



# Eastbluff Homeowners Association

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## Neighborhood Watch by Pat Puich

Along with your newsletter, I am sending a sheet of holiday safety tips. This time of the year there is a big increase in crime and this might help you reduce your chances of becoming a victim.

There is concern in the area about people soliciting door to door - an example being folks from AT&T. There is no law prohibiting this (as there used to be) so it was suggested you deal with these folks outside and not allow them in the house. However, there have also been reports of

the "gypsy scam". This is where someone will distract you in front of your house while another goes in through the back. BE ALERT!

There was an incident recently where a young man committed suicide on Jamboree Road after police followed him from the Shell Station past the Post Office. Until this could be confirmed the police were searching the area in case another individual was involved. In these instances, it is good to call your neighbors or neighborhood watch person in your area if you hear

anything, and stay indoors until things quiet down. None of us could miss the helicopter!

During September and October, we had only two reported thefts from vehicles. Theft from vehicles continues to be the largest crime problem in Newport Beach. Be sure to report any thefts from vehicles or residences if they occur and stay around until the police come to fill out the report. Crime is down in the Bluffs. Our communities continue to do well when compared to other areas of Newport Beach.

## Grand Theft Auto and Burglary in Eastbluff by Julia Garrett

On Monday November 6<sup>th</sup>, I woke up at 6am and was shocked to find my garage door open and my Lexus SUV gone! The police arrived at my house at by 6:30 am.

I explained to them that Sunday evening my car was parked in the garage. The garage doors were shut. I did discover the side door to the garage was open. The thieves actually came into our garage to rummage through my car, as had been done to several other cars in Eastbluff during the night. They found my hidden valet key, pushed the garage door opener on the visor, and drove off! My daughter,

whose bedroom is over the garage, woke up at the sound of the garage door opening between 1am and 2am. She thought it was odd at that time but dismissed it, thinking it was probably her dad leaving to go fishing.

The car was found two days later with everything stolen out of it including makeup, sun glasses, my children's pictures, cell phone and clothing.

The car was recovered by tracing a series of phone calls made by the thieves using my stolen cell phone. It turns out they were involved in nine

thefts or break-ins that evening in Eastbluff and Beacon Bay. The police apprehended one of the assailants and are confident that this will lead to the resolution of all nine crimes.

Please note that none of the criminals were locals. They drove through our neighborhood to scope things out before they struck. The point here is that we are targets for these types. The best defense we have is to keep our valuables out of sight and locked up. They won't think to steal it if they can't see it and won't be able to steal it if they can't get to it.



## Eastbluff Neighbor Connection Committee

Sunday December 17th from 2 - 4 PM, the Eastbluff Neighbor Connection Committee is hosting a holiday social "Cookies and Cocoa" at the commu-

nity park. We are asking everyone in the community to stop by and enjoy some holiday cheer. Hot chocolate will be provided but we ask each family

who attends to bring a dozen cookies to share. There will also be a cake walk!

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### Board Meetings

Held the 1st Monday of the month at  
St. Mark's Church at 6:30 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](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.city.newport-beach.ca.us](http://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](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 the Emmons Company or one of your Board members.

## Octoberfest

Our annual celebration of the suds was fairly well attended. There were two, count 'em two, bounce houses, beer, a costume parade, beer, a barbeque picnic including desserts and sodas, beer, lots of residents chatting with each other, beer, lots of kids running around with faux tattoos, and beer. Everyone seemed to have a good time. Did I mention that we had a keg? Don't worry, we carded everyone! hic.

As it is with all of our neighborhood events, the event would not have happened were it not for those who volunteered to make it happen. Diana

Keyes spearheaded the day, Diane Wysopal coordinated the volunteers, set up and flyers, Ron Gill was the head cook, Brad Jarvis was the Beer Man, Janine Baron and Al Maguire handled the set up, Lauren Muhaney and the Beachamp children handled the flyers. Other volunteers included Patrick Senke, Julia Garrett, Phil Milner, Kim Mishow, Jim Wysopal, Tom Sweeney, Gregory Keyes, Marian LaFollette, and some guy in a pink shirt. If I missed anyone...sorry about that chief. Drop me a line and I'll set the record straight.

Not all of the food was consumed by the attendees. Anything that remained was contributed to the Newport Beach Fire Department. This included a boat load of sodas, a ton of dessert items, and several packages of wiener schnitzel.