

# Eastbluff Homeowners Association

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## Neighborhood Watch by Pat Puich

I attended the quarterly meeting of Neighborhood Watch at the police department this week and found it to be very interesting. We were shown two videos - the first on the updated website for the police department which is [www.nbsd.org](http://www.nbsd.org). It is very well organized and under "calls for service" you can check on any current activity in the area. The crime overview for January and February showed no activity in Eastbluff - which one of the detectives said was really good compared to other areas of the city.

The second video was made by a police department in Florida where identity theft at gas stations has become a major crime. They had film of how criminals will drive into the station and while the person is paying or filling their

tank they can grab purses or other items out of the car and be gone before the person even realizes it. SUVs are especially good targets since one can't see around them so easily. So - take this advice. Always take your keys with you and lock the doors behind you, roll up the windows, and -secure any items on the floor under your seat.

The last major item of the evening was a news release of a serial burglar who has been arrested in Corona Del Mar. The alert was given to the police by a neighbor who thought a house was being burglarized nearby. The criminal, who was out on bail, was a woman who was driving around the area with magnetic real estate signs on her car and was responsible for up to 17 burglar-

ies. She also provided the officers with information on some other burglaries that were committed by men she knew. The officers asked her why she thought she has been so successful in the Corona del Mar area. She gave the following reasons which we should all keep in mind. They were: dark streets, high end area, open curtains with lights on so one can look right in, many vacation homes left unattended, people with a false sense of security and apathy on the part of the general public.

So - continue to stay alert and do call the non-emergency number at the police department if you notice anything going on. It is: 644-3717. That's it for now!

## Slug Infestation at the Cacao Entrance by Jim Graves

Some residents have inquired about the poor quality of the flower beds at the Cacao entrance, particularly on the left side as you enter. At the Board's request, an investigation was conducted by a consultant employed by Artistic Maintenance, the landscape company which maintains the Association's grounds.

The chief problem, according to Laura Cook of Artistic Maintenance, is a serious slug infes-

tion. Additionally, she reported, "a root rot fungus was also isolated, and the fertility levels are low."

To remedy the problem, Artistic will apply a soil drench and baiting for the slugs. They will also use a fungicide on the root rot fungus and apply a triple 15 fertilizer to increase the fertility of the soil.

We hope in the upcoming months the problem to be remedied, and we can once again enjoy beautiful flowers at the Cacao entrance. Anyone who would like to read the complete report should contact Joni Barnes of Walters Management at

[jbarnes@waltersmanagement.com](mailto:jbarnes@waltersmanagement.com).

## Sound Walls by Michael McInnis

Eileen Cirillo and I met with the city's sound engineer, Iris Lee, a little while ago. We took Iris on a tour of the trouble spots in the neighborhood. She took pictures and noted the existing walls and traffic noise. This was the first step to conducting the sound study. Iris will be cruising through the neighborhood again and will decide where she considers the optimum locations for the tests.

Once she has selected those sites, it is up to us to come up with the actual residences for staging the tests. The volunteers will have to vacate for 24 hours. They can't be home during the testing. Other considerations will be things like their immediate neighbor's gardener's schedule. Iris wants most of the noise recorded to be traffic noise.

We are planning two different test phases, one for Eastbluff Drive and one for Jamboree, in order to test when the noise level is at its peak. Therefore, the test for Eastbluff Drive will occur before school lets out for summer and for Jamboree after school is out.

As soon as Iris finishes her study of the neighborhood and selects the optimum test sites, we will be knocking on doors to find our volunteers. Yep, yet another opportunity for us to be popular with our neighbors!

I will be keeping you posted on all developments in future editions of the newsletter. As always, we are interested in hearing from you.

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## From the Editor

If you have an issue you want discussed in this newsletter, submit it to me via email at [dynabyte@pacbell.net](mailto:dynabyte@pacbell.net). Please make it objective and concise. I will submit it to the board for review. Be sure to include "Eastbluff Newsletter" in the subject line so I will not delete it as spam.

If you want to know what has been going on at the board meets, you can logon to the HOA web site and review the last few years of board minutes. The address is [www.eastbluff.net](http://www.eastbluff.net).

### The Password is Newport.

If you want to know what the city is up to, logon to their web site. The address is [www.citynewport-beach.ca.us](http://www.citynewport-beach.ca.us). This site contains all sorts of interesting information.

Want to know what the brave men in blue are doing? All you have to do is logon to the Newport Beach Police Department web site. The address is [www.nbpd.org](http://www.nbpd.org).

## Governing Documents Committee by Jock Marlo

The Board has re-established the Governing Documents Committee. This committee was last disbanded in February 1998 following a three year term of making recommendations for updates to the governing documents.

The Committee has been re-established to consider recommendations regarding the approaching expiration of the architectural control provision of the bylaws and the self renewal of the Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&Rs).

The architectural control power of the Board will end on January 13, 2011 unless a majority of the members vote to renew this provision by a 51% vote. The CC&Rs will self renew for a 10 year period on January 13, 2011 unless a change in the CC&Rs, agreed to by at least 51% of the members, has been recorded.

It's not too early to plan for these major events. If you would like to be part of this committee, please contact Walters Management or one of your Board members.

## Dog Owners by Jim Graves

When you go out for a walk with your dog, please remember to clean up after him. Animal waste left in our park or along our sidewalks detracts from the quality of life in our community. If you forget to bring a baggie for disposal,

please go home and return with one. Your cooperation is not only mandated by city ordinances, but is a great courtesy to your neighbors. Thank you.

## Neighborhood Watch (part duex) by Michael McInnis

This article is directed at the residents of the "A" streets only. Everyone else can skip to the next article.

Last week we had a police action in the Bluffs. The police blocked Eastbluff from Alba to Bida. I sat down to call people and realized I need some help. By the time I made calls from the Aralia cul-de-sac to Alba, the event was over.

We need a telephone tree.

It would be really helpful if those of you who work at home or are usually around during the day were part of the tree. Not all incidences occur at night. I think it would be a good idea for everyone to have everyone else's address and phone number...just in case.

Once I have a few volunteers, we can get together and figure out what we think is the best way to handle the tree.

If you are willing to be part of the tree, let me know. Email me at [dynabyte@pacbell.net](mailto:dynabyte@pacbell.net), drop me a note at 2115 Aralia, or call me at 640.0508.

## Neighbor Connection by Diane Wysopal

The Neighbor Connection Committee is looking for neighbors who would like to get involved with community building activities.

The next planned event is the Annual 4th of July Picnic. There will be a Mom's Coffee hosted at Diane Wysopal's house at 2239

Aralia Street on Friday April 12 at 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Please stop by for coffee, conversation and an informal discussion about future events. Young children are welcome.