

## **Fairmont Hill Happenings** **February/March 2017**



### **FREE ADMISSION TO THE NIXON LIBRARY**

President's Day the Nixon Library admission will be free. It is a good opportunity to see the renovation and meet some Presidents. Abraham Lincoln will be there all dressed up. It's a good family event to take advantage of.

Another free day is March 16, 2017 for Pat Nixon's birthday.

### **NEWSLETTER CHANGES TO EVERY OTHER MONTH**

Some Associations have a quarterly newsletter. Some have every month as we have and some have every other month. We are going for the every other month format as your newsletter writer is tired after volunteering to do it for 11 of 13 years. Any urgent notices will still be sent in the billing statements no matter what month it is. Thus, the next official newsletter will be April. Be sure to check your billing statement envelope every month for alerts and/or newsletters regardless. The email list will stay the same for alerts and news.

### **ANNUAL MEETING OF HOMEOWNERS AND ELECTIONS**

The final date for candidate statements for anyone wanting to run for the Board is February 22nd. We encourage all of you to fill in your ballots to vote and return them to StoneKastle or bring them to the meeting 6:30pm April 12. For any election to be valid we need 50% plus 1 which we haven't achieved since 2004. Before that it was 15 years. Maybe this year? The five existing Board members have all agreed to continue serving the community if elected. If there is no quorum achieved, the Board remains the same until next year. One more try for quorum is reasonable at the next Board meeting unless the ballots are so few that the attending members vote to adjourn until the next year's annual meeting.

### **PARKING PROBLEM COMPLAINTS**

The only way to solve the parking shortage problem is to go to a permit system which most homeowners and residents have rejected in past surveys. The way that system works is that everyone in the community that wants to park an extra car in an open space needs a permit. To get a permit your garage has to be able to park 2 vehicles if a double and one if a single. There is an annual garage inspection and a fee for the permit to cover the cost of inspections.

Vehicles without permit stickers are towed. The Board does not refund towing or storage fees. It is money that belongs to all owners in the Association. Rules are given to Patrol to enforce and they order the towing based on the rules and the law. If they make a mistake It's on them.

Residents who break the 48 hour parking rule are towed by the following procedure. If it is not obviously being stored for more than 48 hours, someone needs to notify Patrol who starts the count down. After observing for 2 days after the notification, a citation is issued. A second citation is given the next day or night and it is towed after two citations. If everyone used their garages for vehicles instead of storage, work shop or recreation, we most likely wouldn't have a parking problem. Reminder. Only visitors can park in visitor parking, not owners or tenants.

## **CC&R AND BY-LAWS VOTING REPORT**

The ballot count as of mid-February was 132 ballots. We need 372. Another mailing will go out just to the people who haven't returned their ballots costing the Association more money. In order to go to court to get our 75% required number reduced, we need at least 50% ballots of the Association returned. Our attorney is available to hold another town hall meeting explaining the documents and answering questions.

A few of you have volunteered to help get the vote we need. We could use more of you to volunteer as well to get votes on your street or more. If you would like to help with collecting votes please notify StoneKastle or you can email [fairmontcable@aol.com](mailto:fairmontcable@aol.com) or both.

## **WINDOW and PATIO DOOR CARE** (Repeat article)

Even in the winter you should open your windows occasionally as humidity builds up in your home which can cause mold growth. Another maintenance issue is to keep your window track, or weep screed holes clean. If not cleaned out water settles on the "stuff" in the tracks and can't get out the little holes to drain. The result is mold on interior dry wall and stucco damage outside. Third is maintaining your sliding glass door caulking on the top outside. The caulking gets loose and allows water intrusion behind the stucco causing damage to the exterior. That is why we are so particular with window and sliding doors allowed and limit those with only flat fins or trim on our pre-approved list.

## **LANDSCAPE INFORMATION**

**ALL AREAS OF THE GRASS AREAS WERE RESEEDDED WITH SEASONAL RYE GRASS.**

It is growing like wildfire now and is high in many areas. Mowing can't occur when the grass is wet from heavy rain. The mowers are too heavy and tear up the ground. It takes several days after a heavy rain to resume mowing and more to catch up. It takes a crew of 6 to sometimes 10 to mow all of Fairmont Hill. We are a very labor intensive property. The bagged clippings are removed at the end of the day and sometimes not until the next morning if the trucks are full.

Trimming is done on a rotation of the entire community in 4 sections, one section per week. Patience is appreciated when we are experiencing heavy rains and high winds. It's double the work and we can't expect it to get done in a small time frame.

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## **Emergency Numbers**

Emergency Services – 911  
Y.L. Sheriff Sub Station office  
Fire Department Non-emergency  
O.C. Patrol 800 525-1626

Y.L. Police Services Non-emergency Dispatch 714 647-7000  
714 779-7098  
714 744-0400  
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Next Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, 2017. Newsletter and alerts email sign up owners and tenants: [fairmontcable@aol.com](mailto:fairmontcable@aol.com). Web page [www.myhoa.com/fairmonthill](http://www.myhoa.com/fairmonthill)