



GREENRIDGE-COLDWATER AREA ASSOCIATION

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JUNE 2007

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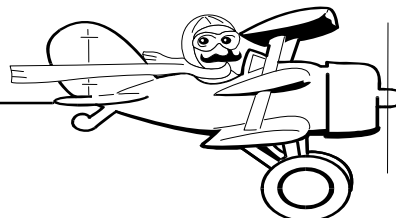
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Announcements




G-CAA Annual Picnic: The G-CAA Annual Picnic will take place at **Greenridge Park** on **Saturday, July 28th** at **11:30 am to 2:00 pm**. Come to meet and greet your neighbors and find out what's going on in the neighborhood. Bring the kids too – we'll have **face painting and games!** The G-CAA will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns and condiments. **Please bring a side dish or drinks to share** with your friends and neighbors. Bring along your folding **chairs** and **umbrellas** as we always seem to run short of seating. Please **RSVP to Rose Clowry** by Saturday, July 21st to let her know how many people will attend and what you're bringing to share. Also, call Rose to arrange for a **shuttle** if you'd like a ride (parking is limited). Rose can be reached at (510) 886-8536. See you there!

Neighborhood Yard Sale: Once again, **Masoud Dehdari** is sponsoring and coordinating a Neighborhood Yard Sale on **Sunday, July 15th** from **9am to 4pm**. This is your opportunity to sell off those "treasures" that are just taking up space! Masoud will include those who notify him in a map that he will advertise. Masoud will also put balloons and signs out and will provide water and drinks at several homes. Contact Masoud at **(510) 888-6316** or for more information.


G-CAA Board Positions: Several G-CAA Board Member positions are up for election. We encourage volunteers to come forward and offer their services for the betterment of our community. Please contact a board member if interested in serving on the G-CAA Board. Positions up for election include: President, Vice President, Recorder, Newsletter, Hospitality, and Zoning.

G-CAA Annual Membership: Our annual membership drive is now underway. Since we have a positive financial balance, we are automatically renewing current members for another year with no additional dues. We currently have 182 members out of 535 households. For those who are not members, **dues are \$15 for the year (July '07 through June '08)**. Please submit your dues in the enclosed envelope and mail or bring along to the picnic. We feel the G-CAA provides a valuable service to our community, and we encourage you to become members. Your membership dues fund many services that improve the quality of life in our community, including the following:

- ✓ Landscaping and maintenance of the Greenridge gateway to our neighborhood. Note: The Coldwater gateway is in the Crow Creek watershed and is not accessible to us
- ✓ G-CAA Representative attends Municipal Advisory Council (MAC), County Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, and other miscellaneous meetings with agenda items that affect our neighborhood and surrounding area
- ✓ Monitor legislation that affects our community
- ✓ Monitor neighborhood compliance with the county's General Ordinance Code
- ✓ Annual Picnic and Holiday Party
- ✓ Supply Greenridge Park with "Pooper Scoopers"
- ✓ Newsletter
- ✓ Website
- ✓ Clearing house for information of interest to the community

 **G-CAA Treasury Report:** **Zelda Penton**, G-CAA Treasurer, reports the following G-CAA financials for the period June 1, 2006 to June 24, 2007.

INCOME	
Membership Dues	2,740.00
TOTAL INCOME	2,740.00
EXPENSES	
Bank Charge	55.00
Event Expense	192.69
Mailing	225.00
Neighborhood Improvement	411.47
Newsletter	446.58
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,330.74
Balance 6/1/2006	2,318.59
Income minus expenses	1,409.26
Balance 6/24/2007	3,727.85

 **Greenridge Gateway:** As many of you know, **Herb Joss** has volunteered his time and hard work for many years to maintain the landscaping of "The Triangle" at the Greenridge gateway. Unfortunately, Herb is no longer able to perform this work. The County has agreed to do some watering and light trimming. If anyone would like to volunteer to help maintain the property, please contact a G-CAA Board Member.



Oggie's Ogle: As you drive up Greenridge Road you have probably noticed the house of **Abe and Mary Cirimele** (5702 Greenridge). Their front yard is a Japanese-style garden and features custom fencing and a small bridge. The Japanese theme continues in the house and into the backyard. The backyard is highlighted by several beautiful bonsai plants and an incredible octagonal "Moon Gate" that separates the backyard from the side yard. All of the landscaping was designed and executed by Abe himself. In addition to all the work on his own garden, he has "built a lot of stuff" (like custom fences, etc.) for various neighbors over the years.

One of Abe's side projects that really intrigued me was the dog house he built for **Hazel Jacoby's** dogs. You may have noticed Hazel walking her two super-friendly Newfoundlands, Chex and Tedi. They are hard to miss as the dogs are rather large! The dog house that Abe built looks like a mini Eichler house, complete with large windows, wood paneling, and the characteristic gently sloping roof. Hazel decorated the dog house nicely with help from **Pamela Stanley**, who did the painting. Apparently the dogs are enjoying their Eichler. In an event unprecedented in this or any other neighborhood, Hazel has graciously offered to hold an **Open Dog House** immediately following the G-CAA picnic! So, neighbors are invited to stop by 5514 Greenridge (across from Feather Court) on July 28 at ~ 2pm (when picnic is over) to see this architectural icon for themselves.

"Oggie's Ogle" features an admirable home from the neighborhood. If you would like to suggest a home to be featured in a future issue, please notify Oggie Jones at 885-1876 or GCAA@bigfoot.com.

! **Did You Know This About Your Neighbor?:** The G-CAA neighborhood could boast of a best-selling author in its midst. **Jerry Henig**, emeritus professor of history at Cal State East Bay, is the co-author of *Civil War Firsts: The Legacies of America's Bloodiest Conflict*. Designed for the Civil War buff and general reader alike, the book focuses on the numerous innovations introduced during this critical period in American history. As a testament to its popularity, *Civil War Firsts* was chosen as a selection of the nationally prestigious History Book Club and the Military History Book Club. It is now available in a paperback edition with a new format, a generous number of photos and illustrations, and a new title: *A Nation Transformed: How the Civil War Changed America Forever*. Our very own Jordan's Bookstore has copies, or it can be obtained on walmart.com or amazon.com.

Jerry and his wife **Lori**, a retired elementary school teacher, are "empty-nesters" and long time residents of the area. Many of you might know Jerry by sight, since he walks/jogs our neighborhood almost on a daily basis, often wearing a Chicago Cubs hat (editor's note: Yay!) or a New York Yankees hat (editor's note: Boooo!). With its rolling hills and friendly neighbors, Castro Valley is an ideal community, according to Jerry, to stay in shape and enjoy the best of what the Bay Area has to offer.

The G-CAA neighborhood is fortunate to have a number of interesting residents. If you know of a neighbor with an interesting past or claim to fame that we can share with the community, please notify Dennis Hermosa at 886-0793 or GCAA@bigfoot.com.



Automobile Theft & Break-ins: There has been a rash of automobile burglaries and at least one car theft in our neighborhood in recent weeks. Avoid leaving valuables in your car, especially in plain view, to minimize the attraction to thieves. Please report all incidents to the Alameda County Sheriff's Office at (510) 667-7721.



Library Blog: Check out the new Castro Valley Library Blog at: <http://csvlib.wordpress.com>. You will find lots of interesting information about the new library and you can comment on the art work under consideration.



Free Trash Pickup Service: The G-CAA Board encourages residents to take advantage of the Castro Valley Sanitary District's (www.cvsan.org) On-Call Bulky Pickup program. Residents can dispose non-hazardous materials up to:

- ✓ 2 cubic yards of refuse
- ✓ 3 large appliances
- ✓ tree prunings
- ✓ 4 tires
- ✓ 3 large furniture items

These items will be picked up at the curb by appointment only. This is a **free, once-per calendar-year service** that can be arranged by calling Waste Management at 537-5500.



G-CAA Website: Check out the G-CAA's website at www.g-caa.org. There is a Message Board on the site that you are free to use. This is a great way to share information of interest to the neighborhood, such as posting referrals to contractors for home remodeling projects.



Welcome Committee: If you have a new neighbor, please alert a G-CAA Board Member. We would like to welcome new neighbors and provide them with information regarding the neighborhood and community. If you are a gardener and would like to donate some potted plants to be used as welcome gifts, please notify **Elsie Dep** (582-3118).



Giveaways: Verne Joss has donated some soap holder inserts for original Eichler showers. If you are interested, contact **Matt Clowry** (886-8536).

G-CAA CALENDAR



JULY 15 9AM TO 4PM: Neighborhood Garage Sale



JULY 28 11:30AM TO 2PM: G-CAA Annual Picnic



SATURDAYS 9AM TO 1PM: Farmers Market at BART Parking Lot



EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY 5:25 TO 5:50, JULY 18, AUG. 1, 15, 29,

ETC.: Alameda County Library Bookmobile at Lomond Way

near Greenridge Road. For more info go to:

www.aclibrary.org/branches/bkm/bookmobilehome.asp