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President's Message—Election Time Again

by Alison Blake

On April 15, 2010, we'll hold our Annual Meeting and elect five Board Members. I'd like to take this opportunity to invite you to run for the Board. The Board makes important decisions about our Community and would benefit from your participation. Several Board Members have served for a number of years and would like to give others a chance. Please consider filling one of these important positions.

There are many benefits of being on the Board. Most of us don't know what our HOA does and are confused about its governance, responsibilities and authority. Some of us complain about the services our HOA provides (or lack, thereof), but most of us don't have any idea what it costs to provide the landscaping, maintenance and other amenities that are required by law.

You can learn these things, and many more, by being on the Board. You can also get hands-on experience making decisions that are important to our Community. So, please help us and run for the Board. It takes only a couple of hours a month. To become a candidate, simply complete the candidacy form on the website or request one from the Management Company and return it no later than March 15, 2010 to have your name on the ballot. Candidates must be Members in good standing, current in the payment of their assessment and have no outstanding violations on their unit.

Disposal Etiquette

Please be mindful of the fact that 56 units share the trash bin & recycle bins. With everyone's cooperation we can contain costs by utilizing the trash bin for household trash, break down boxes to fit in the recycle bins, order a special pick up for larger items. In addition when you or any hired contractors may be working at your home it is required that all parties are to dispose of building materials and debris off-site. Finally, report violators to the management company.

Many items that you no longer want or need are accepted by local Reuse & Recycling Facilities / Services

Use the county website or call them toll-free for locations nearest you or other resources to help **REDUCE - REUSE - RECYCLE** at home, work and school.

County Recycling Hotline -- 1-800-750-4096

Www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/depart/cd/recycle

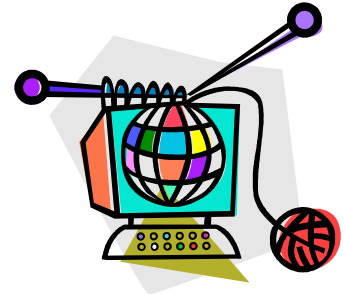


Association Communications Inc. (ACI) Website

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If you need any forms or need to contact us, you may want to check out the newly improved and re-designed ACI website at www.aciho.com for the following forms and online tools:

Architectural Review and Approval Form
Resident/Tenant Information Form
Satisfaction Survey
Incident Report Form
Automatic Payment Form



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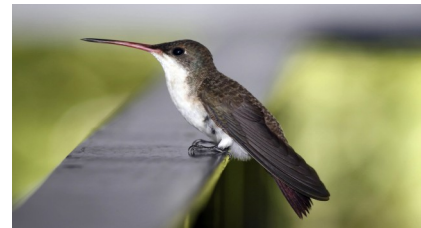
Dumpster Pick up Day will change effective 3-1-2010

In an effort to reduce operating expenses and avoid future assessment increases the Board has elected to reduce the number of dumpster pick ups to once per week, every Monday. The dumpster will no longer be picked up on Fridays. The new pick up schedule is effective 3-1-2010. Your time, attention and cooperation with regard to this matter are all greatly appreciated.



Tips for those residents who have bird feeders

Recently it came to the attention of one of our volunteer Directors that it is possible for illness and diseases that affect and are carried by birds can be transmitted through bird feeders that have not been cleaned or were cleaned improperly. It is recommended you periodically clean out all of the parts of the bird feeder and regularly replace it with fresh clean feeding material. Hopefully this will help everyone in the community continue to enjoy our flying friends for a long time to come.



Do you have persistent moisture on or around your windows?

Management and the Board of Directors would like any residents who have concerns about moisture on or around their windows that is not caused by something within the unit (cooking, bathing, etc) to contact management immediately so that any issues can be addressed as promptly as possible. Please call Trevor at 925-283-4900 to report your concerns.

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2010 Board Meeting Schedule

Date: Third Thursday of the Month

Time: Homeowners' Forum at 7:00 PM

March 18 –

April 15 – Annual Meeting

May 20 – Pool opens

June 17 –

July 15 -

August 19 -

September 16 -

October 21 – 2011 Budget

November 18 - CPA

Attend an upcoming Board meeting! Volunteers are being sought to welcome new residents to the Community; organize the Social Committee? Are you interested? Contact Trevor@acihoa.com.

