

The Aliso Adviso

Homeowners Community Newsletter

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The Winds are BACK!

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If you're new to Aliso and haven't experienced our six months of 60mph gusts, then welcome to your first windy season! As veteran residents will tell you, it's very important to make sure any outdoor furniture is either stored away or adequately secured, lest it wind up in your neighbor's yard.

If you've recently installed landscaping, you're going to want to anchor your trees to at least two strong stakes with overlapping elastic ties. (You should consider taking these precautions even if your trees are more mature.)

Due to the inadequate City street tree staking K. Hovnanian left us with (which was allegedly required by the clueless City of Los Angeles), the Association recently voted to hire Landscape Development to re-secure all those trees with multiple stakes and ties per an arborist's recommendation. We hope this will prevent the loss of any trees this year.

The Association would also like to remind all residents of the guidelines set forth in **Section 5.15 of the CC&Rs** regarding trash cans. Basically, if it's windy, please don't put out your trash bins until the last possible moment. Make sure your lids are able to close completely, and bring in your bins as soon as you can after the trash has been taken.

Also, place your trash cans so that they're facing away from the prevailing winds, put a brick or rock in front of the wheels, and secure the lid with a piece of painter's tape. This will help prevent your trash can and rubbish from being blown down the street, but will not hinder the garbage trucks.

All homeowners are responsible for any damage done to the community or to a neighbor's home by their trash bins, or by their rubbish blowing around and down any street in the wind.

New Board Member Appointed

Due to the recent resignation from the Board of Jim Norum, our K. Hovnanian community representative, the Board was required to appoint an interim replacement. None of the remaining candidates from the previous HOA elections were available, so the Board approached our Neighborhood Watch captain, Vince Buenrostro, who agreed to serve. Welcome on board, Vince!

The Board now consists of the following members:

President: Eric Rosenberg

Vice-President: Joyce White

Secretary: Bobbi West

Treasurer: Robin Harman

Member-at-Large: Vince Buenrostro





IMPORTANT INFO

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Update on Community Issues

• Steve from LDI recommends that homeowners with myoporum on their slopes consider the following: "At Green Thumb (www.greenthumb.com), homeowners can purchase an iron supplement, Gro-Power, and gypsum for around \$60.00. This would take care of the typical size homeowner slope. I would also recommend applying a granule fertilizer (9-9-9 or 15-15-15)."

• The next **Board meeting** will be on Wednesday, November 11th @ 7:00pm. at 12458 Longacre Ave ("Lot 9").

• The next **Landscape Committee meeting** and community walk-through with LDI will be on Tuesday, November 10th @ 4:00pm, meeting in front of 12458 Longacre Ave ("Lot 9").

• The Board and Neighborhood Watch are compiling a priority contact list of e-mail addresses and phone numbers of all interested homeowners who want to be informed immediately in case of an emergency, or who want to receive Board agendas/minutes electronically.

To have your name included on this list (which will *not* be shared with any other group or organization), please send an e-mail to eric@alisohoa.com.

Remember, the best deterrents against crime in our community are concerned and vigilant residents. As you travel about our neighborhood or observe out your windows, please take note of any people whose activity may be suspicious. If appropriate, you may want to alert your neighbors, the Board, the Neighborhood Watch, or the police. We can make our community safe by working together!

• **Mailboxes Update:** The Board is pleased to inform you that the new, more-secure mailboxes have been installed, all keys have been handed out, and mail delivery has resumed.

The only item left is for the Post Office to install proprietary locks on the parcel lockers so that the mail carrier won't have to leave large items at your front door anymore.

The HOA paid a \$1,000 deductible for the replacement and our insurance covered the rest of the cost (\$4,495). This means that the total cost to each homeowner was \$22.23, which works out to \$1.85 per month for one year.

The good news is that, because of this relatively small cost to each resident, no Special Assessment was necessary and monthly dues will not be raised.

• The HOA Board voted to approve our **Fiscal Year 2010 operating budget** at its Regular Meeting on October 7th. Anyone who would like a copy of this to review should contact Ron Rector at Euclid Management.

• 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

HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!

