



Estudillo Homeowners' Association Newsletter

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EHOA Residents Appointed to Board of Zoning and Human Services Commission

We are pleased to announce that two residents residing in the EHOA boundaries have been appointed to a City Commission and a City Board. Philip Daly was recently named to the San Leandro Board of Zoning Adjustments by city councilman Michael Gregory. Michael also appointed Deborah Cox, to the Human Services Commission. These folks join one additional EHOA resident, Ed Shapiro, who continues to serve on the San Leandro Parks and Recreation Commission. We would like to say thank you to these residents for making a commitment to the City of San Leandro. Serving on a Board or commission is a voluntary position and it takes concerned and active citizens like these to help make our community stronger.

EHOA Residents Prepare for Emergencies

By Michael Gregory, City Councilmember

In April, neighbors on Chetland Road organized and carried out their own emergency preparedness drill. Kudos to JoAnn Ach and her neighborhood team for their dedication to learning about emergency preparedness and for putting words into action. As many of you may know, I work for the American Red Cross – preparedness is a way of life in my industry. Preparedness is something that should be a way of life, or at least a mindset, for all of us who live in earthquake country. You've heard it before – we are due for a major shake-up on the Hayward Fault anytime in the next 30 years. It could be years from now or it could be tomorrow; who knows?

June Homeowners Meeting

Tuesday, June 19th, 7:00 p.m.
Main Library, Conference Room B
ALL ARE WELCOME!

We all need to take steps to be educated and have provisions and plans in place before the emergency arrives. We've always been told to have enough food, water, medications, first aid supplies, flashlights, etc. to last for 72 hours, but Hurricane Katrina taught us that one should plan to be on their own for at least five days.

JoAnn and her neighbors understand that emergency services throughout San Leandro will be spread very thin following a disaster. Firefighters, EMTs, and police officers will be responding to structure fires and rescue situations; they won't be available to attend to minor

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Board Members Needed!

The EHOA is seeking individuals to serve on the board. There are several positions open at the moment, due to some departures in recent months. If you are interested in getting involved and serving on this important community organization, please contact Deborah Cox, EHOA President, at deborah@estudilloestates.org or come to the next Homeowners meeting on June 19th.

Positions include: Secretary, Vice President and Membership Chair.

From the Membership Chair

Thank you ! - A number of San Leandro community leaders came to support the EHOA social event held on Saturday, April 21st at Zocalo Coffeehouse. In addition to members of the neighborhood, we also had Mayor Tony Santos, City Council Member Michael Gregory, SLUSD Board Member Pauline Cutter, SLPD area Patrol Sergeant Jeff Tudor, in addition to EHOA Board members. Topics discussed included a little San Leandro city history, current priorities, such as the Marina dredging dilemma, schools and other services such as police and fire departments, volunteerism at our public schools, and a number of other issues relevant to our neighborhood and community.

Delicious croissants were generously donated by John Tredgold of Semifreddi's Bakery, and we received a steep discount and bottomless coffee pots from Tim Holmes at Zocalo Coffeehouse (other yummy refreshments were provided by EHOA). We did not

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Upscale Shop in downtown San Leandro

By Connie Stephens

If you missed the Grand Opening of Anguiano's last week, please visit this new store. If you are someone who has wished for upscale shopping in San Leandro, this store is for you. Too many nice gift shops have come and gone [Tutto Mio and Urban Indigo].

Anguiano's supplies Fine Papers & Writing Instruments. If you are looking for beautiful stationery, wrapping paper, gift cards, fountain pens, calligraphy instruments, gifts and decorated boxes, photo frames, books on the art of letter writing, you will find them at Aguiano's. You will find specialty cards here like no other store around. A Calligraphy class is being taught by the owner [on Saturdays]. This is a beautiful store, so go see for yourself. Anguiano's is at 1519 East 14th Street [former location of Blaisdell's Stationery], right next to Baskin Robbins. Telephone 351-6500. E-mail Inkinator@aol.com

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injuries or help residents turn off their gas or water lines if there is a leak. We'll be on our own and need to have those skills and tools at hand to be self-sufficient.

The City and the Alameda County Fire Department have just brought on board a new Emergency Preparedness Manager, Marla Blagg. Marla can assist you with your emergency planning needs for individuals, families, and/or businesses. If you are interested in starting a neighborhood preparedness group like the one on Chetland Road, please call Marla at 618-3468 or e-mail her at marla.blagg@acgov.org. The City has a variety of information links for emergency preparedness and planning on its website - www.ci.san-leandro.ca.us. You can also find a wealth of information from www.72hours.org.

JoAnn's group actually got their roots through Neighborhood Watch, which is another excellent opportunity for neighborhood safety education. The Police Department comes out and provides basic home security information, and discusses issues of interest and concern with each neighborhood. If you would like to start a Neighborhood Watch group in your area, or if it's been sometime since your group got together and would like a refresher meeting, please call the San Leandro Police Department at 577-3247 to schedule a meeting.

If you would like to discuss this or any City-related matter with me, I welcome you to call me on my City voicemail box - 577-6000, ext. 9001 - or e-mail me at mgregory@ci.san-leandro.ca.us

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get the neighbor turnout we expected, unfortunately. With such a good opportunity to ask questions and hear perspective from these individuals, this event should have brought in more interest. Late this summer we will have our 2nd annual ice cream social, and we'll be sure to better advertise that event. Last year's event was a lot of fun for people of all ages. Check out the pictures on the EHOA web site.

Another note is the relative success we experienced over last month's membership drive, when attaching return envelopes to the newsletters resulted in a dramatic increase in new and existing membership. Thank you all for the benefits to our organization and I challenge everyone to continue your contributions and get the most out of the Association and our unique neighborhood.

Note from the Editor

Next month we will begin to run a series featuring the essays from the EHOA scholarship awards. We received 4 applications and essays, each of which will be receiving an award to help defray the cost of purchasing textbooks and other items when they enter college. Congratulations class of 2007!!!

Did you know that EHOA has a Yahoo! Group? It's the best way to stay connected to the EHOA community. Think of it as a neighborhood email mailing list, where you can send and receive information; such as community alerts, events, contractor recommendations, etc. To join, go to:

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Real Estate Update

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Whether you're a buyer or seller, reading the newspapers to determine the health of our real estate market can result in profound confusion. In part because of our good values, proximity to business centers and excellent weather, the East Bay has historically been an anomaly as we relate to what happens around the nation. I've found it helpful to look for the city of origin of these articles. Frequently they will have stemmed from marketplaces far away.

We currently have a large inventory of properties (all areas of the city-all price ranges) for sale in San Leandro. Not counting properties in escrow, there are 434 "active" listings. This is a higher than normal amount. I've been tracking the volume since January and using a formula to establish the number of months it would take to absorb the current inventory levels. This is what the year has looked like for San Leandro. The numbers represent months worth of inventory.

Jan 3.9, Feb 4.8, Mar 5.7, Apr 6.2, May 6.3

The next several months will show us if we have headed in to the typically slower summer months a bit early or if we are seeing some sort of trend. I'll keep you posted.

Active	Bd/Ba	Ask	DOM
856 Arbor	3/2	\$689k	46
521 Begier	3/2	\$679k	4
917 Bridge	4/2	\$829k	36
850 Bridge	2/1	\$610k	135
737 Collier	3/2.5	\$690k	55
655 Dutton	2/1	\$569k	10
1007 Greenbrier	3/2.5	\$725k	89
580 Haas	3/1	\$629,950	243
670 Haas	4/2	\$745k	86
945 Juana	3/1	\$575,596	-
962 Joaquin	3/2	\$480k	84
840 Oakes	3/3	\$819k	24
615 Pala	3/2+	\$699k	72
1455 San Rafael	3/2.5	\$749k	25
670 St. Mary	3/1	\$575k	80
812 Woodland	-	\$835k	2
Pending	Bd/Ba	Ask	DOM
1041 Begier	4/3	\$799k	6
942 Bridge	3/1.5	\$769k	30
691 Chetland	3/2	\$759k	7
715 Chetland	2/1	\$549k	3
1478 Glen	3/2	\$699,950	29
Sold	Bd/Ba	Ask/Sold	DOM
1220 Begier	2/2.5	i \$765k/\$695k	50
870 Collier	3/1	i \$699k/\$670k	34
727 Woodland	3/2	i \$585k/\$525k	-

DOM = Days On Market

h = Price raised/Sold above Ask

i = Price lowered/Sold below Ask

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