

# *Fairmont Hill Happenings*

## *May 2014 Newsletter*



### **ANNUAL GARAGE SALE SUCCESS**

Realtor Judy Jarne said there were 35 garage sales that she sponsored in our community at the April annual garage sale. Two garage sales a year are the rule not including the annual one. We hope you made room for another car. The rules are that garages are not for living areas but are for vehicles and a two car garage must be able to park at least one vehicle in it.

### **ASPHALT PROJECT**

If you are not getting this newsletter by courtesy email the project will probably be over. It begins Monday May 19<sup>th</sup> and the projected end is Friday May 23. This is our third phase and AMS is putting notices on the mailboxes of the affected areas. There will probably be notices on the cones. Please do not drive over any cones or remove them. They are there for your safety. There are 8 inch cut outs on each side of the new cement flow lines which remain until the asphalt is replaced. Seal coating comes months later. If you damage the cement or the asphalt by driving or whatever, you will be charged for the repair so please follow directions. Also, you need to fix your oil leaks. Oil eats through asphalt and the seal coat will fail when applied over an oil patch. That's an expensive repair compared to just fixing your oil leak.

### **MAIN SEWER LINE MAINTENANCE**

At the April Board Meeting the Board approved a community wide hydro jetting of the main sewer line to each of the 124 buildings with before and after pictures. This is because we have had a few sewer back-ups recently usually caused by roots getting into the pipe so we are being proactive as much as possible. Your individual line from your unit to the main line is still homeowner responsibility.

### **POOL GATE PROBLEM**

There have been reports that the pool gate is not being locked. The FOBs are working. Someone who obviously doesn't have a FOB because they owe the Association money or don't live in Fairmont Hill is stuffing things in the door latch making it unlockable. This is a severe danger to children who could drown if they get in alone.

Here is how we hope to solve this huge liability. Everyone's FOB is imprinted internally with your address. The FOB reader gives the time the person using the FOB enters and leaves. When the gate latch is reported jammed with stuff the gate company will tell us who was in the pool, when and if someone else was let in without a FOB and stuffed the lock so they could get out. The camera will verify who is doing this within the many groups using the pool. The fine could go up to \$500. We need your reporting to make this work.

### **PARKING IN FRONT OF GARAGE DOORS**

There has been a long time rule that you cannot park in front of your or anyone's garage door. There are no exceptions or grace periods as a recent court case supported. We had several emergency vehicles in the alley way when a resident passed away a few months ago who would have not been able to get in had there been vehicles parked in front of garages. It takes about 30 minutes or longer from the time the vehicle is seen by Patrol or reported by someone to the time the towing company arrives and hooks up the vehicle so just unloading groceries or kids wouldn't take that long. Patrol is not responsible for tracking down an owner who is not abiding by the parking rules.

## CITY STUFF

I've been telling you about the unfairness that we have in maintaining our private slopes on main arterial streets within the city such as Esperanza and the Fairmont Connector and also paying taxes for the Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District for other communities private slopes on main arterial streets such as Village Center Drive, Fairmont Blvd, Esperanza east of us. We are subsidizing some of Eastlake Village lighting, and slopes through our tax assessments yet have to pay for our own.

Recently two other homeowner associations Dominguez Ranch and Green Hill by Albertson's sued the City and won. Homeowners at Green Hills are going to receive over \$900 for being overcharged by the City for 4 years (the farthest you can go back) and their annual taxes for the LLMD are dropping from \$174 to \$24 a year. Also the City had to pay \$70,000 in Attorney fees. It's worth us looking into this unfairness and seeing if we should go that route. I have met with the Dominguez Ranch and am going to meet with Green Hills very soon.

## MORE CITY STUFF

The recall effort to get 8,100 signatures to recall Mayor Young and Councilman Lindsey placing it on a ballot was successful May 15<sup>th</sup> for the first time in the history of Yorba Linda. Over 11,000 people signed but due to registration issues only 9661 were valid for Craig Young and 9488 were valid for Tom Lindsey. The Registrar of Voters now checks those for validity.

## DECK CARE

There is an upstairs deck care maintenance instruction sheet that has been given to owners each time there are needed repairs. It states that you need to keep all plants and planters elevated so water doesn't get trapped under an object and damage the surface over time. Also there is a coating that homeowners need to have reapplied about every 4 years to avoid surface cracks and resulting water damage and soft spots. We mention it in the newsletter periodically and PCW contractors have offered to do a project in the past with owners paying them to apply the elastomeric paint to the surface for them as it is tricky. If you have lost yours or are a new owner request a maintenance sheet from StoneKastle or the web page.

## BOARD MEETING ACTIONS

A concrete grinding proposal was approved in keeping with City standards and awarded to Concrete Hazard Solutions who did our last project very well. Starting date not determined. Not approved was a stop sign at Apple Creek and Lampost. All resident feedback was it wasn't necessary as there are already two speed bumps there at the exit from Apple Creek.

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### Emergency Numbers

Emergency Services – 911	Y.L. Police Services Non-emergency Dispatch 714 647-7000
	Y.L. Sheriff Sub Station office 714 779-7098
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O.C. Patrol	800 525-1626
Yorba Linda Disposal	714 238-3300

Next Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. Monday June 2, 2014 Newsletter and alerts email sign up for owners and tenants: [fairmontcable@aol.com](mailto:fairmontcable@aol.com) Web page [www.myhoa.com/fairmonthill](http://www.myhoa.com/fairmonthill)

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

When earthquakes happen we are excited to prepare for emergencies. Time passes and we procrastinate. The ocfa guide will help you to start preparing a 72 hour kit for all events.