



Estudillo Homeowners Association Newsletter

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

It's never too late to join your homeowners association for 2004. Just fill out the form on the back of this newsletter and return to Denice Ballas. Remember, membership includes our new email alerts to crime in our neighborhood- an especially valuable tool to warn you about the recent burglaries & attempted burglaries which have occurred over the last few weeks in Estudillo Estates.

If you have joined the EHOA but are not getting the email alerts please contact Denice at pinelakefun@aol.com

RELAY FOR LIFE

The EHOA offers a deep congratulations to Estudillo homeowner Lisa Briones and her sister Kathy Gorham, along with the other organizers, team captains and many participants in the San Leandro Relay for Life on May 22-23. The event was a spectacular success and represented the best of San Leandro. The Relay raised almost \$130,000 for the American Cancer Society which will be spent on cancer research and support of cancer patients.

Lisa and Kathy were the co-chairs of the Relay, the first entirely sponsored by San Leandrans. Through their strong leadership and widespread community support, the San Leandro Relay set a record for a first year relay, beating the previous record by \$25,000. Next year, let's have even greater support for our Relay. If you are interested in learning more about the Relay, please contact Lisa Briones by email at

Mymombriones@aol.com.

In the meantime, one way you can fight cancer is by registering as a bone marrow donor. Each month the National Marrow Donor Program finds matches for about 170 patients across America. However, thousands of leukemia patients are searching for matches. Registering as a marrow donor is straightforward. You must be between the ages of 18 and 60 and in good health. You provide a simple blood test.

The nearest donor center is the American Red Cross Northern California Region located at 6230 Claremont Avenue in Oakland. It is only a 20 minute drive from San Leandro, near the corner of College and Claremont Avenues in the Rockridge section of Oakland. To set up an appointment, please call (510) 594-5145. The test is free. If you regularly donate blood, but are not on the marrow donor registry, please enroll the next time you donate. To learn more about the marrow registry, please visit www.marrow.org.

If we all step forward and register as marrow donors, we will substantially increase the chances that leukemia patients in our

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community and across the nation will find a donor. Thank you. *-Stephen Cassidy*

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Last month, the EHOA issued four awards to seniors of EHOA parents as part of our longstanding tradition of recognizing neighborhood high school seniors. The award recipients were San Leandro High School students Caroline Davis, Genevieve Ennis and Jenelle Nicholas, along with Marshall Benson, a student at Head-Royce High School. All four students have outstanding records of academic achievement and have been active in various community and youth groups. As part of the application process, the students submitted essays on how they would improve San Leandro if they were Mayor. We will print all the essays in the upcoming newsletters, starting with the essay from Caroline Davis below.

The EHOA was pleased to award \$300 to each student. The Board of Directors of the EHOA increased the grant amount from previous years in recognition of the increased cost of college education. The generosity and strong support of our association by the homeowners in Estudillo Estates enables the EHOA to continue the scholarship grant program. Our association gave more grants to high school seniors than any other homeowner associations in San Leandro.

- Stephen Cassidy

IF I WERE MAYOR OF SAN LEANDRO

by: Caroline Davis

If I were the mayor of San Leandro, I would make several changes to improve the city and the conditions for high school students. First of all, I would try to organize a community theater that could be used by the school district and the city. The theater could be used in countless ways, from school plays to dance recitals or concerts. San Leandro has a community theater currently, the CCT, but the space is too small for school productions and other events. The actors may prefer more backstage space for larger props and set pieces. The musical at SLHS would benefit from a theater to practice in, because sports often interfere with the use of the stage in the school gym.

Audiences would appreciate comfortable seats instead of folding chairs. The city and the schools would benefit from a community theater. As the mayor of San Leandro, I could make the connections between groups of people to achieve this goal.

I am a member of the San Leandro Youth Advisory Commission, a group of high school

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students that have meetings in City Hall and work to make change in our city. One of the projects we are focusing on is the creation of a Teen Center in San Leandro. As mayor, I would make it one of my priorities. The Teen Center would be a building where high school students could spend time after school hanging out with friends. Typically, there would be recreation room, quiet areas for study and tutoring, access to computers, a lounge area, a gym for sports and dances, and a kitchen. Teens could join free classes, ranging from dance lessons to martial arts, cooking to pottery. There would be several opportunities for San Leandro teens to make a positive impact, rather than getting into trouble on the streets. This is important to me, and I would use my power as the mayor of San Leandro to make this vision a reality.

If I were the mayor of San Leandro, I would work hard to promote art in the city. There are many creative and talented people, and with the connections I would have as the mayor, I would focus these energies into the beautification of the city. I think having painted murals instead of blank walls would greatly improve the atmosphere of the city. An empty lot could be transformed into a public garden, which would increase the beauty and ambiance of San Leandro. Volunteers could be responsible for the care of the community gardens. Lastly, as mayor I would be an advocate for a second high school in San Leandro. The campus at SLHS has become overcrowded, and classes are full. The second school might have an emphasis for the industrial arts. Having a school where students could not only receive a standard education but also be

**Next Meeting-
Tuesday JUNE 15TH-
7pm
Main Library, Conf. B
All are Welcome!**

trained in a practical way could be beneficial for San Leandro. Many students cannot afford a college education, or choose to work rather than pursue a higher education. These students in particular could profit from this kind of high school. Or SLHS could have one campus for underclassmen and the current campus for the upperclassmen. As mayor, I wouldn't have the power and financial resources to build a high school, but I could bring the topic into consideration and get the process started.

As mayor of San Leandro, I would try to advocate positive change by supporting the arts and the high school community. I would focus on improving the city's atmosphere and opportunities for the youth of San Leandro.

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HOME & GARDEN

TOUR For the last eleven years, people have come from all over to enjoy the old-fashioned houses and gardens of the oldest neighborhoods of San Leandro. The Broadmoor, Estudillo Estates, Bay-O-Vista, Creekside and Best Manor have shown off lovely Craftsman homes, Victorian gems and Tudor cottages. Rose gardens have competed with English perennial gardens only to be shown up by Grandma's Cottage gardens. Thousands of visitors have celebrated this annual rite of passage.

On **Sunday, June 13th** between noon and 4pm, it's happening again. The 11th annual San Leandro North Area Home & Garden Tour. Come see what's inside these gorgeous homes: paneled walls, beautiful chandeliers, antiques, artwork, stained glass and more. Tour creative remodels and fabulous restorations. Enjoy coffered ceilings, charming nurseries and lovely gardens. This year the Tour is proud to show off one of our beautiful neighbors; the lovely 1899 Dunsmuir home, garden and pond.

Come join the fun: tickets are on sale at Zocalo's at 645 Bancroft, Sabino's at 1273 MacArthur Blvd. And on the day of the Tour at 201 Broadmoor Blvd starting at noon. Tickets are \$15 per person, \$10 for seniors. Tour proceeds benefit various North Area good causes and beautification. For more information on this year's tour, please call 636-4137. -Patty Silva

"BAY TO PUB" - 5k BENEFIT WALK/RUN - June 20th

The community is invited to join in support of an organization that has been instrumental in shaping the lives of our youth as well as a great source of pride & recognition for the entire community - San Leandro High School Athletics. Begin walk/run at 10:05 in the San Leandro Marina parking lot. Finish at the Englander with lots of music & activities for the kids. Entry Fee - \$25 per person, week of race \$30. Family Deal \$10 off per child w/ Adult. Kids 6 and under Free w/ Adult. Register at the Englander or any SLUSD school office or call Coach Zuber at 667-3540 x1978

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SAN LEANDRO PARENTS NETWORK

Everyone is welcome to join any event.

Playgroup 2-3 year olds: every Wednesday in June 9:30-11:30 Call Jill at 382-9973 for location

Mom's night out: Thursday June 10th 8:30-? Drinks at the Englander Come relax, enjoy a drink and good conversation w/ other moms

Dad's & Kids Excursion: Saturday, June 12th 11:00-1:00 Tilden Park Steam Train. Meet at the ticket booth and bring a lunch.

Playgroup- All ages Monday June 14th 10:30-12:30 Marga's Backyard call 483-4005 for directions

Monthly SLPN Potluck -Saturday June 19th 11:00-1:00pm Kennedy Park in San Lorenzo. RSVP to Reszin at 569 -0209

Park Day - All ages -Monday June 21st 10:30-12:30 Marina Park, near the whale & dolphin.

Mom's night out: Friday June 25th 7-? Drinks, snacks and games at Emily's

Dad's night out: Saturday June 26th 7-? Drinks at Jupiter slinfo@slparentsnet.org, www.slparentsnet.org. - (510)569-1556

MAY EHOA MEETING RECAP

About 20 EHOA members came out to hear Carolyn Knudtson, Director of Parks & Rec for San Leandro speak about all the improvements being made at several city parks. Memorial Park's new play equipment has been purchased and construction should start this fall.

We also saw the "dream" concept what Chabot Park COULD become if the funds are ever found. New equipment with a rustic look, a new "stage" in a Redwood Grove for summer camps, a rock wall for kids to climb on, an expanded frisbee golf area on land which MAY be loaned to the city from EBMUD and East Bay Regional Parks. This project is in the concept stage since funds are currently not available.

Most exciting of all was the positive response the city has had to Bancroft teachers & Dad's club request for a joint use project to revamp the fields at Bancroft middle school. This could be a very positive project and signal that the city and school district are ready to work together to improve the grounds of our city schools. It's been done in San Lorenzo, so why not here in San Leandro.

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REAL ESTATE UPDATE

The market continues to be brisk with a real shortage of properties for sale in our neighborhood. **Current offerings** include 857 Estudillo \$837,000; 1325 Oakes \$570,000; 868 Bancroft \$569,950 and 995 Bridge \$519,000.

Pending Sales: 963 Rodney and 780 Woodland.

Sold: 950 Lee \$650,000; 612 Oakes \$634,000 and 1374 Glen \$695,000

Many sellers are taking advantage of the \$250,000-\$500,000 exclusion. -Robert Jones

EHOA 2004 BOARD

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

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RATS IN ESTUDILLO ESTATES?? YES!!!

Someone recently told me there are two types of people in Estudillo Estates, those who have rats and those who don't know they have rats. Some say that when the old Evergreen Nursery site was cleared several months ago, the rats who called that home spread into our neighborhood and are now living in garages everywhere. So it might be a good time to clean out your garage to see if rats (or mice) are calling your place home. Happy cleaning!

POST OFFICE CONTACT CORRECTION

It turns out that the name we gave you in last months newsletter is not the correct contact. If you don't want our post man walking over your yard to save time delivering the mail, please write Evalina Ramirez, Post Master US Post Office, 177 Abram Court, San Leandro, CA 94577.

----- 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" - Questions? Call 636-9991 or pinelakefun@aol.com