

GREENBRAE

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, May 18, 2015 • Central Marin Police Authority Community Meeting Room • 7-9 p.m.

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Hello Greenbrae Residents! I am writing on behalf of the members of the GPOA's Board, who, along with me, are Scott Sherman, David Sternberg, and John Holzwarth. The Board hopes your New Year is off to a great start and that you are enjoying the wonderful weather we have been having. The Board invites you to the GPOA's Annual Meeting, to be held on Monday, May 18, 2015, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Central Marin Police Authority Community Meeting Room, located at 250 Doherty Drive in Larkspur. Below is a brief update on the Board's efforts in the past year, followed by an agenda for the meeting.

The GPOA Board continues to actively represent our residents' interests with the County of Marin, the City of Larkspur, and other local governments and agencies. We have open lines of communication with Marin County Supervisor Katie Rice and Larkspur Mayor Larry Chu, and the Central Marin Police Authority, the California Highway Patrol, and the Marin County Sheriff's Office.

As I have reported to you in the past, the GPOA Board has been working with the Advisory Board of County Service Area 16, which is comprised of Greenbrae residents Greg Shaughnessy, Mark Wittenkeller, Ron Peluso, and Phil Wegner, and the Marin County Parks and Recreation Department to develop plans for an extensive remodeling of the Eliseo entrance to our community. The installation of new landscaping has been put on hold during the drought, but we are hopeful that we will be able to commence construction in 2015 or 2016. You probably noticed the new fences that were installed next to the bus stop at the intersection of Eliseo and Sir Francis Drake Boulevard. New landscaping will be installed in the area between the fences and the sidewalk as part of the remodel project. Please bear with us as we await approval of new water meters from the Marin Municipal Water District.

In conjunction with the County, we have undertaken several projects to significantly prune the islands/medians in our community. We extensively pruned the two large islands on Almenar to make them safer for cars, pedestrians, and bicyclists, to lower the height of plants and shrubs and trim them back from the street, as well as to open up the views of the gorgeous mature trees in the islands and of Mt. Tam. We also did a similar project on Via Cheparro, and have planned projects for Via Navarro and Via La Paz. Please know that Scott Sherman, as Chairman of the GPOA's Landscaping Committee, works closely with County staff in connection with these projects. Scott and the County are quite considerate of the need to balance the privacy issues that accompany reduction or removal of plants in the islands. Please review the enclosed Spring 2015 Landscaping Report Scott prepared. It contains a summary of the recent landscaping projects and developments in our community.

You also likely noticed the recent pruning and removal of shrubs along the sidewalk on Sir Francis Drake Boulevard. CSA 16, the County, and the GPOA Board felt this project was long overdue and we wanted to improve this heavily used sidewalk, particularly in connection with the efforts of Safe Routes to Schools. This project was a high priority and decisions were made in the field to protect people, young and old, from the *Pyracantha* spines, shoots in the faces, or branches hanging down onto the pathway. We also removed a large poison oak infestation that was growing over the pathway. This work also will allow our landscaping maintenance company to maintain a healthy, green hedge and trees that will not constantly grow within weeks of pruning back over the sidewalk impeding and threatening pedestrians and bicyclists. This project was a substantial undertaking to make the frontage as safe and manageable as possible for many years to come. We understand that this change is visually dramatic in some areas and ask for your patience as we continue working to improve the safety and usability of the pathway. The County, CSA 16, and the GPOA currently are considering options to address some of the original fences that are falling down and are now visible.

The GPOA Board has continued to interact with the enforcement authorities to fight crime and address burglaries in our neighborhood. We appreciate the frequent presence of officers from the CMPA, the MCSO, and the CHP in our neighborhood. The working group we established last year is trying to organize a network of homeowners who have security cameras at their property and who are willing to share their data with these enforcement authorities. Please look for an email from me on this subject.

As volunteers, your Board members donate significant time to our community. The Board thanks Scott Sherman, David Sternberg, and Ron Peluso for their service and welcomes new member John Holzwarth. We also thank



former GPOA President Ted Canon for his outstanding service to CSA 16. We also thank Deirdre Evershed for organizing such a wonderful picnic in September 2014 and look forward to another great event later this year. We truly appreciate all that our volunteers do for our community.

We always can use help from the outstanding citizens who live in Greenbrae. In particular, we are looking for someone who wants to help with communication to our residents, whether through increasing the number of residents who subscribe to our email list or by posting on social media sites such as Nextdoor. Please contact us by sending an email to info@greenbrae.org if you are interested in helping increase our communication abilities. We also urge residents to sign up for the GPOA's email list by visiting our website, www.greenbrae.org.

The GPOA Board reminds all homeowners to refer to and abide by the CCRs you should have received when you purchased your home, and to make sure to contact the GPOA by email to info@greenbrae.org to submit your architectural and landscaping plans for review before beginning construction.

We also encourage residents to complete and return the 2015 Dues Coupon enclosed with this newsletter. Unlike the mandatory CSA 16 fees paid with our tax bills, our GPOA dues are voluntary. The GPOA Board urges you to contribute to the best of your ability. Your contributions are our only source of revenue and are much needed to cover the costs of the picnic, accounting and bookkeeping services, insurance, the clean up day coupon, printing and distribution of newsletters, website maintenance, and some landscaping improvements.

The GPOA Board hopes to see you at the Annual Meeting.

Jack Valinoti

GPOA President

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You are encouraged to save postage and bring your annual voluntary dues with you to the meeting in the enclosed envelope with the remittance card.

AGENDA

1. Nomination/election of 2015 GPOA Board of Directors
2. Report by County of Marin Supervisor Katie Rice
3. Report by City of Larkspur Elected Officials
4. Reports by Central Marin Police Authority and Marin County Sheriff's Department
5. County Service Area 16 Report
6. Landscaping Maintenance Update
8. Architectural Design and Review Committee Report
9. GPOA Board Comment on Various Greenbrae Issues
10. Floor open to Homeowners questions and comments

