



# Estudillo Homeowners Association Newsletter

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## **OK...WE'RE BEGGING...\$10 PLEASE TO SUPPORT YOUR HOMEOWNERS GROUP**

Membership is up to 275 for 2004. What do you get for your \$10? Board member Todd Parsnick has started an email alert for all paid members who wish to participate. Not only will you be notified of upcoming meetings and important issues, but you also will receive crime alerts as soon as we hear about them. If you have joined the EHOA and haven't yet received an email alert contact Denice Ballas at [pinelakefun@aol.com](mailto:pinelakefun@aol.com) to double check your email address.

Your membership supports these monthly newsletters, our scholarship program for EHOA member kids going off to college and future beautification projects we will all enjoy. Plus we can be your voice at City Hall. We are working to make this a better neighborhood. Thanks for your support!

## **CITY MANAGER TO ADDRESS EHOA AT APRIL MEETING**

John Jermanis has been our city manager for the past 7 years and has been with the city of San Leandro for the past 33 years. He has served as the Assistant Finance Director and Finance Director before taking over the top post in 1997. He is a native Californian, born and raised in Berkeley and has lived in San Leandro for 33 years. His two children are graduates of San Leandro High School.

Please join us on Tuesday April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for a presentation by the City Manager after which Mr. Jermanis will address any questions the Estudillo Estates residents may have. Mr. Jermainis has a wealth of information about every aspect of city government. This will be one of the most informative meetings of the year.

The EHOA board will meet prior at 6:30pm. All are welcome to attend the board meeting. And as a special treat, EHOA member and Bridge Road resident Calleen Tinonga of ON OCCASION CATERING will provide wonderful homemade treats and great coffee. Please join us!

## **STREET CLEANING REMINDER TO MOVE CARS**

The city cleans our streets once a month between 8am-12pm. We all need to do our part by not parking on the street for that morning. If you live on Bridge, Rodney, Collier, Estudillo, Juana and Joaquin area it is the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month. In the Glen, Begier, Oakes, Woodland, Bancroft area it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. Street cleaning is good for our neighborhood and it's good for the Bay. THANKS!

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## **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM**

After several cars were broken into in the last two months on Rodney Drive and Cary Drive and 1stolen on Chetland, the board of EHOA decided to put a Neighborhood Watch Program into practice. How does it work? Neighborhood Watch is an effective partnership between neighbors and the San Leandro Police Department to improve safety and prevent crime. Typically, a police officer will make an appearance at a designated residence and discuss issues: crime trends in our neighborhood and San Leandro as a whole: safety and security of your home, person, vehicle and children, how to recognize and report suspicious activity to the police, and how to interact with neighbors in your group. These meetings are held by block. If you are interested in organizing a Neighborhood Watch Group on your street-block and holding a meeting please contact EHOA members Nestor Cuellas at 352-2209 or email him at [nestorcuellas@comcast.net](mailto:nestorcuellas@comcast.net). He will coordinate a meeting with the Police Department.

## **POWER FOR ALAMEDA MEAN TOXIC FUMES FOR US?**

*Local residents must be vigilant now to prevent a done deal. - Reprinted with permission of the Broadmoor Beacon-Hillary Van Austen*

Property located at the end of Davis Street near the dumps has been recommended as a promising location for an "Alternative Energy Plant" and Business Park. The waste incinerating electrical plant's drawback for the residents of San Leandro would be the carcinogenic and toxic fumes emitted by the incineration of garbage, while the power produced by this plant is to be used by the City of Alameda for developing the old naval base into luxury homes and office parks.

As a neighborhood we need to be vigilant on this project, or it could become a done deal without our say. The two year study recommending possible locations and potential types of energy production is almost finished.

According to Utility Project Manager Tom Barham, "Advanced Energy Strategies", the firm hired by Alameda Power & Telecom to study the power plant project, has been looking at property within a radius of 5 to 15 miles in and around Alameda. They are also looking at other fuel solutions such as natural gas. The site's criteria requires an available power grid and water supply, and in the case of San Leandro, garbage for incinerating. Other possible sites being studied are City of Alameda property, and property across the estuary from Alameda in the Port of Oakland.

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Barham says Alameda Power & Telecom is interested in partnering. The Port of Oakland, which has its own electric utility and sells to the Oakland Airport, has shown interest. According to Barham, San Leandro's government has been lukewarm on the project but continues to entertain the venture.

## **PLANT A TREE NOW!!**

As a fairly new resident to Estudillo Estates, I have noticed a lack of curbside trees in the neighborhood. Tree-lined streets add significantly to property values by providing both beauty and shade to the neighborhood. In addition, living trees are a carbon sink. They reduce the levels of greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere. Trees around your home can increase its value up to 15% or more.

Trees remove CO2 from the air, produce oxygen, and give songbirds a home. Trees help cool your home and neighborhood, shade from trees could save up to \$175 per year in air

**Next Homeowners Meeting-  
Tuesday April 20th- 7pm  
Guest Speaker - City  
Manager John Jermainis  
Main Library, Theater  
All are Welcome!**

conditioning costs. Trees help to break the cold winds to lower your heating costs. A laboratory research done by Dr. Rodger S Ulrich from Texas A&M University shows that visual exposure to settings with trees has produced significant recovery from stress within five minutes, as indicated by changes in blood pressure and muscle tension. Trees provide many other benefits too.

Did you know the City of San Leandro has a curbside tree-planting program? For FREE, the city will plant and maintain a tree of your choice. To obtain your FREE tree, call EHOA member Nestor Cuellas at 352-2209 or email at [nestorcuellas@comcast.net](mailto:nestorcuellas@comcast.net). The list of trees that the city has, are those known to grow well in San Leandro, are pest resistant, are not likely to cause concrete damage and require minimal care from the homeowner. Homeowners needing curbside cement removal prior to obtaining a tree can have cement removed for FREE too. Please act now! (It is possible that this offer won't last) Let's take advantage of this offer and make Estudillo Estates into a tree-lined sanctuary that will delight generations to come!

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## EHOA 2004 BOARD

Do you have ideas and suggestions? We want to hear from you.

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## IS YOUR CHILD SLATED TO GO TO WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY?

Do you live in the Washington school area? Wondering where you will send your children to school? Let's meet and discuss what we can do to make Washington School work for us. Many of us are a year or more away from Kindergarten-we can accomplish a lot before our children even attend school. Please email Kathryn Gholson at [kathryngholson@netscape.net](mailto:kathryngholson@netscape.net) if you are interested in creating a forum(whether it be e-mailing or meeting for coffee) to discuss ideas.

## CINCO DE MAYO JOIN THE FIESTA!

Wednesday, May 5, 2004 at 6:00 P.M.  
City of San Leandro Civic Center Plaza

Enjoy spring weather and a fiesta for the whole family. Celebrate the culture, music and customs of Mexico with the traditional dancers, mariachis, ballet folklorico and crafts for the kids. Enjoy chips, salsa and lemonade. Cinco de Mayo celebrates freedom and liberty, as well as the customs and culture of Mexico.

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## SAN LEANDRO PARENTS NETWORK

The EHOA would like to support this new organization by publishing their monthly schedule of events. Everyone is welcome.

**Playgroup - under 2's** April 14<sup>th</sup>.  
Wednesday Amy's house 667-0860

**Dad's night out** - Friday April 16<sup>th</sup>  
SF Metreon via Bart. Meet at San Leandro Bart Station ticket area. 7pm

**Monthly SLPN Potluck** -Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup> Zocalo Coffeehouse- 4:00-6:00pm

**Park Day - All ages** -Wednesday April 21<sup>st</sup>  
Deerview Park 5780 Thousand Oaks, Castro Valley 11:30-1:30pm

**Dad's and Kids Excursion** - Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup> Sulphur Creek Nature Center 10:00-12:pm Bring a lunch.

**Park Day - All ages** - Wednesday April 28<sup>th</sup> Marina Park Playground -1<sup>st</sup> playground to come to 11:30-1:30

**Playgroup - All ages**- Thursday April 29<sup>th</sup>  
Oakland Zoo 12:00-2:00pm Meet at the Flamingos

**Mom's night out** - Friday April 30<sup>th</sup> 7:00-10:00pm Food, Wine and Ceramics at Aran's Colour and Glaze Studio in Castro Valley

[info@slparentsnet.org](mailto:info@slparentsnet.org),  
[www.slparentsnet.org](http://www.slparentsnet.org). - (510)569-1556

## SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Roosevelt Elementary is hosting their annual Spring Festival on Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup> from 11am-4pm. This year features a super cool **ROCK CLIMBING WALL**, live entertainment, GREAT raffles, food and craft vendors and plenty of games for kids of all ages. All are welcome to join the fun as we raise money for a great cause. Special thanks to the San Leandro Parents Network and Pre-schoolers for Roosevelt for setting up booths for pre-school children. It should be a great community event.

Bancroft Middle school presents the musical "Cinderella" at 7pm on Wednesday May 5<sup>th</sup> Friday May 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup>. It promises to be lively and fun for all ages.

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## REAL ESTATE UPDATE

Wow! This market continues to be HOT with multiple offers still the norm. Active listings include: 963 Rodney @ \$449,500; 868 Bancroft @ \$614,500; 725 Collier @ \$629,00; 951 Collier @ \$699,950 and 950 Lee @ \$699,950.

Pending sales: 1201 San Jose; 726 Chetland, 870 Joaquiin, 591 Oakes, 1316 Glen, 821 Joaquin

Sold listing: 852 Glen @ \$852,00

There is very little for sale in our neighborhood in the "hot" 450-550 market. Please call us at 357-0120 if you would like to review the market in more detail. *Robert Jones*

## WHAT'S HAPPENING.....

**9th Annual Taste of San Leandro**  
Enjoy an evening wine tasting from over 40 top wineries in the Bay Area, including many from Napa and Sonoma valleys, along with delicious food from local restaurants on Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Marina Community Center. Tickets are \$25 a person and may be purchased from EHOA member Stephen Cassidy by calling 667-0860 or email [shcassidy@yahoo.com](mailto:shcassidy@yahoo.com). All proceeds benefit Leadership San Leandro. Comparable wine and food events in other communities are \$50 to \$75 a person.

**Step Forward to cure Tuberos Sclerosis**  
by joining us for a Walk-a-thon with comedy show. Jack London Square, Oakland Sunday May 30, 2004. EHOA resident Shannon Leal has organized this awesome event to raise money for the TS Alliance. Contact Shannon at 483-9958 or email [tswalkathon@aol.com](mailto:tswalkathon@aol.com)

## Home & Garden Tour-

The new date is June 13<sup>th</sup> from 12-4pm with the special addition of the Dinsmore House being one of the 6 homes on the tour! Tickets are \$15 per person and \$10 for senior. All profits support local causes.

----- PLEASE CUT OFF AND RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR DUES -----

**YES, I WANT TO BE ON THE MEMBERS ROSTER OF THE ESTUDILLO HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION. Enclosed is my 2004 Dues Payment of \$10 made payable to EHOA. Membership is valid January 2004 - December 2004.**

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form to: **Denice Ballas 1198 Begier Ave, San Leandro, CA 94577, with your check for \$10 payable to "EHOA"**