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SL SCHOOLKIDS THANK EHOA FOR FUNDS

The Estudillo Estates Homeowner Association recently contributed additional funding to several of our local schools through their PTA's, and also helped replace a slide that had been vandalized at Washington school. The contributions were \$500 each to Washington, Roosevelt, and Bancroft Junior High, and \$1250 toward the new slide.

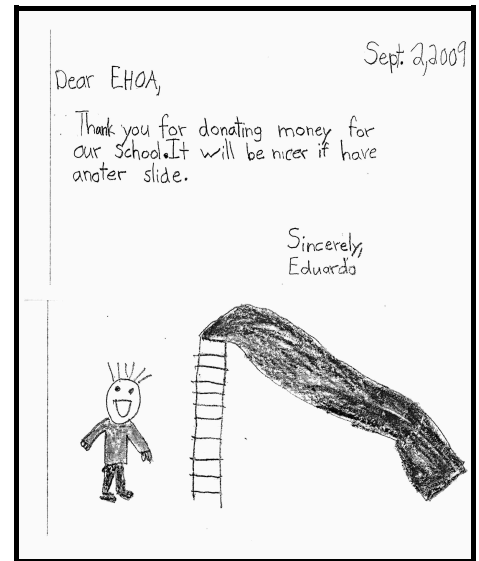
For those of you who see your own children on the playground or remember from childhood the importance of a playground at school, the funding for replacement of the slide at Washington did not go unnoticed by the kids. Children from the school wrote us letters and sent us pictures thanking us for helping get them a new slide. Typical of the letters were the following from Ms. Martin's class and Mr. Craig's class:

- ▶ Thank you for help us pay our new slide.
- ▶ Thank you for caring of the kids of Washington.
- ▶ I like to go down the slide. Thank you that you think about the kids in Washington School.
- ▶ Thank you for helping us. Pay for the slide at Washington. You are the best.
- ▶ I play at the slide at recess time. I like it because it's fun.
- ▶ I'm happy that I can see a brand new slide.
- ▶ I do not go up the slide I go dowe the slide it is easy.
- ▶ I also like to go on the slide at the end of the day and also at recess.
- ▶ I can't wait to see what it looks like.
- ▶ It's fun. It is my favorite play earia.
- ▶ Thank you EEHO you are the best.
- ▶ I love to sit on the slid and wat for my fiend to push me down.
- ▶ It will be fun with the slide back again.
- ▶ The school will have fun.
- ▶ It will be the best slide.
- ▶ You people are very nice.

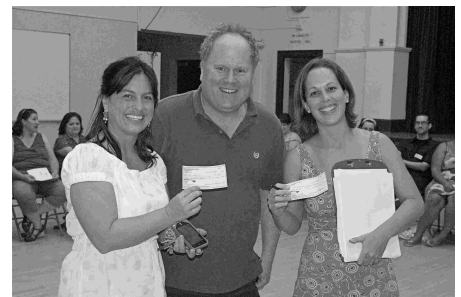


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ONE OF MANY LETTERS



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY JOHANNE DICTOR

Well, it is time for all members and non-members to either renew their membership or become a member of our great organization, the EHOA. We have made October our membership drive month. We now have a couple of options for payment of your dues. You can go to our website www.estudilloestates.org and scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on the PayPal icon and pay your dues. The other option is that you can mail us a check as we have enclosed a self-addressed envelope in this edition of the newsletter. We do require that in order to participate on the Yahoo site that you are a member of the EHOA.

For our newest exciting event we have Police Chief Ian Willis speaking at our meeting this month in conjunction with Bay-O-Vista and other HOA's throughout the City on October 28th at 7:00 pm at the Main Library auditorium. If you have any law enforcement concerns or just want to meet our new police chief this is the meeting for you. I encourage all of you to come to this very important meeting.

We are looking for someone that can assist us with getting advertisers for our newsletter. If you are interested, please let me know. I can be reached at johanne@estudilloestates.org. Our newsletter is an important avenue for reaching out to all residents of the Estudillo Estates area.

Have a great fall and don't forget the "trick or treaters" are on their way so remember to buy plenty of healthy treats for our kids.

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We encourage everyone to join the EHOA Yahoo! site. This is the best way to stay in touch with your neighbors. You can post messages regarding needing a specialist for your house repairs or remodeling, lost and found pets, recent crime activity and almost limitless other items.

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Opinion of the Editor

**CITY LEADERS' CHOICE TO LIVE  
ELSEWHERE REFLECTS POORLY**

By Cary Dictor, Newsletter Editor

The San Leandro Times in a front page article on Thursday, September 10 wrote that the San Leandro city manager and the new chief of police both live outside San Leandro. According to the article, city manager Stephen Hollister resides in Castro Valley, as does Chief Ian Willis. Further, the new assistant city manager reportedly lives in Dublin.

The first question on many peoples' minds is usually whether this is even legal. Most people instinctively think that the leadership of a city, just like the city council and the mayor, must of course reside in the city they serve. In an emergency, they expect that the local officials will likely be here with us whether or not it is the middle of a workday. However, legally city staff and unelected officials, including the chief of police, are not bound to live in the city. That is something the courts have already decided. The city cannot force all of its staff to live in San Leandro.

But the real question is not a legal question. Really, the real question is why city leadership would choose not to live in San Leandro. This is not a case where real estate market values place homeownership out of reach. In fact, San Leandro may stand virtually alone among most East Bay cities in having an incredible mix of neighborhoods with property values ranging from modest entry-level homes to big, spacious and well-appointed luxury houses. San Leandro is a very big city. It has many diverse areas. It has new homes and it has Victorian homes, and it has a wide range of home styles. It has homes by the Bay and it has homes in the hills. In San Leandro real estate there is really something for everyone.

And so the question is: why would our city manager and assistant city manager decide not to live in San Leandro? And why would our own police chief choose to live elsewhere? We would hope that these people would be so excited about San Leandro, its potential and its future, that they would willingly even eagerly choose to join us as residents. It is disappointing to hear that they do not.

Perhaps there are good reasons. Perhaps our city officials are already invested in real estate elsewhere because of pre-existing commitments. If that is the case, then we can hope that their long-term interest in San

Leandro causes them to look for opportunities as soon as possible to move into the city and to enjoy the community they are sworn to serve. We welcome them.

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**A Word from Councilman  
Michael Gregory**

That's off to EHOA for facilitating many successful National Night Out events in August. I lost count of how many neighborhood groups came together in District 1 and couldn't visit each one. This is a good thing. A better thing is to consider organizing CERT training (Community Emergency Response Team) available through our Alameda County Fire Department. The best thing is to replicate what Joanne Ach has organized in her neighborhood: an annual disaster drill complete with a base station on her driveway, 40+ neighbors dividing up into teams accompanied by ACFD firefighters visiting simulated accident/incident scenes communicating with the base station. Consider this worst case scenario: immediately following a disaster is a lousy time to meet your neighbors for the first time.

News from city hall: we balanced the budget in June, meeting our deadline unlike Sacramento. We anticipate deeper cuts to city services & staff this year and fending the state off from robbing our redevelopment funds. We have initiated 5- year planning and are meeting earlier than ever to discuss our options. It's a painful process similar to what all of us have witnessed by now with our own friends and families.

On September 12 the city's 'Shape Up San Leandro' co-sponsored a 'Walk Off' with State Farm's 50 Million Pound Challenge ([www.50millionpounds.com](http://www.50millionpounds.com)) on Bancroft Middle School's all-weather track. In the rain. We had a great turnout, fun prizes raffled off (iPod Shuffles & \$100 gift cards) and encouraged folks to get active and stay active. We performed the annual Shoreline Cleanup on September 19th with city public works support and legions of volunteers. Now is a good time to grab your honey, dog, bicycle & head down for a stroll or ride by the bay.

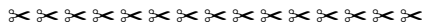
I'd like to encourage regular participation in supporting our local schools and neighborhoods. Signups for the semi-annual 'Love San Leandro' ½ day of community volunteer service began on September 14th. You can visit their site, [www.lovesanleandro.com](http://www.lovesanleandro.com), and you don't have to be affiliated with any of the churches listed. ###

**REAL ESTATE UPDATE**

BY MICHELLE MILLER

Interest rates are still good, the tax credits are about to expire (if they aren't extended) and business is hopping. The feedback I get is that people are tired of putting their lives on hold and have decided to get back in to the housing market. Sellers recognize that they might get less for their property than in years past however, they will more than likely pay less for their trade-up home... many buyers feel optimistic and less afraid about moving forward with the purchase of a new home. Other buyers are worried that interest rates are going to go up when the conforming loan limit increase ends and want to take advantage of the buyers' market before that happens. Estudillo Estates has seen quite a few multiple offer situations and several over-asking price sales. By no means are we back to normal and prices have not risen appreciably but, people are buying and that was not the case this time last year! If you would like me to email you a list of currently active/pending and recently sold properties, just send me an email and I'll forward the update.

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**CITYWIDE CRIME AWARENESS AND  
PREVENTION MEETING  
MARINA COMMUNITY CENTER, 15301 WICKS  
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**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2009 7 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.**

Sponsored by the San Leandro Police Department Crime Prevention Unit.

If you live, work or play in San Leandro, you won't want to miss this informative meeting about crime awareness and prev-

ention. Police Chief Ian Willis will kick off the meeting with vital information for residents. You will hear Officer Kerri Kovach and Officer Tim DeGrano as they present crime tips and Neighborhood Watch information. A video made with the assistance of a burglar alerts you to what a burglar looks for when committing a crime. Guest speakers from the police department and Citizens for a Safer San Leandro will address your questions and concerns.

Make sure you know when to call the police, what telephone number to use, what to do if you speak a language other than English and how to remain anonymous.


We look out for each other.

**Connie Stephens, Chair**  
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