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The Glen of Pacific Grove Homeowners Association

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FROM THE EDITOR...

Candy Pollock

Well, here I am. I took a break from writing the newsletter about a year ago, but have agreed to take it on again. I really like doing this; but as in everything, it's just finding the time. We are lucky to live in a little community like The Glen. I know it is only as good as we make it together. So, we now have a new board and people are taking on various jobs, and our little community rolls on. If there is something you'd like to have included in the newsletter, please let me know. This is our newsletter. I'm looking forward to writing about us and about The Glen.

Along with the newsletter, I've also offered to form a new committee. This would be a care committee. The newsletter falls under this committee, along with happenings and events within The Glen. I hope for us all to: partake in happenings, promote harmony, and provide hospitality. We are a unique family of neighbors. We want to enjoy the good times, and provide support wherever there is need. The help shown these past weeks to one of our neighbors is a testimony to our caring. When you move into The Glen, you get more than a home; you get an extended family. I'm really proud to live here!

RESIDENTS

Paul Sidone passed away at home on March 6th. Paul had lived in The Glen for the past 15 years. Up until the last years, he had been an avid user of the tennis courts. Everyone will miss his Scottish

accent, his love for books and old movies, and seeing him as he walked the circle of The Glen several times daily. Mimi...we are here for you and Bella.

Wolfgang Haas passed away at home on March 11th. Wolfgang had lived in The Glen for the past 13 years. Prior to the last few months, he never missed a board meeting and served on various committees for The Glen. His contributions to our little community were huge. He will be missed.

Three memorial redwood trees will be planted by the tennis courts. One tree will be for Paul, one for Wolfgang, and the third one will represent past residents that passed away while living in The Glen. Several names come to my mind right away. I think this is a lovely way to show respect and remember our neighbors. This is a tradition we will keep.

There are some new faces in The Glen. Welcome to all our new residents!

GARDENING

The end of March marked goodbye to gardeners that had been with us many years. We all appreciate the service and effort they gave to The Glen. To show our appreciation, a money gift was given to each of the guys, and we wish them well. Sometimes, it is just time to make a change. The new gardeners will be here on Wednesdays. Give them a hello and welcome. Their work will be directed by Marcia Scala. Please submit your gardening requests and/or concerns in writing to The Glen mailbox across from #100. Let's work

with our board members in our common goal for the betterment of The Glen.

THE LAKE

The Lake Committee

This past January and February, the lake was partially drained to restore 200 feet of badly eroded lake bank using rock, soil, and cement. The area that was reconstructed ran from the spillway by #110 to below #96. We also did some more planting around the lake to retain soil on the slopes and lake banks, and to add more color and beauty to our surroundings.

Plants that were recently planted around the lake and lake slopes are drought-tolerant. In all of those areas, there are no sprinklers. Therefore the plant must develop a root system that will be able to seek water deep in the soil. In their first year only, the plants will be deep soaked once a week by the gardeners. Infrequent deep watering will cause their roots to grow down to search for moisture. After one year of weekly soakings, the plants will be able to survive on their own. If a young plant is watered too often, its roots will spread out just below the surface of the ground and it will not be able to survive without ongoing watering.

BOOK CLUB

Sharon Axt

The book club of The Glen of Pacific Grove has been in existence as a reading group since August 2004; in that time, we have read 31 books. Our book selections include biographies, history, and fiction. We have gone on excursions to San Francisco's Chinatown and the Steinbeck Museum and House; attended a lecture by Khaled Hosseini, author of The Kite Runner and saw the movie and had several guest talks on life in Afghanistan, Turkey, Syria, and Lebanon. Each year on our anniversary, we go out to a celebration dinner. An added bonus is that we know some of our neighbors and as a result, feel a part of a community.

Come join us for a meeting. Guests and new members are always welcome! We meet once a month. For more information, contact Sharon Axt at sharonaxt@comcast.net.

GLEN RULES

From time to time, I will highlight a rule that might need review.

One of the biggest rule violations is speeding on Glen Lake Dr. Our speed limit is 15mph. The speed bumps are in place to help with this. There is one dangerous blind curve on the circle. That is by units 14, 15, 16, 17. There are children out playing and residents walking in the street. Please keep to the speed limit. Fines will be issued to speeders.

Pets are a very important part of our families and our extended Glen family. We enjoy your little one, but not his droppings. If your pet poops, you must scoop! This is more than just a courtesy, it is a rule. There is an immediate fine of \$50.00 if you do not pick up after your animal.

General Information:

Calling all bridge players! One of our residents is interested in knowing who plays bridge. If you are interested in playing an occasional bridge game with your neighbors, drop your name in The Glen mailbox across from #100 saying you'd like to play!

Waste Management offers its next clean-up day on May 7th. On that day, you may dispose of up to 7 bags or cans of trash along with your regular garbage.

We have reduced the number of yard waste containers. There are only a few remaining and are still located behind some of the single story garages. If you have yard waste, you may put it in these containers. This is yard waste only; no other garbage is allowed in these cans.

Do you have something to sell or give away? Let me know and I'll run a classified section in our next newsletter.

BOARD NEWS

Glen Grossman

Last September, the Board reduced the monthly dues to \$305 per month per unit effective 11/1/07. In November, Betty Lauritsen, Marcia Scala, and Nancy Budd were elected to the three vacant director positions on the Board. With respect to the officer positions, Grossman was elected President, Lauritsen Vice-President, Axt Treasurer, Scala Secretary, and Budd Member at Large. In January, the Board agreed that 62.5% or \$190.63 of our monthly dues of \$305 would go towards the Operating Budget and the balance of our dues (\$114.37) would go into the Reserve Account. We are still waiting for our CPA to complete his audit of our financial records. The audit will be distributed as soon as possible. Copies of minutes, financial records, governing documents, and other items of interest are all posted on the website.

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, April 15th at 6 PM. We will meet at 92 Glen Lake Dr. Thank you Lynn for opening your home for us. All are welcome to attend.