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Park Committee by Eric Spraker

The response to the Homeowner Survey was outstanding beyond any of our expectations. We received 271 surveys! Thanks very much to everyone for taking the time to respond, and more importantly, for your comments.

All of the surveys will be delivered to the board at the next monthly meeting. We tabulated the responses by street - every street in Eastbluff with 10 or more households returned surveys at a rate of 50% or higher. In addition, we hope to post a central database of comments on the neighborhood website, listing only the street of origin of each comment to preserve anonymity.

For those who prefer the cliff-note version, the following is a synopsis of the most prevalent concerns among homeowners who filled out the comment section:

The bathroom. Of the 4 park improvement statements, the bathroom issue was the most polarizing - less than 10% of respondents replied "neutral". People on the "pro" side talked about the difficulty and inconvenience of bringing small children to the park. They compared our neighborhood to other Newport Beach neighborhoods, where the parks do have bathrooms. The "con" side was concerned about cost of construction, maintenance/upkeep, and attracting non-Eastbluff residents to our park - with some concerned about attracting unwanted outsiders such as child predators. They pointed out that other Newport Beach parks are city-run and receive more police attention than ours would.

Cost. Homeowners are concerned about how much the board intends to spend on park improvement, and whether or not this spending would generate an assessment.

Priority. The survey was about the park but many people used the comment

section to discuss issues they believe are of greater importance to the neighborhood than park improvement. The condition of the slopes was brought up several times - one resident even attached photos of the slope behind his house.

Gating. It was not the focus of the survey to discuss the gating of our community, but a few people tied support for park improvement to gating the neighborhood.

To a number of homeowners, we would like to respond to your comments by saying "come to the monthly board meetings!" The first part of each meeting is Homeowners Forum, where everyone gets a chance to ask the board questions and voice their compliments, concerns or complaints. You are free to leave at any time afterwards, so the required investment of time is minimal.

The tally for each statement does not add up to the total number of surveys received, because some respondents wrote comments in lieu of checking the boxes. There were a small handful of cases where judgment may have been warranted, such as a survey that came back with "agree" on all 5 statements but comments strongly opposing any park improvement. Fortunately, no interpretation was needed, as the responses to each statement clearly favored one side or the other.

Without further ado, here are the responses:

Statement #1: I and/or my family have visited the park in the last 12 months.

AGREE: 207

Neutral: 15

DISAGREE: 47

Statement #2: I would like to see minor improvements made to the park (i.e. trees, landscape, benches, lighting).

AGREE: 144

Neutral: 51

DISAGREE: 53

Statement #3: I would like to see major improvements made to the park (i.e. new play structures, shade, or pavilion structure).

AGREE: 82

Neutral: 33

DISAGREE: 141

Statement #4: I would like to see a permanent bathroom in the park.

AGREE: 65

Neutral: 21

DISAGREE: 174

Statement #5: I like the redevelopment plan posted in the park currently under consideration by the board.

AGREE: 77

Neutral: 51

DISAGREE: 113

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Board Meetings

Held the 1st Monday of the month at
St. Mark's Church at 6:00 pm

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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. 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. The Password is **Newport**

if you want to know what the city is up to, logon to their web site. The address is www.city.newport-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

Sound Walls by Michael McInnis

In a prior edition, I let you know about the Community Emergency Response Team presentation given to those in attendance at the annual meeting. A very nice fellow named Matt Brisbois outlined the intention behind the organization and the Neighborhood Disaster Preparedness class they offer. He also announced that if we could get thirty (30) residents to attend, a class would be arranged just for us. So, I asked for anyone interested to send me an email.

I got one.

I'm not taking this personally, really, I'm not. The offer for our own class still stands, but in case anyone wishes to move on their own initiative, here is the contact information:

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Sound Walls by Michael McInnis

The Jamboree test hosted by Pat Raymond at 915 Celtis Place was completed last week. The next step is for the sound engineer to review those test results. After the review, the sound engineer will let us know where we stand and what our options are.

By the way, our Councilwoman, Leslie Daigle, sent me an email asking for an update on this process. She wanted to reply to questions from a few Eastbluff residents. In order to find out what's what she checks with me. Leslie is a very busy person, so please address all

questions to me. You'll get your answers more quickly.

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

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