

ESTUDILLO ESTATES HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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EHOA Annual Membership Meeting

Our annual EHOA Membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 from 7:00 p.m. To 9:00 p.m. at Zocalo Coffeehouse located at 845 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro.

Our first presentations will be made by Crime Prevention and Information officers Kerry Kovach and Tim DeGrano who are with San Leandro Police. They will be prepared to speak of neighborhood crime. If you have a specific question, please get it to Mike Pretto prior to the meeting so the Officers can get whatever answers are requested.

We will have representatives from the San Leandro City Council to provide updates on the various governmental initiatives currently being worked by the City including information about the new commercial center to be built at the corner of E. 14th St. and Juana Ave. on the site of the old Albertson's grocery.

Patricia Minnis will be with us both as a resident and as a representative of Citizens for a Safer San Leandro and the SL Disaster Preparedness Committee. She has been working tirelessly to help us all understand how we can be prepared to care for ourselves and our neighbors in an emergency situation.

We will have a call to the membership for Board Members and volunteers. If you are interested in sharing your ideas and interests in developing and maintaining our healthy neighborhood by serving as an officer or Board member, let us know!

We will have coffee and a light dessert to share as part of the meeting. Please join us and let us know whether you will be able to attend so we can ensure we have enough cookies on hand! RSVP to mikepretto@aol.com.

EHOA Scholarship for 2011

Matthew Medeiros of Glen Drive is our 2011 EHOA Scholarship winner. His plans include attending the University of Oregon in Eugene and studying Theater Arts.

Matthew has been active in many of the theater venues in the San Leandro area including Curtain Call Productions, Bancroft Musical Theater and the San Leandro High School performing arts program. He has also per-

formed volunteer work with the Alameda County Sheriffs Office and was on the swimming team at SLHS during his freshman year.

We wish Matthew all the best and hope he returns to San Leandro to pass his knowledge and skills on.

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Glad You Asked: by Mike Pretto

At our August board meeting, Megan Weber asked a great question— “ Why the heck do we have a home owners association?” So we consulted the owner’s manual—the EHOA by-laws. Here’s a summary (paraphrased) of Article 3: Purpose:

1. Promote the interests of residents of our area.
2. Develop improvements for our residents.
3. Maintain the general residential character of our area.
4. Encourage and inspire the

- desire to maintain property values.
5. Aid and assist in solving particular problems in our area.
 6. Promote and maintain a spirit of cooperation in our area.
 7. Oppose any action that would adversely affect our area.

I’ve always looked to EHOA as my advocate for maintaining the residential character of our area, with special emphasis on single-family. It’s pretty basic,

but I think that’s why most of us moved here and stay here. Lets’ not forget quiet, welcoming, well-maintained and good schools. Also pretty basic. And pretty close to the bullet points up above!

National Night Out—EHOA—by Patricia Minnis

San Leandro residents participated in the 28th Annual National Night Out event in festive style. After a kickoff walk from the Main library to San Leandro Police Department (SLPD), residents city-wide brought out BBQs, canopies and chairs, good food, drink and conversation to welcome their neighbors and to recognize the unique crime and drug prevention events sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch.

National Night Out is designed to:

- ◆ Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness.
- ◆ Generate support for and participation in local awareness programs;
- ◆ Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and

- ◆ Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back!

SLPD, Alameda County Fire Department, and San Leandro City Officials all eagerly participated again in this year’s events, attending as many parties and gatherings as the evening offered. SLPD and Alameda County Fire invited kids (some of them 21+ year old variety!) to climb into squad cars and engines. It was cool to see that many “kids” that excited.

Target Corporation generously provided party supply donations to several registered participants. There were more than 30 neighborhood events registered throughout San Leandro.

Christian Williams of Estudillo Estates generously created a fabulous interactive

magnet map board that was displayed in Zocalo Coffee House in order to coordinate neighborhood gatherings.

Various blocks throughout the EHOA area celebrated this occasion with many different types of events including build-it-yourself snowcones, bar-b-ques, Dessert in the Driveway, and other events which brought people out of their homes and into closer contact with their neighbors.

Citizens for a Safer San Leandro and the SLPD thank everyone who participated . We look forward to next year’s event!

If you wish more information about Citizens for a Safer San Leandro, please contact Patricia Minnis at patriciaminnis@att.net. Patricia is also extremely involved in Community Disaster Preparedness!



Board Profile—Mike Pretto

Mike is currently the Interim President of the Board for EHOA. Mike and his wife of 44 years Nancy, have lived on Bridge Rd. since October, 1974. They have five children and six grandchildren—only one of which is a girl! Two of his children, their spouses and children are also live in the EHOA area. Two live in New York City with their spouses and children and the youngest one lives in Seattle.

Mike has been active in San Leandro organizations since arriving here. He served for 16 years on the San Leandro Planning Commission, and worked as a member of the Board of Direc-

tors of our local Girls, Inc. He was involved with the SLUSD Measure D group and has served on the Assumption School Board and Parish Council. In addition to EHOA, he is currently working on the San Leandro Education Foundation Board.

Mike has spent all of his working life in the utility business with stints at PG&E, a consulting firm and finally retiring from the Santa Clara Municipal Electric Utility earlier this year. He still continues to provide consulting to Santa Clara.

Beside working with various civic groups, Mike's next

favorite thing to do is to play golf which he does nearly every Sunday.

His education came via UC Berkeley Business School and Cal-State Hayward with a masters in Public Administration.

Next Issue: A profile of Lynn Roman—our Treasurer.

EHOA 4th Annual Food Drive—Nancy Pretto

Once again, members of the Estudillo Estates Home Owners Association have helped restock the Davis Street Community Food Pantry. This year, the drive was held on August 27 & 28. When the event was over, we had filled a 1-ton pick up truck twice. The folks at Davis Street were very, very happy to receive this donation.

During our talks with the workers at Davis Street, they told us that 5 years ago, they were helping approximately 1,200 people per month. Sadly, now that "count" runs as high as 3,400 people each month, many of them children.

This year the Food Drive crew was very large! We had Elaine Theirs and her neighbors, Vickie McGregor, Karma and Bill Denyer, Kevin Duke, Fay Clements with her daughter Francesca, the Atkinson-Adams

family, Debi Sack, Kathe Frates, and Sharon Hendee with her two daughters. We had Allison Pretto, Daryl Pretto, Corina Rieder and three of their children!

This year for the first time we had 10 volunteers from the San Leandro High School Key Club. These young people came both days to help pick up food and they were so cheerful and excited about being part of an organization which provides service to San Leandro.

With that many volunteers, especially growing teens, we needed to provide food. Thanks to Megan Weber who was already committed elsewhere, for providing chips and soft drinks for lunch. We also served Subway sandwiches, cookies and brownies.

We also received, as we do each year, support from Estudillo Produce and Safeway.

Bancroft Backpacks

The week before school began this year, EHOA received notification that the San Leandro Community Church on Bancroft was putting together backpacks for students at Bancroft Middle School who otherwise would not be able to afford the school supplies required for them to carry during the school year.

The request went out to the folks in EHOA to help provide these very necessary supplies including backpacks, pens, pencils, colored binders and note books along with lined paper. Our residents were asked to donate time, supplies, funds to purchase supplies or any combination of the three.

Our residents who chose to participate in this very worthy program donated more than \$500 toward the goal and this was enough to stock 10 backpacks! Thanks for your help.

EHOA Website & Yahoo User Group Information

Christian Williams has been working tirelessly on our revamped website. We are eagerly awaiting the roll out and hope to be able to show all members of this group what it looks like very soon.

The EHOA website will be a place to see what is happening in the Association, who is doing what for and with the Board and how to contract people. It will provide an archive of the different versions of the Newsletter going back at least two years. It will be a place to post pictures, ideas and history of the area.

The Yahoo group as it is currently set up is a place to post “immediate attention” items. It can be for non-profit events, referrals to various vendors and contractors. The Yahoo group has a very good history component which allows the user to search prior posts and get information without having to repeat the question. It is crucial in our current use for helping with our own Neighborhood Watch—

Thanks to Tim & Zocalo for the Hospitality

Tim Holmes continues to be a wonderful supporter of San Leandro organizations. His coffee house is generously provided to local area groups for meetings and he continually encourages activities which bring any group together to enhance life in San Leandro. He continues his generosity in allowing EHOA space to hold our General Membership meeting. Thanks Tim, for letting us use Zocalo.

What do you want to see in this Newsletter?

Is there something you wish to see covered in the EHOA Newsletter—please contact mikeretto@aol.com or moirafry@gmail.com. Let us know what interests you!

Some things to think about for the Annual Meeting on Oct 12

The Agenda for the coming Annual Meeting is very full, but we would like to leave enough time for people to express their opinions about the steps we might take to improve EHOA. Some of the questions the Board has discussed and continues to consider are:

- ◆ How much should we charge for dues?
- ◆ How should dues be collected—mail or internet? Other?
- ◆ What should we do with the dues collected?
- ◆ Do we want to continue to issue the Newsletter?
- ◆ If so, should it be hardcopy, electronic or both?
- ◆ What is the best way to distribute it?
- ◆ How do we generate overall interest in the Association?
- ◆ How do we increase our membership?

On-line Crime Reports and the San Leandro Police Department Website

The San Leandro Police Department has been working hard to enhance their website and to ensure the community has the most up-to-date information about crime in the City. On your computer, if you go to www.sanleandro.org you will connect with a website for the whole city which is user friendly.

There are links to all City services and organizations within the City government. You can send e-mails directly to the Mayor or any City Council representative and various department heads. You can find places to file complaints about trees and sidewalks. You can make a report about a City-owned street light which is not functioning. You can find a list of City meetings with their locations.

However, the focus of this report is the location of the on-line Crime Reports.

You can drill through various menus in the City website to get to the Crime Reports or you can simply type in: www.crimereports.com.

This will open a program which begins by showing a map and it usually opens to Topeka KA. In the upper left hand corner there is a place to enter your address or city/state location. Once you have entered San Leandro CA., you will be taken to an interactive site which shows the streets of San Leandro and a pinned “tag” showing the locations of and coding for each type of crime. It will also show the locations of Megan’s Law registered Sex Offenders.

On the same line on which you entered your address or city / state, toward the right side, you will notice there are various configurable “tabs” which will allow you to

choose the date range for which you would like to see data displayed. You can chose their pre-set time descriptions or define your own time range. Use the “Apply and Close” button at the bottom of the Date tab to make your choices display on the map.

The tab next to “Date” is “Incident Layers” and this allows you to choose the types of incidents you wish to view. There are many different choices to apply to your data map. Remember to use the “Apply and Close” button to make your choices shown.

If you click on any of the icons displayed on the map, you will see who, when and what the call was made for. Megan’s Law offenders are indicated by an inverted triangle and law offenses are shown as a square, but clicking on them will provide the background information on the event reported.