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Update on Community Mailboxes

At the September 9, 2009 HOA meeting, due to the recent vandalism and partially-successful mail theft, the Board voted to replace all five mailboxes with more secure "4C" units. Our insurance will cover all costs except for the deductible and possibly the difference in price between the current "4B" units and the new upgraded ones. The Board also reviewed a security company's bid to patrol the community nightly, but the majority of the Board and residents present didn't want monthly dues raised by \$134 (\$1,620/yr) for this.

When the mailbox replacement is scheduled, you will be notified by a flyer posted in the enclosed bulletin board. The Post Office will stop delivering mail during repairs, but you may pick up your mail at the Mission Hills post office.

If you think your mail was stolen and are concerned about identity theft, please consider taking the following actions: (1) Put a free 90-day fraud alert on your credit report by calling Equifax, Experian, or TransUnion; (2) enroll in a credit monitoring service offered by your bank or credit card; (3) purchase identity-theft insurance through your bank or credit card; (4) ask your credit card companies to change your respective card numbers.

To help prevent criminals from stealing your identity via mail theft, consider enrolling in "paperless" statements from your financial institutions, and always pick up your mail daily before dark. If you're going to be out of town for any period of time, ask the Post Office to suspend delivery during that time, or ask a neighbor to pick up your mail in your absence. Also, remember to have someone check your front door for packages left by UPS, FedEx, USPS, etc.

New Board Member Appointed

Due to the resignation of our Board President two months ago, the Board was required to appoint an interim replacement. In our most recent election, Robin Harman received the next-highest amount of votes, so the Board selected her as its newest member. Welcome, Robin, and thank you for serving!

After the appointment, the Board elected the following officers:

President: Eric Rosenberg

Vice-President: Joyce White

Secretary: Bobbi West

Treasurer: Robin Harman

Jim Norum, our K. Hovnanian community representative, rounds out the Board.

During the course of August's meeting, Bobbi and Robin offered to co-chair the new Social Committee. Eric continues to chair the Landscape committee (which meets the second Tuesday of every month at 4:00pm in front of 12458 Longacre Ave), while Bobbi & Eric continue to co-chair the Architectural Committee. The Community Issues Committee still awaits volunteers to chair and participate. Please consider joining and lending your skills and experience to the betterment of our community!





IMPORTANT INFO

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Emergencies: 911

Non-emergency: 311

Dept Water & Power

(818) 342-5397

The Gas Company

(800) 427-2200

City Hall

(818) 756-8121

Councilman Greig Smith (District 12)

(213) 473-7012

www.cd12.org

Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council

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City Animal Services

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Update on Community Issues

• Due to the recent community vandalism at the mailboxes, the Board and Neighborhood Watch will compile a list of e-mail addresses and phone numbers of all interested homeowners so that you can be informed immediately in case of an emergency.

If you wish to have your name included on this emergency contact list (which will only be used in case of fires, finding the owners of lost dogs, reporting on crime committed in the neighborhood, and other urgent matters), please send an e-mail with your contact information to eric@alisohoa.com.

• K. Hovnanian reports that its final home has finally closed escrow! This is good news for the community, as home prices will now be set by us instead of by a company looking to close out its investment. But this also means that the HOA will soon assume all ongoing maintenance costs!

Hopefully our reserves will cover any unexpected expenses going forward, but we already know that annual brush clearance, regular security patrols, and tree re-staking will factor into future Association budgets and may affect assessments.

The current Board will never raise assessments without first giving homeowners ample time for input. We're always looking for ways to save money, so give us your great ideas!

• The next Board meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 7th @ 7:00pm**, at **12468 Longacre Ave** ("Lot 8"). We will have a guest speaker who will tell us all about saving \$\$ with a sub-meter.

• Many Aliso residents have dogs, and we know how much fun it is to play with them outside and that some barking frequently accompanies the fun. We also understand that some people keep their dogs outdoors 24-7 for security (although we *hope* pets are brought inside when air quality suffers due to area fires).

The Board would like to remind homeowners with dogs to make sure that outdoor barking is kept to a reasonable level so your neighbors aren't disturbed, especially at night.

If you are unable to work out a solution with a neighbor whose barking dog continually disturbs you, the Board has determined that your best avenue for resolution is to contact City Animal Services or County Animal Control.

You can mail a written complaint to the **West Valley Animal Care and Control Center** at **20655 Plummer St.** in **Chatsworth, CA 91311**; you can call **(213) 485-8405** or **(888) 452-7381 x146**; or contact the County via their form online: http://animalcare.lacounty.gov/Animal_Complaint_Form.asp.

• The HOA Board has formed a new "Community Issues" committee. If you are interested in that committee (or any of our other ones: Landscape, Architectural, Social, and Newsletter), please let one of our Board members or Euclid know.

• For weekly crime statistics updates in our surrounding area, sign up for the ePolicing newsletter from the LAPD: http://www.lapdonline.org/e_policing