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## 2008 Estudillo Estates Homeowners' Association Scholarships Available



*by Stephen Cassidy, Scholarship Chair*

One of the core activities of the Estudillo Estates Homeowners Association (EHOA) is providing grants to high school graduates. Our scholarship program is open to seniors that live in Estudillo Estates that plan to will be attend college in the fall and whose parents or guardians are members of the EHOA.

The purpose of the scholarship is to recognize neighborhood students (in both private and public schools) for their hard work and to help defray the cost of purchasing textbooks and other items when they enter college. Each year, the EHOA awards more funds to students than does any other homeowners' association in San Leandro.

In addition to completing the application, students must submit an essay. The topic of this year's essay is, "What are the top issues facing the youth of San Leandro, and how should these issues be addressed?"

To obtain an application, please contact Charlene Kehret by email at [charlenekehret@sbcglobal.net](mailto:charlenekehret@sbcglobal.net). Completed applications and essays are due by Friday, May 17, 2008.



**RECYCLE OR PASS ME  
TO A NEIGHBOR!**

### Next EHOA Meeting

**Tuesday, May 20, 2008**  
**General Meeting - 7 p.m.**  
Main Library, Conference Room C

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

*by John Sherwood, Treasurer*

The latest membership numbers are in! We now have 287 members out of about 1200 households, 40 fewer members than in 2007.

We do have 45 new members - welcome to you all! Representing are: Glen (32), Begier (28), Oakes (27), Bridge (22), Lee (21) and Rodney (21). We do have 45 new members - welcome!

The majority of our funds go toward producing this monthly newsletter, as well as to scholarships (see left), donations to the senior luncheon and Toys For Tots, and the remainder to beautification projects.

Thank you for all your support and remember to pass this newsletter on to someone who hasn't joined!

## NEW GROUP: CITIZENS FOR A SAFER SAN LEANDRO

The Citizens group has been meeting biweekly at the San Leandro Library, Thursdays at 7 p.m. All are welcome to join this group as a volunteer. Join one of the following subcommittees at our meetings on alternate Thursdays (May 8 or May 22) at the San Leandro Library, at 7 p.m. On May 8 our meeting will be in the Karp Room, and on May 22 it will be in the Trustee's Room.

Projects include:

- **Neighborhood Watch/Block Captain subcommittee** to promote new neighborhood watches and communicate with ongoing neighborhood watches.
- **Motion Activated Light Project** with plans to target hard-hit neighborhoods with installation and purchase of motion-activated lighting. A presentation will be made Monday, May 5, at the San Leandro City Council meeting. Support has been garnered from City council members, the SLPD, the City Manager's office and the Mayor.

- **A walkabout downtown** with Mayor Tony Santos following the May 8 Citizens meeting, to observe lighting in the downtown plaza and to generate ideas for a safe, clean downtown.
- **Communication** with the DA's office on recent arrests; communication with SLPD on crimes as they happen; establishment of email list groups that broadcast crimes as they happen.
- **Two city-wide Crime Prevention meetings** for residents of San Leandro: July 8, 2008, one month prior to National Night Out, and October 16, 2008.
- **Homeowner and neighborhood association liaisons.**
- **Development of a Citizens website:** [Safersanleandro.org](http://Safersanleandro.org)

Please get involved. Call now to volunteer. Call Citizens for a Safer San Leandro at 638-2207 or email [ConstanceStephen@aol.com](mailto:ConstanceStephen@aol.com)

## NEIGHBORHOOD REAL ESTATE UPDATE

**By Michelle Miller, Broker Associate, Pacific Union  
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### Active Listings

Address	BR/BA	Sq Ft.	Original Asking Price	Current Asking Price	DOM
856 Arbor Dr.	3/2	1727	\$712,000	\$599,900	142
960 Arbor Dr.	5/3++	3344	\$1,195,000	\$1,195,000	251
875 Bancroft Ave.	4/2+	2074	\$639,000	\$615,000	116
695 Begier Ave.	3/2	1585	\$639,000	\$590,000	46
725 Bridge Rd.	3/2	2302	\$729,000	\$729,500	3
814 Bridge Rd.	3/2	1900	\$775,000	\$729,000	201
964 Bridge Rd.	3/2	2411	\$899,950	\$679,950	227
691 Chetland Rd.	3/2	2254	\$798,000	\$798,000	51
628 Dutton Ave.	2/1	841	\$359,000	\$359,000	81
809 Dutton Ave.	3/1	1320	\$549,000	\$549,000	35
855 Dutton Ave.	3/1	1249	\$539,000	\$499,000	124
955 Dutton Ave.	2/1+	1610	\$449,000	\$399,000	102
857 Estudillo Ave.	4/2	2400	\$829,000	\$759,000	35
860 Joaquin Ave.	3/2+	1460	\$699,000	\$529,950	181
895 Joaquin Ave.	3/2	2268	\$679,000	\$649,000	153
750 Rodney Dr.	2/1+		\$619,000	\$549,500	135
877 Rodney Dr.	4/1+	2034	\$659,000	\$619,000	133
820 St. Mary's Ave.	2/2	1435	\$517,750	\$487,500	32
1143 San Jose Ave.	3/1+	1799	\$545,000	\$485,000	75

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## KEEPING OUR SEWER SYSTEM UPDATED

**by Bill Stephens, City Council Member, District 5**

The recent, highly publicized sewage spills in Marin County have focused attention on the aging sewer infrastructure throughout the county. San Leandro's sewer lines are old. Fortunately, the Public Works staff - under the management of Mike Bakadin, Director of Public Works - is on top of the situation. In a report to the City Council in late February, Mr. Bakadin provided an overview of how the recent storms have overwhelmed many local treatment plants - including our own - and pushed them to the edge of their capacity.

San Leandro's Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) treats an average of 6 million gallons of waste water each day. Rains can push that total up by three times. In order to manage that flow, the WPCP must "blend" rain water with partially processed effluent (wastewater that flows out of a treatment plant). Blending is approved for use during severe storms by the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System. Blending will not be allowed commencing in 2011. I think we all would agree that is good.

Our system was built over 50 years ago and is composed of 130 miles of pipe, 14 pump stations, and 2,300 manholes. Over the past ten years, the City has invested over \$10 million in system repair and rehabilitation. An aggressive system maintenance program is also executed by our staff. This is accomplished through camera inspection, cleaning, and prioritizing repairs. The system is managed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, by certified city staff. (Didn't know that, did you?)

Our WPCP is in compliance with regulations and permits. There is no record of the City ever being fined for wastewater violations. In December 2007, the City Council approved a Sewer System Management Plan development schedule. The objective of that plan is to document the City's program, practices and procedures to manage, operate, and maintain all parts of the system. The plan is due to be submitted to the Council in early 2009.

A recent break in a pipe at Benedict Drive resulted in a spill that reached San Leandro Creek. Due to an excellent incident reporting and location system, staff identified the source of the leak and were able to initiate repairs promptly. The City's program is well-funded and proactive, rather than reactive, and thus has in place the components to address the concerns generated by the unfortunate incident in Southern Marin.

I hope this has been informative. As always, I remain available for contact via email at [bstephens@ci.san-leandro.ca.us](mailto:bstephens@ci.san-leandro.ca.us) or you may leave a voicemail message at 510-577-6000 ext 9005.

### City Recycling Events

The City is promoting several spring events designed to help reduce the amount of waste sent to area landfills:

**Sat. May 17, 2008**

#### **Neighborhood Cleanup Day & Citywide Garage Sale**

Garage Sale 8:00 am-1:00 pm

Recycling Event: 10:00 am-4:00 pm

In the morning, host your own garage sale, with free advertising in the *San Leandro Times*; in the afternoon, drop off electronics and other items at a designated recycling facility.

**Sat. May 31, 2008**

#### **Mercury Thermometer Exchange at the Cherry Festival**

West Estudillo Avenue

Recycle mercury thermometers in exchange for a free digital thermo-meter at the City booth.

**Thu. June 5 - Sat. June 7, 2008**

#### **Compost Giveaway Event.**

Public Works Service Center,  
14200 Chapman Road

Obtain up to 4 free bags of compost at the Public Works Service Center.

For more information about any of these events, contact Liz Jimenez, Solid Waste & Recycling Specialist, at 510-577-6026 or [recycle@ci.san-leandro.ca.us](mailto:recycle@ci.san-leandro.ca.us).

**COMING SOON! Downtown Farmer's Market**

The new Downtown San Leandro certified farmers' market will have its grand opening on Wednesday, May 14, 2008. It runs every Wednesday evening after that, from 4:00pm to 8:00pm, May 14-October 22, rain or shine.

It is the spot to pick up the freshest seasonal fruits, veggies, nuts, fresh-cut flowers, nursery stock, honey, eggs, baked goods, kettle corn and much, much more. Additionally, the market will feature live musical performances from local Bay Area musicians, kids' nights with a jump-house and kids' crafts, cooking demonstrations, comparative tastings and other family fun all season long.

Some of the season's bounty you can look forward to seeing include: heirloom tomatoes, cherries, peaches, plums, sweet corn, eggplant, Asian veggies, strawberries and blueberries!

Enjoy your food, your community, your farmers' market at Parrot and East 14th in San Leandro each Wednesday evening from 4:00pm-8:00pm, May through October!

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