



NEWSLETTER

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Membership Drive

Deborah Cox, President EHOA

It is time once again for the EHOA annual membership drive where we distribute this newsletter to all of our approximately 1100 potential members. Once the membership drive is over only paying members will continue to receive the newsletter. Please use the convenient self-addressed envelope, or you may send your payment to the EHOA treasurer, John Sherwood at 1064 Glen Drive, San Leandro, CA 94577. We look forward to welcoming many more of you as formal EHOA members for 2008.

I am pleased to announce that our call for additional volunteers for the EHOA board did result in a few new faces from the neighborhood. Susan Patrick accepted the position of membership chair and is handling this membership drive. Assuming the newsletter editor position will be Sabrina Chicas. The goal will be to continue the newsletter on a monthly basis, so your dues will ensure you get timely news from the area throughout the coming year. We have scaled back our general information meetings to a quarterly basis, with the Board continuing to meet monthly. As always, anyone is welcome to attend the board meetings.

SPORTS FIELD OPENS AT BANCROFT



The principal of Bancroft Middle School, Mary Ann Valles, was honored to preside over the opening of their newly renovated sports field. State Senator Ellen Corbett, Mayor Tony Santos, City Manager John Jermanis and Superintendent Chris Lim were just a few of the individuals who spoke glowingly of this joint project between the City of San Leandro and the San Leandro Unified School District. Ms. Valles encourages the neighborhood to take advantage of this state-of-the-art installation while reminding everyone that both the synthetic track and field are not appropriate for dogs.

Real Estate Update

The abbreviated format of this month's update speaks volumes about our market. There are too many homes to fit on the page! Please contact me if you would like the full print out of available, pending and closed listings.

CURRENT ACTIVITY

43 ACTIVE LISTINGS

3 PENDING SALES

2 CLOSED SALES

In spite of doomsday headlines, there is ample mortgage money available for the qualified buyer. Seemingly, fearful buyers continue to search for the exceptional deal or unique property in desirable areas, unable to make a decision. Many buyers believe it will worsen before it gets better. The hardest hit price range is the first time buyer price point. A portion of our housing stock fits this description. Prices will probably continue to be volatile for some time, in areas with large inventories and defaults, but not forever, this is a cycle and it too will pass.

This is not a time for sellers to test the market. It is critical to honestly review the data and determine if you are able to reach your goals within the confines of this market. In addition, for those sellers that have been on the market for a while, continue to review the data and make necessary adjustments when called for.

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THE POSITIVE AT SAN LEANDRO HIGH SCHOOL

by Trustee *Stephen Cassidy, EHOA Resident*



I am often asked questions about our high school and wish to provide information on some of the good things that are occurring. Please note I am speaking for solely myself, not the school board or district.

The San Leandro High School Class of 2007 earned \$2 million dollars in college grants, financial aid and community scholarships. A large source of donations came from the San Leandro Scholarship Foundation. For the second consecutive year, Harvard and Stanford universities accepted the top two seniors. Fifty-five seniors were accepted to University of California campuses, and almost 120 seniors are continuing their studies at California State University campuses.

Last year, the percentage of students taking the California High School Exit Exam for the first time and passing the English section of the test increased sharply (by 11 percent), with even greater gains recorded by African American and Latino students. The high school's Academic Performance Index (API) jumped 25 points to 685, one of the larger increases by a high school in Alameda County in 2007 and the largest increase of any nearby high school.

The high school features several academies including ones on business and marketing and multi-media enterprises. These are schools within the high school where groups of students take a focused course of study starting in 10th grade taught by a small group of teachers.

This year an academy based on the concept of service learning started. Called the Social Justice Academy, the curriculum includes social science courses, including economics and government, as well as English and forensics (debate). Start-up funding for the academy comes from a California Department of Education grant of \$250,000 over three years for developing small schools. It is a highly competitive process to obtain these grants. San Leandro was the sole high school in Alameda County to secure this grant last year.

Students in the Social Justice Academy will work with local organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club and Davis Street Family Resource Center to create and implement projects to address key social issues in our community. The academy is one of many ways in which the high school is fostering social responsibility and leadership skills among students, and promoting critical thinking and life long learning.

Students at San Leandro High School can take up to eleven Advanced Placement courses: AP English, AP Government, AP U.S. History, AP World History, AP Calculus, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Spanish, AP French, AP Computer Science and AP Studio Art. In addition to its strong academic departments, the high school features an outstanding sports program and offers one of the most comprehensive career and technical education programs in Alameda County, with classes in metal, wood making, auto, multimedia and business.

San Leandro High is one of a handful of high schools in the Bay Area that has been selected by the Jefferson Awards based on the outstanding public service of its students. Last year, 76 seniors were recognized for having contributed more than 50 hours each in service to our community. This year more than 1,200 students are participating on academic, service and other clubs. More than 800 students are competing in athletics.

Finally, on the topic of student safety, two years ago the school board approved a series of fences and gates for the front of San Leandro High School at the request of the principal and school personnel. The project was completed in September 2006. The objective was to assist school security personnel in deterring unauthorized non-students from entering the campus, and reducing graffiti and vandalism on weekends and school breaks.

This objective was largely met last year. No significant fights arising non-students entering campus occurred and the number of incidents of "tagging" and amount of graffiti on campus dropped sharply. In my opinion, the fences and gates have also improved the appearance of the school.

TWO WAY COMMUNICATION

by Cary L. Dictor, EHOA Resident



Most of us have noticed from time to time that the local newspaper prints a "police blotter," which usually consists of some more or less "amusing" incidents somewhere in the community. Often, many of us wonder whether we have reached the point in technology where we can do better in terms of informing the community about recent police incidents. This subject is one that I have taken upon behalf of a local Neighborhood watch group.

Here east of Bancroft Avenue between Oaks and Glen Drive, there are three Neighborhood Watch groups. Two of them are more local, one to Oaks Blvd. and one to Begier Avenue. The third group is an over arching group which encompasses those streets and others. This group functions as a way to keep neighbors advised of police or community issues directly affecting this small neighborhood area. We wondered whether we could establish two-way communication with the police department, so that not only do we report incidents we know about, but the police would inform us of incidents in our area that they know about. Other communities do this and there are even websites dedicated to this information. San Francisco, for example, has a website which is interactive and allows you to enter an address or an intersection and to find police incidents for differing periods of time and within differing distances. There is also a national crime reporting website which uploads information from local police departments and makes it available to anyone interested.

We contacted San Leandro police chief Dale Attarian to see why we do not have this kind of service currently available in San Leandro. It turns out to be a mixture of technological issues and priorities. The police have been interested in getting two-way information going with merchants, and were open to the idea of doing this as well with residents. However, according to the chief, the city's information technology and information departments will be asked to make additional police incident data available through the city's website, but this will not likely occur until next year at the earliest, in part because the city has been working with new software systems recently and does not yet have the capability to handle this communication. Chief Attarian tells us he is working on it and will update us in the near future on its progress.



With current technology, there is no reason that we cannot fashion information systems to alert residents by e-mail or text message to current police emergencies and also to recent police incidents in the area as well. We think nothing would better enhance the working relationship between the police and the community than two-way communication so that citizens not only become the eyes and ears of the police, but also learn of incidents in the immediate vicinity so that they can be forewarned and appropriately cautious when the information would so indicate. We look forward to having San Leandro institute a data-sharing program which helps us all become more knowledgeable about our community and helps us help the police to keep the community safer and more secure.

SHOULD SAN LEANDRO HAVE A DOG PARK?

by *Sabrina Almazan, EHOA Resident*



Four Paws Society, a pet advocacy group in San Leandro, launched a Dog Park Campaign this month. They are now distributing a Dog Park Survey and collecting signatures. This is the initial stage of their outreach. The survey will help them understand the community's wishes regarding a dog park. To fill out the survey or sign the petition, you can go to Four Paws Society's website: <http://fourpawssociety.org/dogparksurvey.html>

or in person at Sabino's Coffee House on MacArthur Blvd.

Next EHOA Meeting

Tuesday, November 20th, 2007

Main Library, Conference Room B

Board meets at 6:30 pm.

All are welcome.

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WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Johanne Dictor, EHOA Welcoming Chair

We would like to give a warm welcome to the following families that recently have moved to Estudillo Estates:

- Alvin and Taessa Chandra at 1145 Dutton Avenue
- Jian Wei Lui at 950 Estudillo Avenue
- Aaron Bukofzer and Julie Rubenstein at 656 Joaquin Ave
- Jose and Edmira Orellana at 764 Juana Ave
- Anita Kobusaewski at 801 Rodney Drive

We want to wish them the very best in their new homes and we hope to meet them soon at one of our EHOA meetings.

2008 Estudillo Estates Homeowners' Association Membership Form

Please enclose check payable to EHOA for \$20.

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