

# Sequoyah Hills Homeowners Newsletter

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## New Board



*L. to R.: John Nichols, Bobbi Morris, Dale Davis, Sandi Bethune, Chris Quan, Rodrigo VonContra.*



## From the President

Sandi Bethune

## Annual Meeting 2010

The Sequoyah Hills Homeowners Association Annual Meeting was held this year on September 25, 2010. All members of the Association are always encouraged to attend, as this is the official "State of the Neighborhood" event. Each of the neighborhood committees reports on their year's activities. New officers to the Board of Directors are elected. The Treasurer presents our financials and the coming year's budget.

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### Greetings Sequoyah Homeowners:

**I am delighted to serve as the new President of Sequoyah Hills Homeowners Association. I have been a resident since 1975 and I love our community and our city. I would like to encourage all of you to become involved in some way that makes our community better. It is through our collective efforts that we can make a difference. If you are concerned about theft, vandalism, or safety in general, join the Safety Committee. If you enjoy social activities, join the Social Committee and there is much more. Supporting the association is a very small investment of time but the rewards benefits us all.**

**Make a commitment now to join us in June for the Block Party so that you can meet a new neighbor and enjoy some really good food. You might be surprised at whom you might meet and what you might learn!**

## Committee Reports

The Association provides many opportunities for you to get involved. There are no **paid** officers, committee members, or staff. It's up to all of us to get involved!



### Social

Myrtice Wong

The Social Committee plans the annual Block Party and the lunch for the Homeowners Annual Meeting each year. On top of that, we also prepare Welcome Baskets for the new homeowners and awards to the annual Homeowner of the Year.

This year was no different. Our annual Block Party was held in early June, one of the warmest days of the year I might add (I still have my sunburn to prove it!). We had another record showing for the good food from the Back Forty who catered the event with BBQ chicken and ribs, salad, and drinks. That will be difficult to top. Anyone has any ideas let us know!



For new homeowners since October of 2009, we prepared 12 Welcome Baskets as well as a few Welcome Gifts for newborns.

In the past, we've also done an award for the best Christmas decorations for the winter season. However, for 2009 and 2010, we've decided to give an award to the homeowner we feel has contributed the most to the neighborhood for the year. This year's award went to **Steve Long of Phaeton Drive**. Steve looks out for his immediate neighbors and has contributed many years to the Association as a member and then chair of the Environmental Committee and past President of the Association. **Thank you Steve!**

We encourage neighbors to get to know others in the neighborhood. Remember, although we live in a metropolitan city of over 400,000 people, the neighborhood we're in is like a "village" and what affects one, affects us all. Have a great 2011!





## Annual Meeting

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Lively discussions on safety, community events, the status of Oak Knoll, and other neighborhood issues are addressed. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet and greet your neighbors in a friendly, outdoor atmosphere. And of course, the Social Committee makes sure there is a great buffet for all to enjoy.

The following Officers and Directors at Large were unanimously elected for the year 2011:

President:	Sandi Bethune
Vice President:	Bobbi Morris
Secretary:	Chris Quan



## From the Treasurer

*Paul Wong*



As the Treasurer for the past three years I have noticed a trend that on the average, 60-70 percent of the members pay their dues on a timely basis. Members who are late are required to pay an assessment of ten dollars late fee and the fee is added annually if unpaid. Unfortunately, the Association had to file **liens** against 19 members. Delinquent members with liens are liable for past dues, interest, late fees, and cost for filing the liens. Delinquent members are notified ahead of time that dues are in arrears and a registered letter is also sent to the member that a lien will be filed if the dues are not paid within thirty days. The dues this year are \$75 and it is difficult to understand why some members have ignored the requirement that they are legally bound to pay their annual dues. The dues are annual and not monthly!

As a member of an Association, we need to do our part to participate and pay our dues in a timely manner so that the Association can function fully as a community of 264 homeowners. The Association does thank the 60-70% of the members who pay timely!

# Committee Reports

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## Safety

*John Nichols*



### The following points were reviewed at our Annual Homeowners meeting in September:

- No break-ins since April
- Need more Block Captains
- Safety tips: lock doors, windows, gates, be specific when describing suspects, demonstration/suggestion to purchase inexpensive Life Gear emergency light from Costco
- Safety committee to survey SHHA homes and make recommendations to homeowners to improve safety
- Gerard Dell from Bay Alarm introduced, will give presentation after reports
- Discussion of impact of loss of 80 police officers
  - Loss of problem solving officer
  - Fingerprints taken at crime scenes but delayed at crime lab
  - Discussion of 2 police parcel taxes, Chris Quan will write explanation of differences and email to group for forwarding

# Oak Knoll Update

The abandoned naval base and hospital that has long been a concern of neighbors for its neglected buildings, potential for fires and attraction to



squatters is about to get a major facelift.

Lehman Brothers was the

financial backer in the development of the former Oak Knoll Naval base in the Oakland hills. The 167-acre property fell into disrepair with the bank's financial collapse in 2008.

But a federal judge presiding over the Lehman Brothers bankruptcy case just (1-10-11) ordered the release of \$1.7 million to complete major demolition work needed. The money means dilapidated buildings on the site will be demolished, including the largest building on the property, an 11-story hospital.

Oakland officials have just announced that the demolition of the Hospital will begin as soon as the proper permits have been issued. Work is expected to be complete by the middle of 2011.

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### Sequoyah-Homeowners List

Join the Sequoyah-Homeowners Email List if you haven't already. It's the best way to keep in touch with your neighbors, and to find local resources. It's a Yahoo Groups; [click here to find out more](#).

The Sequoyah Hills Homeowners Association is always looking for ways to build and maintain the quality of our wonderful neighborhood. Want to share info on a great gardener? Plumber? Contractor? What's the best mobile phone service for our area? Did anyone else see a suspicious white van on Tuesday? Join these and other discussions on our neighborhood Yahoo Group where over 176 neighbors are keeping in touch.

**To Join:** Log on to our Website at [www.sequoyahhomes.org](http://www.sequoyahhomes.org) and look in the lower right corner of the home page for this info:

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