

Sand Dollar Beach Homeowners Association

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Mark Your Calendars!

WHEN: 10:00 a.m. Saturday, January 15, 2005

WHAT: Another Extravaganza Annual Homeowners Meeting

WHERE: La Selva Beach Clubhouse

We'll be finished by noon!

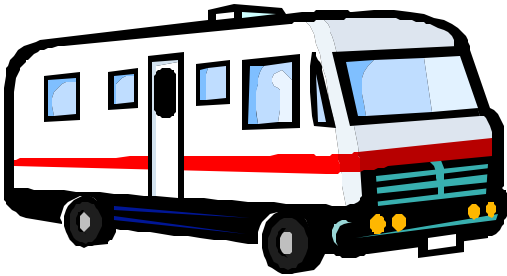
Message from Dan Halloran— SDBHOA President

You want to protect the value of your property and community, as well as your financial investment in them. A part of that value is the strength and vitality of your homeowner's association. You are one of the 87 members of the Sand Dollar Beach Homeowners' Association, and so before you 'flip off' this article, there are some thoughts I hope you will consider. Seriously. In four areas: first, the operation of the Association—call it governance, the current buzzword; second, the security of our property, and a third, related area—that of motor homes, and finally, the sense of community within the Sand Dollar neighborhood. I'll close with some information about our eucalyptus tree grove that lies between our homes and the Canon del Sol group.

The operation of the Association is made up of the Board (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Members-at-Large). Two of these voluntary Board members must come from the Townhome group, and three from the single-family homes. Our committees (Architecture, Landscaping, Facilities, Security, Social, Nominating and the single purpose ad hoc committees) also require voluntary participation. This means that, at any given time, we are using 25% of the total of 87 homeowners in running the formal parts of the association. Why, you ask, do I bring this up? Well, it is that time of year, and Jack Basler is chair of the Nominating Committee, and is looking for Association members who are willing to get involved. The health of our Association depends upon this involvement, and I'm asking you to seriously consider your own participation! Please think about it, and remember the familiar saying, "if it is to be, it is up to me."

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..... The security aspect of our association is the second topic we need to pay some attention to. Many of you know that Jim Emmons has been our mainstay as chair of the Security Committee. His substantial police experience and knowledge has enabled Jim to add unique character to our security efforts, and he has contributed in more ways than most of us will ever know. Jim has had to resign as chair at the end of July due to health reasons. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jim in his medical fight, and we thank him for his many contributions. We will need to regroup to cover this major void in our governance, and your interest in cooperation is vital—as is your vigilance in monitoring activities in our various properties and common areas.



On a similar vein, you may be one of our owners who have friends visiting in a motor home—or a tenant with friends visiting in one of these large vehicles; or perhaps you have one yourself, normally stored elsewhere. All of us know that our property values will suffer if we become a haven for such large vehicles stationed on our streets, and for this reason we have always had a rule limiting the stay of motor homes to 72 hours. Please help us make sure that this rule is upheld, as it doesn't take very many abuses before the overall reputation of our neighborhood would suffer.

Our fourth subject, the social aspect, is another other important subject that I wished to visit with you about. Nancy Lenihan has, over many years, spearheaded our annual barbecue event. Attendance has dwindled in recent years, and Nancy feels it is time for a new approach. Accordingly, and with your Board's concurrence, we have decided not to hold the barbecue this fall, but rather ask you for ideas on how better to regenerate the social atmosphere and participation within the Sand Dollar community. Let us hear from you! We need ideas, and You Have Them!

Now, as to the eucalyptus grove: The California State Parks District Superintendent responsible for our area has let us know that there is a plan to trim about 20 of these trees in the near future to "restore the views" of a few affected Canon del Sol homeowners. We are concerned about the health of this grove, as our canyon is the only one in our series of beaches that has retained its integrity—and we believe that grove is a significant reason why. Excessive trimming of eucalyptus trees can threaten the grove, although we agree that the loose leaves, limbs and trash at the base of these trees needs to be cleared out. We are forming an ad hoc committee of concerned homeowners within our association to monitor this activity, as well as to discuss alternative means of protecting our hill slopes. Anyone interested in this activity should contact Mary Ann Basler to get involved.



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Committee News— Jack Basler

RESERVE STATUS. Our facility reserve is fully funded according to the current Budget. The Facilities Committee is working on the 3 year update to be sent to homeowners by the end of the year.

WATER FOR THE FUTURE. Monte Pehrson is our liason with the Soquel Creek Water District. He attends all Board Meetings to ensure that water quality and supply remains adequate in future years.

SUPER COMMITTEE. Our Board of Directors established a Super Committee composed of the Chairpersons of all our standing committees. The mission of the committee is to improve the security on the path in the lower common area as well as parking problems on the Shoreline. Surfers and other beach goers are using the path rather than the beach access we provide on Sand Dollar Lane. Trespassers are leaving the path and going along the bluff, or using private stairways behind Shoreline houses. This has resulted in security and privacy problems. We will keep you informed of our progress.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEEDS HELP! The Nominating Committee is searching for Candidates for Directors and for open positions on all our Committees. The Committees are listed on the First Page of the Sand Dollar Beach Homeowner Directory. **WE NEED YOU.**

Architecture Committee —Don Breuner

Greetings from the Architectural Review Committee. Don't forget us when it comes time to build, destroy, replace or remodel exterior form or finish.

Claire Hildreth has the necessary application form for you to complete and return to her on behalf of the ARC. We try to be responsive to folks when they want to upgrade their place in paradise.

Monte Pehrson replaced Terry Dager following Terry's recent resignation due to business for the balance of his term, which runs through this year end. Monte is a former ARC Chairman and was an practicing architect in a former life. We should all be glad to have such expertise on the ARC. Don Breuner agreed to act as Chairman for the balance of his term, which also expires this year end. Other homeowners serving on the ARC are Rosemary Keith, Gene Ciabattari and Ramona Allen.

Flotsam And Jetsam—Miki Pehrson

At Sand Dollar, we have beach state parks to the right of us and to the left of us. We enjoy looking out at the bay. Want a change of scenery? Want to be surrounded by redwoods along a gurgling stream?

Just a short distance and inland from us is The Forest of Nicene Marks State Park. Along the Aptos Creek from 1883 to 1923 the forest was logged. Now, second growth has regenerated the narrow canyon, and hiking and biking can be done in the area. In 1950, the Marks family purchased the 9600 acres from the logging company. In 1963, with assistance of Nature Conservancy, the land was donated to the state in memory of their mother Nicene Marks.

One would never know that many of the original trails were heavily damaged since their restoration was a major project of the California Youth Conversation Corps.

The park contains the epicenter of the 1989 earthquake. A number of fallen trees in that area was the only damage. So, for an area that has suffered so much damage in past years it is today a place of peace and quiet for those who visit.

The trails are for all abilities and there are numerous picnic areas.

Access to the park's entrance station is on Aptos Creek Road off Soquel Ave. in Aptos. There is an entrance fee (\$5—\$6) and maps are available.



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Sand Dollar traffic control gate:

The access code is available for trades people by e-mail at regclaire@aol.com, or by mail to SDBHOA.

Key tags and remote transmitters will continue to operate as usual.

When a guest calls for access on the traffic gate phone entry system, press "9" on your phone pad to open the gate.

If the gate needs service, call Pete Kraljev at 724-8963 - this number should only be used for gate service.

Repair costs will be charged to anyone causing damage to the gate!

Realtors can now use a lock box at the traffic gate for an electronic tag. Our special thanks to Dan Sedenquist of Bailey Properties for providing the lock box for use by all realtors.

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Other Items

The next SDBHOA Board meeting is
September 12 at 9.30am at 625 Sand
Dollar Lane.

Please note: All exterior work must re-
ceive approval from the Association.
PLEASE submit your applications to the
Board in good time, via Claire Hildreth,
our site manager. Thank You!