



GREENRIDGE-COLDWATER AREA ASSOCIATION

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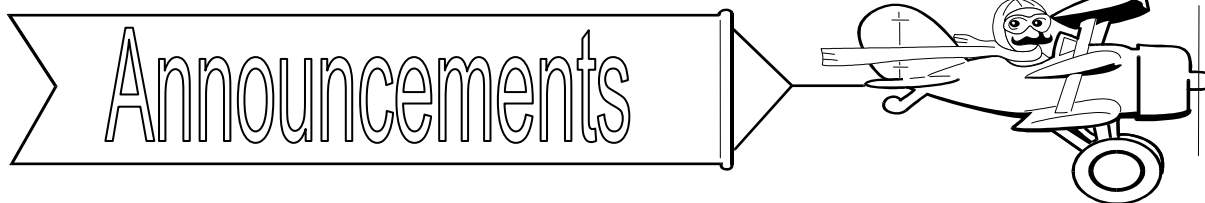
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G-CAA Annual Picnic: The G-CAA Annual Picnic will take place at **Greenridge Park** on **Saturday, August 1st** at **11:00 am to 2:00 pm**. Come to meet and greet your neighbors and find out what's going on in the neighborhood. Bring the kids too – we'll have **games!** The G-CAA will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns and condiments. **Please bring a side dish or non-alcoholic 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 25th to let her know how many people will attend and what you're bringing to share. Rose can be reached at rkyrose@aol.com or 886-8536. See you there!

G-CAA Annual Membership: Our annual membership drive is now underway. **Dues are \$15 for the year (July 2009 through June 2010)**. Please fill out the Membership Form and submit your dues in the enclosed envelope and bring along to the picnic or mail. 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
- ✓ 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 **Sunday, 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 by July 22nd on a list and map that he will advertise. Masoud will also put out balloons and signs and will provide water and drinks at several homes. Contact Masoud at **masoud@AskMasoud.com** or **(510) 888-6316** for more information.

 **G-CAA General Meeting:** The G-CAA General Meeting is currently being planned for this autumn. We will communicate the details when they are finalized. All 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 or email us at GreenridgeColdwaterAreaAssoc@gmail.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, 2008 to June 30, 2009:

Income	
Membership dues	2608.00
Total Income	2608.00
Expenses	
Event expenses	629.89
Newsletter (including postage)	449.20
Post Office Box	94.00
Total Expenses	1173.09
Balance June 1, 2008	3255.17
Income minus expenses	1434.91
Balance June 30, 2009	4690.08

 **Oggie's Ogle:** Have you ever wondered about the origin of the Greenridge sign in the triangular patch of ground at the entrance to Greenridge Road? It was not put up by Joe Eichler's Development Company, but in fact was put up a number of years after the development opened. Former GCAA resident Hank Dunlop informed me that Bruce Gilliland made the sign with help from his wife Helen in the workshop he had in his garage. The Gillilands later moved to Oakland and resided in the historic Cohen-Bray House, which has since been converted into a museum.

Another long-time resident, Steven Kolden, told me that the triangle wasn't always a triangle, because the split in the road at the bottom of the hill was added later. Originally that area had several trees that the local kids would climb and play in while they waited for the school bus to pick them up.

“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 GreenridgeColdwaterAreaAssoc@gmail.com.



Did You Know This About Your Neighbor?

Sylvia & Sal Tedesco have led remarkable lives filled with public service and travel!

Sal served as City Manager of Santa Cruz in the early 60's. In 1962, the Tedescos packed up and moved to Africa to serve in the Peace Corps. First Sal served as Deputy Director in Ghana, then served as Director in Somalia, and finally did a stint in Kenya to develop new programs.

The Tedescos then moved back to Washington DC where Sal joined the Model Cities Program (part of Housing and Urban Development).

Sylvia, Sal, and their sons, John and Greg, arrived on Greenridge Road in the summer of 1969. The sons were enrolled at Creekside (then known as Earl Warren). Meanwhile, Sylvia decided to go into the travel business and eventually opened her own place in Berkeley/Albany known as The Avenue Travel. The boys grew up, of course, and went on to what was then Canyon High. Both are married now and live close by with their families.

Sal served on the local Municipal Advisory Council for several years. He was also on the County Grand Jury for a couple of years and remains active in Rotary. Sylvia is active with the Alameda County Library Advisory Commission and the Castro Valley Library Advisory Committee.

We are truly fortunate that the Tedescos have given so much of their time and effort over the years for the betterment of our community. Thanks, Sylvia and Sal!

*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 **GreenridgeColdwaterAreaAssoc@gmail.com**.*



Library Blog: The new library is on target to open this autumn! 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: <http://www.municode.com/Resources/gateway.asp?pid=16425&sid=5>
Enforcement of the ordinance is performed by a five-person team, led by Tona Henninger, Code Enforcement Deputy Director. For more information on the neighborhood preservation, junk vehicle, or zoning ordinances call the County Planning Department at 670-5400.



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. This is a **free, once-per calendar-year service** that can be arranged by calling Waste Management at 537-5500. Guidelines are as follows:

- ✓ Place items within 3 feet of the curb by 6:00 a.m. on the scheduled pick-up day. Do not set out items more than 24 hours in advance. Do not block the street or sidewalk.
- ✓ Items must weigh less than 75 pounds and be small enough to be handled by 2 people.
- ✓ Up to 4 tires may be set out.
- ✓ No concrete or dirt.
- ✓ No hazardous waste including anti-freeze.
- ✓ You will be charged for materials in excess of 7 cubic yards.



G-CAA Website: Check out the G-CAA's website at www.g-caa.org. Thanks to Steven Kolden for volunteering to manage the site's content. Steven will be building out the content on the site, and plans to resurrect the Message Board. This is a great way to share information of interest to the neighborhood, such as posting referrals to contractors for home remodeling projects. We would like to add more photos of the community and surrounding area. If you have some photos you'd like to share, please email them to GreenridgeColdwaterAreaAssoc@gmail.com



Traffic Speed Controls: A number of residents have expressed a renewed interest in having speed controls to help reduce speeding in our neighborhood. Considerations include speed humps or solar-powered "your speed"/speed limit signs (such as the one on Heyer Ave.). What do you think of this? Are you willing to serve on a committee to research and coordinate a solution? Please let us know your opinions and concerns by filling out the Membership Form or emailing us at: GreenridgeColdwaterAreaAssoc@gmail.com



Gateway Beautification: We would like to solicit your ideas to beautify the landscaping of the Greenridge Gateway Triangle. Some suggestions include drought-resistant native plants, decorative rocks, and neighborhood work parties. We'd also like to solicit your ideas to beautify the Coldwater Gateway. Please let us know your opinions and concerns by filling out the Membership Form or e-mailing us at: GreenridgeColdwaterAreaAssoc@gmail.com



Break-ins: There has been a rash of home burglaries recently in the Shadow Ridge area. One occurred mid-morning with a road crew working nearby. We suggest that you to check on your insurance policy coverage and consider an alarm system. Please report all incidents to the Alameda County Sheriff's Office at (510) 667-7721. Also, please notify us at GreenridgeColdwaterAreaAssoc@gmail.com for our awareness so we can communicate information to our community.

G-CAA CALENDAR



JULY 26 9AM TO 4PM: Neighborhood Garage Sale



AUGUST 1 11:00AM 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 1, 15, 29, AUG. 12, 26, ETC.: Alameda County Library Bookmobile at Lomond Way near Greenridge Road. For more info go to:

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