

Sleepy Hollow Bulletin

From Your President:

The Season of Sharing and Thanks

Thanks to all who joined us at the clubhouse on Dec. 4 to celebrate the holiday season at the annual President's party. Sarah Hoffman, alas now a former resident, was recognized for her many years as a board member and as chair of the house and grounds committee. For 15 years, Sarah spearheaded many improvements to our humble clubhouse, including new outdoor lighting, landscaping and many others projects too numerous to name.

Sarah worked alongside Sharon Adams, who we also thanked for her exemplary efforts toward our annual membership drive. Sarah and Sharon, both past Presidents of the Homes Association, increased our membership dramatically from an all-time low

in 2009 when the association was in dire straits financially. We are blessed to have such dedicated members of our community and we thank them for their many contributions.

We also welcomed our new Supervisor, Katie Rice, who was recently appointed to the position after Hal Brown, our beloved Supervisor for many years, retired. We hope you will provide support to Katie as she runs for election in June 2012. We wish Hal all the best and thank him for his dedication and generosity to the Homes Association during his tenure. Hal is a true asset to our community.

I wish you all a very happy holiday season. Enjoy and be safe!

Holly Briese
SHHA President



Mark Your Calendars

Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, Jan. 5
at 7:30 p.m. - Clubhouse

ALL WELCOME!

Dec. 18: Holiday Concert and
Sing-a-long at 5 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline:
the first of each month

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Home Owners Meeting Report - December

This month the Board decided to grant the Sleepy Hollow Nursery School a \$3,600 rent-credit loan. The school, which has operated for more than 60

years, has dropped below the attendance numbers it needs to pay its expenses.

The Board discussed with the school a series of strategies to get attendance back up, as a condition for the loan. Board members explained that they met many of the people they know in Sleepy Hollow

when their kids attended the nursery school, and felt the loan was acceptable given the Association's responsibility of community-building and since the Association has a healthy cash balance.

Financing of the clubhouse pool maintenance is less structured than desirable, especially with no planned funds for repair of capital items. Based on initial conversations with the Swim Team, the Board authorized President Briese to ask the Swim Team and other contract users of the pool to contribute towards capital costs in annual payments, rather than on a "surprise" as-needed basis.

Sharon Adams, who should be beatified as a Sleepy Hollow saint, is stepping down as membership chair and a new person is being sought for this critical role.

President Holly Briese met with the bank and our current mortgage taken out to finance the new pool has a 7.5% interest rate. Holly will seek a refinance at a lower rate, and confirmed that the bank would be willing to discuss a larger mortgage, if the community decides to rebuild the clubhouse.

(Read more information about the rebuilding of the clubhouse at right.)

Treasurer James Ayres reported that the Association's finance remain healthy, with about \$90,000 in our cash accounts.

Look for full minutes of the meeting at www.shha.org.

History Snapshot: The Trees of Butterfield



A 1930 picture of Butterfield Road, looking south, near today's Van Winkle Road.

Just how old are the trees on Butterfield Road? Some are likely 133-years-old. In 1876, Peter K. Austin purchased the valley that includes Sleepy Hollow. He had a vision of a very large hotel in an "enchanted vale" to be built besides a sulphur spring running off Loma Alta. He also envisioned a golf course and large lake. To get started, he laid out a grand, 66-foot wide avenue on the dirt boulevard of Butterfield Road and planted saplings of Lombardy poplars and eucalyptus trees to border the road. Alas, he had to abandon his vision due to foreclosure. Some of the trees we still see along Butterfield were planted in 1878. Eucalyptus trees can live for 400 years and likely will outlast many of our visions.

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A photo of the clubhouse as it was being built. Renting the clubhouse currently includes: 2 rooms totaling 2,800 square feet, large kitchen with a commercial refrigerator and freezer, dishwasher, commercial range, some dishes and flatware, a separate wet bar, fireplace, 30 banquet tables, 150 chairs, a coat room and entry, playground, outside bar area. Read more about possible renovations to the clubhouse in the bulletin and share your ideas with the Homes Association.

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Updates from Hollow Clubs:

Although the weather is cool and the warm days of summer feel like a long way off, the Swim Team is already busy planning for an exciting, fun-filled season.

Interested swimmers

ages 5-18 will need to register in mid- to late-January, so be sure to stay tuned! For more information, check out the team website www.sleepyhollowsealions.com or contact Membership Chair Sara Lundgren at sararob3@comcast.net.
Kick Bootyakum!

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