



GREENRIDGE-COLDWATER AREA ASSOCIATION

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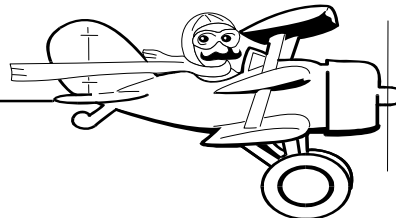
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Announcements



G-CAA Annual Picnic: The G-CAA Annual Picnic will take place at **Greenridge Park** on **Saturday, August 2nd** 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 19th 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!

G-CAA Annual Membership: Our annual membership drive is now underway. **Dues are \$15 for the year (July '08 through June '09)**. 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:


- ✓ 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


 **Neighborhood Yard Sale:** Once again, **Masoud Dehdari** is sponsoring and coordinating a Neighborhood Yard Sale on **Saturday, July 26th** 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** for more information.


 **Appeal for Volunteers:** The G-CAA is in need of volunteers for the following:


1. Website Administrator: update website content and moderate message board.
2. Scooper Dispenser Administrator: Refill the “pooper scooper” dispensers at Greenridge Park on a regular basis.
3. Welcome Committee

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Matt Clowry at 886-8536.

 **Dog Owners:** Many of us in the neighborhood have noticed that some dog owners allow their dogs to roam free. Typically these roaming dogs soil neighbors’ properties. Please be considerate of your neighbors by keeping your dog on a leash and cleaning up after it.

 **Newsletter via Email:** Would you like to receive your G-CAA Newsletter via email? If so, please send an email to GCAA@bigfoot.com to be added to the email list. We will respect your privacy and will not share your email address with others.

 **G-CAA General Meeting:** The G-CAA General Meeting is currently being planned for the October timeframe. We will communicate the details when they are finalized. All G-CAA Board Member positions are up for election except for Treasurer. We encourage volunteers to come forward and offer their services for the betterment of our community. **Please contact a board member or e-mail us at GCAA@bigfoot.com if interested in serving on the G-CAA Board.**

 **G-CAA Treasury Report:** **Zelda Penton**, G-CAA Treasurer, reports the following G-CAA financials for the period June 1, 2007 to June 1, 2008:

INCOME	
Membership dues	781.00
TOTAL INCOME	781.00
 EXPENSES	
Bank charges	14.50
Event Expenses	792.15
Mailing	175.00
Newsletter	353.03
Post Office Box	94.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	1428.68
 Balance June 1, 2007	 3902.85
Income minus expenses	-647.68
Balance June 1, 2008	3255.17



Oggie's Ogle: You may have recently noticed the large wooden Greenridge signs at the "gateway triangle" at Greenridge Road and Crow Canyon Road. The signs have actually been there for many years, but a few months ago neighbor **Terry Plunkett** was kind enough to repaint it. He made the lettering silver, which is easy to see and really looks very nice. I spoke to a few neighbors who have been around since the founding of the neighborhood and discovered that the sign was built a few years after the Eichler development was completed. It was not put there by Eichler, but instead was designed and then built in his garage shop by former resident John Gilliland, who later moved to Oakland. If anyone knows how to contact Gilliland or has further information on this, please contact me, as I would like to get the full story.

"Oggie's Ogle" features an admirable home or other area of interest 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?:

D. Lowell Jensen, an original Greenridge resident, is a federal judge!

Lowell served in the Alameda County District Attorney's Office for 25 years, and was the District Attorney from 1969 until 1981. During this time Lowell tried many historic cases including Huey Newton (Black Panthers), the Symbionese Liberation Army (Patty Hearst kidnapping), Mario Savio (Free Speech Movement), and the Chowchilla school bus kidnapers.

In 1981, Lowell and his late wife Barbara moved to Washington D.C., where Lowell was part of the Reagan Administration. As the Assistant Attorney General, Lowell ran the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice. Eventually he advanced to Deputy Attorney General, reporting to Edwin Meese, Attorney General. In this role Lowell attended Cabinet Meetings! During their stay in the nation's capital, Barbara served as a docent at The National Archives.

In 1986, the Jensens returned to Greenridge and Lowell was appointed to the U.S. District Court, where he continues to serve as a Senior Judge.

Lowell and Barbara both grew up in Alameda, meeting at UC Berkeley. By 1961 they were raising three children and they moved to Castro Valley, attracted by the good schools, the multi-cultural neighborhood, and the Eichler lifestyle. As a member of the predecessor to the G-CAA, Lowell co-authored the original Greenridge Constitution.

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.



Library Blog: Check out the Castro Valley Library Blog at: <http://csvlib.wordpress.com>.

You will find lots of interesting information about the new library there and you can comment on the featured items.



Neighborhood Preservation: Neighbors, please take an honest look at your property. Is

it an asset to our community? Does its condition enhance not only its own value but your neighbors' as well? Is trash, rubbish, or dead vegetation creating a fire hazard or a haven for vermin? Our neighborhood is governed by the **Alameda County General Ordinance**. You can find this online at: www.co.alameda.ca.us/admin/admincode/Alameda_County_General_Ordinance_Code/index.html.



Fire Danger: The hills and canyons make our neighborhood a wonderful setting in which to live.

But they also make us extremely vulnerable to wild fire, especially in drought conditions. Please keep your property cleared of debris and dry vegetation, and use extra care when barbecuing or using open flames.



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.

G-CAA CALENDAR



JULY 26 9AM TO 4PM: Neighborhood Garage Sale



AUGUST 2 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 2, 16, 30, AUG. 13, 27, ETC.: Alameda County Library Bookmobile at Lomond Way near Greenridge Road. For more info go to:
www.aclibrary.org/branches/bkm/bookmobilehome.asp