Ewing who shot his age - the score of 83 and 37 points.

B flight winners were Jack Sweeney in first with 44 points (traditional sandbagger) followed by another, Bob Gutknecht at 43 and second place. Mickey McLaughlin won third and had 41 points.

In C Flight Bob Enger walked away with third place with 41 points. Second went to Colby Thompson at 38 points followed by Hal Therolf at 36 points.

The next tournaments are scheduled at Meadow Lake and Temecula.

**GOLF TIP:** Everyone has two swings: the one he uses during the last 3 holes of a tournament and the one he uses the rest of the time.

Toney Pena

## WOMENS GOLF



Niguel Shores Womens Golf March 9 Fun Day was heralded with sunny blue skies, little wind, and an almost dry course. Golf captains Gretchen Letson-Rask and Lavonne Borland selected Two Best Balls as the game of the day with the winners Margaret Banerian, Lorraine Bruns, Carolyn Hughes and Terry Scott. There was a three-way tie for low gross: Rose Marie Lawson, Lavonne Borland and Margaret Banerian. Low putt honors went to Lawon, while Borland produced the longest drive and Bruns closest to the pin in two.

Muck and mire was discovered on the ninth fairway by Peggy Bucci and Lydia Reeve, but no award was made though "stuck in the mud" might have been appropriate!

Because of the severity of damage at Aliso Creek caused by the winter's storms, play will be held at Casta Del Sol for the foreseeable future. The April 13 Fun Day will be in charge of Carolyn Hughes (479-0643). Sign-in at Casta is 9:45 am in the lounge with the monthly meeting scheduled for 10:00 am and play commencing at 11:00 am. Anyone wanting to continue play after the tournament 9 holes may do so by notifying the starter in advance. Awards for the day's play will be handed out at the next month's meeting and announced in the May Seashore News.

For weekly play, call Bernice Zeigner (493-2246) regarding Monday at Lake Forest and Gretchen Letson-Rask (489-2259) for Friday at Casta Del Sol.

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH HOME SECURITY TIPS

The following suggestions are excerpts from a pamphlet on home security obtained from the office of Attorney General Dan Lungren.

- An unlocked door is not a lock. Always lock your doors and windows whenever you leave home.
- Do not put your first name on your mailbox.
- Never have your name or car license number attached to your house keys.
- Be sure your house number is visible from the street.
- Keep night lights on at night in your yard, or have motion activated lights that will be turned on by a prowler.
- Do not enter your house if you see evidence of a break-in. Go to a neighbor's house and call 911.



# DANA POINT WATCH

## THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

### NEWSLETTER



DANA POINT POLICE SERVICES  
33282 GOLDEN LANTERN DANA POINT, CA. 92629  
(714) 248-3580 - FAX (714) 248-3543

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## Police Services moves into new quarters

Police Services has recently moved into suite 209 at City Hall. Our newly remodeled area has a public service counter allowing increased access for the public. The counter is staffed by the Volunteers in Police Support (VIPS) and is open during regular City Hall hours. The VIPS will assist you with making reports, getting tickets signed off or any other law enforcement matter.

## Block Captains Christmas Celebration

Program Director Peggy Nunes and N.W. Coordinator Scotty Smith hosted the fifth annual Block Captains Christmas Pot Luck. During the meeting, Chief of Police Services Paul Ratchford introduced the new City Manager, John Bahorski. As usual, the event was a huge success. Thank You for your participation. The quarterly Block Captain Meetings are an important part of our program. These meetings help us keep you up to date with the latest information available. We look forward to seeing all of you in March!

## Going Out? Remember these baby-sitting tips!

Often when considering Crime Prevention, we think of material possessions that belong to us, things we can lock up or secure. But Crime Prevention should extend to even more valuable treasures: our family. Here are some tips to consider when choosing a baby-sitter, or when baby-sitting yourself:

- Choose baby-sitters you know or who have been recommended by someone you trust. Try to avoid answering advertisements for sitters. Explain what you as an employer expect from the baby-sitter. Know how much the sitter charges and when they

must be home.

- Always leave an emergency contact number. Include a list of allergies, medications or special instructions for the baby-sitter. Inform a trusted neighbor that a baby-sitter will be staying with your children while you are out.
- Explain how your door and window locks function. If you have an alarm, demonstrate how to operate it.
- Find out if the baby-sitter has been trained in First-Aid and CPR.

For the baby-sitter:

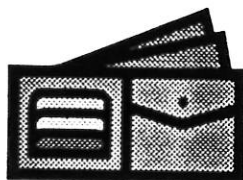
- When your employers return home, report on what happened, especially if you noticed anything unusual.
- Be sure you have an escort home. This should be one of the conditions under which you accept any baby-sitting job.
- Have your employers make a safety check with you throughout their house. Find out if their home has emergency exits, a smoke alarm, and a fire extinguisher.

*(Source-Laguna Niguel Police Services)*

## Check and Credit Card Fraud

### Consumers beware!

In an age when monetary transactions are increasingly being conducted electronically, consumers are learning that crime evolves along with technology.



Dana Point Police Services would like to inform residents of new crime trends in an effort to protect you and your property. The

following information should decrease your chance of becoming a victim:

- Check your credit cards frequently to make sure that they are in your

possession and have not been taken or switched. The fewer cards you have, the easier it is to know their whereabouts.

- When ordering checks, ask for an estimated day of arrival from your bank. If they are late, notify the bank as soon as possible.
- Do not have your drivers license number pre-printed on your checks. This ensures that the merchants will ask for proper I.D., which deters would be criminals.
- Keep a personal record of all account numbers, including cancellation numbers. This list should be located in a safe place, yet be accessible.
- Do not carry a written form of any personal identification numbers in the same location as credit cards or ATM cards.
- Closely check each monthly statement against your receipts.
- Always sign the back of all credit cards. Additionally, you can write "Check ID" next to your signature. This will clue the merchant to ask for a second form of identification.

*(Source-Laguna Niguel Police Services)*

## What Happens Now???

No one looks forward to becoming a crime victim. In fact most people are of the belief that crime is something that happens to someone else. In the unlikely event that you become a victim, the following few paragraphs should help you through the very difficult time to follow.

Often in the first hours, days, or weeks after a crime has been reported, a victim may be confused about what happens next. A deputy might be expected to call and keep the victim informed about the case. This normally will not happen unless there are unusual circumstances.

Normally the deputy will take a report at the scene. The deputy will write the report and

## What Happens Now?

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submit it to a supervisor for approval. The report will be forwarded to the Investigative Division. Your case will be assigned to a specific investigator, within 3-5 working days, who specializes in your type of case, such as: burglary, assault, auto theft, or fraud.

If there is workable suspect information, the investigator will continue to work on the case. If there is no workable suspect information, the investigator will contact the victim to see if anything new has developed. If there is no new information, the case will become inactive until new information becomes available.



To obtain a copy of the police report, call the Sheriff's Department at 770-6011, and ask for Support Services. Reports

are not available at City Hall or the Aliso Viejo Substation.

If you have additional information to add to your report, you can contact the investigator at 425-1900.

Dana Point Police Services knows that being the victim of a crime is often very traumatic. The legal procedures involved can be equally frustrating. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Community Support Unit at 248-3580. One of the Deputies will be happy to answer your questions.

## House numbers & 911

In the event of an emergency, normally you would call 911 for assistance. The dispatcher will send the appropriate help to your location. Sometimes the response time of the Fire Department or Police Services can mean the difference between life and death. Frequently when we arrive on a street we find that the house numbers are missing or obscured from view.

Do not rely on numbers painted on the curbside! A parked vehicle or trash can obscure those numbers from view. Make sure that you have clearly visible house numbers on your home. Any delay in our response time can be fatal.

As a free service to the residents of Dana Point, the Volunteers in Police Support are

currently surveying homes while on patrol. If they find that your home address is not visible, or missing altogether, they will leave you a notice advising you of that. Dana Point Municipal Code Section 8.01.001 requires that you have clearly visible house numbers.

## O.C. Check Thieves Target Mailboxes

By RON KENNEDY

Mail theft has, unfortunately, become a popular crime in the past few years. This is particularly true in South Orange County due to the large numbers of curbside mailboxes.

The most common theft is from the curbside mailbox. Thieves are looking for outgoing checks being mailed and incoming blank check deliveries and credit card deliveries. Theft by breaking into mail trucks is also on the rise.

The thieves commonly will use chemicals to alter the completed checks so they can cash them. They also try to write several checks from a new check delivery, or make several charges with a charge card, very quickly. More often than not the criminals will rack up several thousand dollars in cash and merchandise before you even know that you are missing anything.



Straightening that sort of mess out, after the fact, can be extremely frustrating at the very least. Here are some things you can do to protect yourself:

- Always drop outgoing mail off at the Post Office or a secure mailbox, rather than your unsecured curbside box.
- Try to pick-up incoming mail as soon as possible after it is delivered.
- If possible, have your new checks and credit cards delivered to a secure mailbox.

If you suspect that you are the victim of mail theft or fraud, immediately call: Dana Point Police Services, The Post Office, and your bank or credit card company. The sooner we are all aware of the problem, the better chance we have of putting a stop to it and hopefully apprehending any offenders.

## Calling 9-1-1 for serious emergencies.....When to call, what to expect.

9-1-1 is the number to call to get help when there is a life threatening emergency. Examples would be: fires, serious accidents, medical emergencies, dangerous crimes in progress, or anytime someone's life is in danger.

When you call 9-1-1, your call will be answered by a Sheriff's Department dispatcher. The dispatcher will ask about the emergency and then immediately dispatch help from the Fire Department, Sheriff's Department or Highway Patrol. If you are in doubt about whether or not an emergency exists, call 9-1-1.

When you call 9-1-1 from most phones, the dispatcher can tell where you are calling from. Cellular phones are answered by the Highway Patrol and your location IS NOT DISPLAYED, so you will have to tell them.

When calling 9-1-1, try to be calm. Provide the dispatcher with as much information as possible and try to answer all of the questions. This allows us to send you the help you need as quickly as possible. Always let the dispatcher hang-up first, stay on the phone until they do.

Teach your children the appropriate use of the 9-1-1 system. Inappropriate use of the 9-1-1 system results in a system overload and can prevent people, who have a legitimate emergency, from getting the help they need.

## Crime Prevention Forum

You are cordially invited to attend the Block Captain's Quarterly Meetings that are held throughout the year. The meetings are held on Monday nights at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers at City Hall (33282 Golden Lantern). This year's schedule:

March 2, 1998

June 1, 1998

August 31, 1998

December 7, 1998

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

Editors: Deputy Ron Kennedy  
Deputy Rod Couey  
VIPS Director: Peggy Nunes  
N.W. Coordinator: Scotty Smith

## PAGE TURNERS



The Page Turners' next meeting will be at the home of Marilyn Pappas, 33841 Niguel Shores Dr. on April 20 at 10:30 am.

Laura Ranks will review *Rain of Gold* by Victor Villasen or. Refreshments will be provided by Shirley Zeimantz.

You are welcome to attend our meetings at any time. Call Marilyn Pappas, 496-7072, if you have any questions.



## NEIGHBORHOOD EXCHANGE

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 for quality of goods advertised. See rule 5525.

## WEDNESDAY NOON BRIDGE



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| 2/25 | 1. | Helen Campbell |
|      | 2. | Gaye Vaughn    |
|      | 3. | Doug Campbell  |
| 3/4  | 1. | Joan Sullivan  |
|      | 2. | Gaye Vaughn    |
|      | 3. | Dorothy Knox   |
| 3/11 | 1. | Marion Evans   |
|      | 2. | Joan Sullivan  |
|      | 3. | Adele Shanta   |
| 3/18 | 1. | Jean Freeman   |
|      | 2. | Joan Sullivan  |
|      | 3. | Gaye Vaughn    |

Everyone is welcome. Starting is 11:45 am. For April reservations call Jean Freeman at 493-6667.

**AREA CODE CHANGES  
FROM 714 TO 949  
EFFECTIVE APRIL 18, 1998**

**FOR SALE:** Garden Home on ocean side of PCH. On bluff with view of ocean and Catalina Island. Most popular model: two-story, 3 bedroom, loft and family room. New inside and out. Vacant. By owner. 23611 Tampico Bay. 496-3357.

**WANTED:** Summer rental wanted by long-time Shores resident for out of town family. June 15 thru July. Call Joan Beyer at 496-1428. View not necessary.

**FOR RENT:** Ocean view Niguel Shores 3 bedroom, 2 ½ bath, furnished, 2 fireplaces, 2 car garage, large master bedroom suite. Call Cecilia Lowry (562)947-9791.