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POOL / SPA HOURS
7A - 11P DAILY**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

February 16, 2010

Board Business 6 - 7p

Committee Repts 7 - 7:15p

H/O Forum 7:15 - 7:45p

Mtgs held 3rd Tues each month except Aug & Dec.

... and ... the Holiday Party takes place the first Friday in December @ 5 PM each year.



Cliff Notes



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SEACLIFF ON THE GREENS CLUB SERIES HOA NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 1

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The Club Series Board wishes all of our neighbors and friends a very happy and prosperous new year. We are committed to serving you, and to maximizing the quality of living for all residents. The board's mission in 2010 is the same as last year:

- To improve communication and enhance our sense of Community.
- To demonstrate sound fiscal responsibility.
- To sustain aesthetics of our neighborhood.

We encourage you to read all newsletters and to follow up with us on any questions you may have by either attending monthly meetings and/or by contacted Ron Bennett at Huntington West Properties (see sidebar).

We look forward to another exciting year of hard work and measurable results. Please join us at our monthly board meetings to share in the process of developing and maintaining our community. We look forward to seeing you on February 16th!

Mike Jones, President

TREASURER'S REPORT

In 2010, Treasurer Shawn Stewart will present financial reports on a quarterly basis, beginning in March. In between, we can look forward to articles on a variety of useful topics such as his offering this month, "What To Do With the Occasional Skunk!" Take a look on page 2.

SECURITY / PARKING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The first Security and Parking meeting of 2010 took place prior to the January board meeting. We met with Securitas representatives to review concerns.

Residents parking in guest parking was discussed, and the outcome is that Securitas will be issuing citations to vehicles that are parked in violation of Club Series Parking Rules. At SeaCliff, we have limited guest parking spaces and the hope is if everyone will follow the guidelines, we will have places for our friends and families to park near our units when visiting.

Please forward your thoughts and ideas to Huntington West Property Management, or by email to jcsoup8@aol.com.

Thank you.

Jim Campbell, Parking Committee

EDITOR'S NOTE

The 'Cliff Notes' advertising program is underway! It has been delightful and informative speaking with our SeaCliff neighbors and learning about the creative ways they are approaching current economic challenges.

Initially, there was no intent to proceed with ads in this first 2010 newsletter. January was going to be dedicated to planning, etc. However, the folks you see advertising here were anxious to take advantage of this opportunity and, voilà! we're off and running, full speed ahead.

What has become clear is **how important it is that we all support our local retailers and resident business professionals whenever possible.** The Long's Drug closure along with other vacancies across the street, is unsettling and contributes to a negative perception of the community. Our actions have direct impact on the outcome of our local stores. It's also important to realize proceeds from ads will go to our HOA Reserves. Assisting in keeping our HOA Reserves financially healthy is another way to contribute to our personal investments here at SeaCliff. If we continue to support advertisers by shopping locally, this will be a huge Win/Win for everyone!

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WHAT TO DO WITH THE OCCASIONAL SKUNK!

by Shawn D. Stewart

Because residents have questions about skunks that occasionally enter our neighborhood, I called OC Animal Control (OCAC) to learn how they might assist us. Their representative provided the following.

OCAC considers skunks an indigenous species to Huntington Beach (shocking). They will only respond if the skunk is injured, sick, or dead. (Don't get any ideas! These little guys can spray their scent from 10-15 feet and there is only one thing worse than a live skunk--a dead one). OCAC may respond in rare cases if there is a "specific overly aggressive animal that is causing serious problems". (My interpretation: a mutant ninja skunk that chases people or waits in ambush on porches). This was not exactly the answer we were hoping for.

Incidentally, I read up on natural predators of skunks. Great Horned Owls seem to be one of the best, but "it is thought most mammalian predators will eat skunk if they are hungry enough". Again, don't get any ideas on which of our little pets we might stop feeding to see if this whole thing could work itself out in a more eco-friendly and cost effective way. Visions of skinny dogs battling it out with mutant ninja skunks and the resultant odor quickly put that idea to rest.

OCAC directed me to their website for their guide to skunks and recommendations for homeowners (See next column). Killing skunks was not seen as a viable option, and relocation seldom has the desired result (skunks tend to return to their homes like those lost dogs and cats who somehow travel 3 years and 1,000 miles to reunite with families). So the following recommendations are deemed most effective and should be carefully followed by our homeowners. The board is discussing and how we might help.

OC's Official Guide to Skunks:

Some OC areas have experienced problems with skunks. Animal Care Services (ACS) can assist in helping manage the problem by educating people on how to deal with the inconvenience and damage created by skunks.

The common skunk is about the size of a plump house cat. Skunks are not good fighters or runners but possess a strong-smelling gland at the base of their tail. When cornered or bothered, they stamp their front feet in warning and turn to aim their gland at their target.

(SKUNKS, CONT.)

The powerful oily scent can be ejected for about 10 feet. If left alone they will turn and run. Skunks, as well as most wildlife, stay in certain geographical areas as long as the three life sustaining elements are present: food, shelter and water. Without these three items, the skunk will not remain. Skunks eat a variety of food. In spring and summer they eat fruits, berries, eggs, all kinds of insects, small rodents and reptiles. In winter they dig small insects and rodents out of the ground which results in little cone-shaped holes. They usually live in underground burrows which they may dig if the ground is soft. Otherwise, they live in vacant homes of other rodents, hollow logs, rock piles and under houses. Skunks are nocturnal and are rarely seen during daylight hours.

There are certain steps that residents of an affected area should take to eliminate this nuisance. The problem will not go away overnight, but if everyone is willing to help, the problem will eventually subside. Animal control experts agree that education and cooperation are the keys to solving many wildlife problems. Eradication and/or relocation programs are costly and mostly ineffective.

ACS will respond to and impound any skunk that is: **Injured/Sick/Dead and/or has had intimate contact with a human or a domestic animal.** If any of these conditions exist, please call Orange County Animal Care Services at (714) 935-6848.

OC Animal Control Recommends: (from ochealthinfo.com)

These steps can be taken to discourage skunk activity.

- Don't leave food of **any kind** outside.
- Cover trash containers.
- Don't leave plastic trash bags outside.
- Change auto sprinkler settings regularly.
- Eliminate garbage, debris, lumber piles.
- Seal house, deck & fencing access.
- Clear dense vegetation, thinning the lower 18" of landscaping shrubbery.
- Mothballs and ammonia soaked cloths serve as temporary repellants only.
- Life-like owl figures (scarecrows) are sometimes effective.



SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Unfortunately, Thursday night Pilates was cancelled due to lack of participation! Those who attended greatly enjoyed the experience and will miss it dearly. We appreciate Viva Pilates Studio management and instructors for trying to establish a successful program. If you are interested in Pilates and/or Yoga we highly recommend Viva Pilates (located in Huntington Harbor near House of Brews).

The Social Committee is currently brainstorming ideas to raise funds for a flat screen TV in the Clubhouse. What a wonderful setting to host sporting events.

And, as always, we are looking for volunteers to help with events. Do YOU have a great idea for an event? Great! We are here to help but unfortunately, the 5 active members of the committee cannot do everything. We are short on help! If every person who lives in our association took on just ONE sponsored event per year, imagine what a great place this would be to live! We could have such a diverse and exciting events calendar!!!

Get involved! Make this the kind of community YOU want to live in. Be that change agent! People always support what they help create!

Feel free to call Deborah at 951.233.6066 or email hbhalls@me.com to get involved!

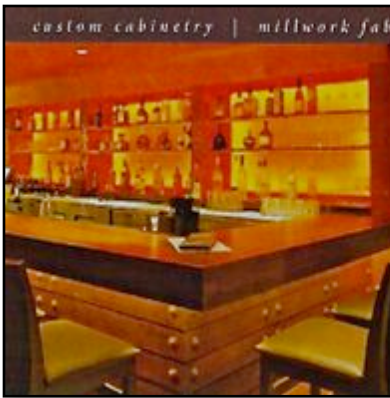
MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

In addition to the Social Committee needing volunteers, the advertising campaign needs volunteer boots on the streets as well. A quick count of local retail outlets visible from the street produced a list of 130 businesses who might be interested in placing 'Cliff Notes ads.

This is a great opportunity to get to know people in your community to help increase local merchant traffic. It's rewarding to participate in a worthy project that will not only help support local business, but will help increase Club Series HOA reserves for those extra projects that keep our community beautiful and vibrant to maintain SeaCliff's premier status in Huntington Beach.

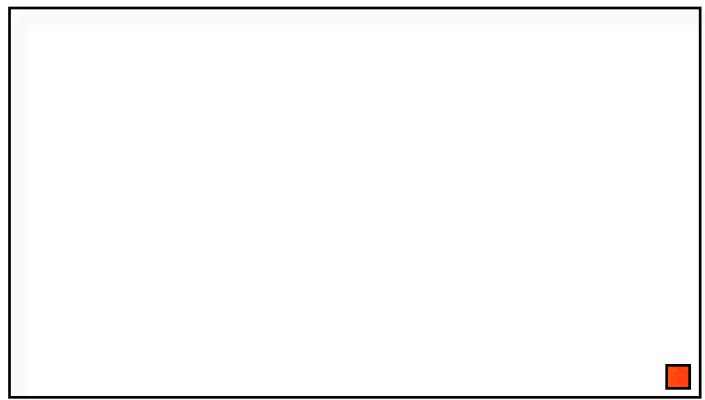
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