2012 HOLIDAY LIGHTS WINNERS

BEST CREATIVE LIGHTS –

1st Place – Brunner Residence  
6509 E. Joshua Tree Avenue

Honorary Mention -

Monahan & Broz Residence  
6306 E. Bryce Avenue

Aschoff Residence  
5803 Crater Lake Avenue

BEST LIGHTS –

1st Place – Pelachik Residence  
6406 E. Yosemite Avenue

Honorary Mention -

Gill Residence  
5712 E. Bryce Avenue

Clark Residence  
2013 N. Lake Mead Circle

BEST TRADITIONAL THEME –

1st Place – LaFonte Residence  
6747 E. Waterton Avenue

Honorary Mention -

Maran Residence  
878 Carlsbad St.

Hagner Residence  
6510 E. Yosemite Avenue

BEST “ROOKIE” –

Lamm Residence  
6014 E. Crater Lake Avenue

Honorary Mention -

Castro Residence  
5909 E. Teton Avenue

Lawson Residence  
5827 E. Mountain Avenue

Congratulations to all the winners. Gift cards for the 1st place winners were donated by a Mabury Ranch resident.

2012 HOLIDAY EVENT  
by Kim Buss

The 2012 Mabury Ranch Holiday Event once again was a rousing success thanks to the efforts of many members of this fine community! The big hit of course was the Ricci Realty Old Towne Trolley that was graciously provided by our fine neighbors Mary and Al Ricci and their ever-so-courteous sons. The Villa Park High School Instrumental Music Program provided an assortment of holiday music to set the mood; even the weather did its part by providing some light sprinkles to create a SoCal winter wonderland. As was the case last year, the desserts kept on coming as neighbors showed up throughout the night providing scrumptious delight after delight to the Holiday Cookie Table; no one went hungry that evening! And to keep our hearts (and hands) warm, the Lewis family once again provided hot cocoa and coffee. Of course the evening would not have been complete without the jolly old man himself dropping by, so, thanks to the Orange Fire.
Department’s Station No. 8 crew and again, some very helpful Mabury Ranch neighbors, Santa arrived to take last minute wishes from our smallest of residents. Being held at the West Greenbelt once again this year, lighting was no easy task, however, for the umpteenth year in a row, Morris Sammons, electrician extraordinaire, combined his talents with the generous offer of power from the Lydings, the Busses, and the Pilz to illuminate the festivities! All of this could of course, could never have happened without the hard work and commitment of some of your neighbors including: Laura Sexton, Jami Lewis, Donna Elliot, Angel Anderson, Colleen Monahan, Tom Broz, Karen Fuchs, Rosina Meredith, Diane Nichols, Kam Bailey, Kim Buss, Morris Sammons, Melinda Sammons, Nick Lall, Laura Petchul, Alice Piferi, Denise Formagus, Carl Lemmel, the Mabury Ranch HOA Board members, and several others that I apologize for forgetting, but none-the-less, are greatly appreciated.

FUR-KIDS OF MABURY RANCH

Please don’t embarrass me!

When I take you out for a walk, remember to bring the baggie and to clean-up after me……

We have our own “Fur-Kids” photo album on the Mabury Ranch HOA Facebook page. If you have a photo that you’d like to have added to the album, please forward it on to maburymessenger@gmail.com

MABURY RANCH: OUR COMMUNITY
by Bob Odle

Each morning I open my front door to put out our American flag. When I do this, I never fail to look around our neighborhood and think what a wonderful place this is to live. Our Mabury Ranch community is truly a special place. Yet this cannot and should not be taken for granted by its residents. How can we work together to help Mabury Ranch stay special? After giving it much thought, I have chosen three general areas. I will be discussing each area in the newsletter over the next few months. The three areas of concern are appearance, participation, and vigilance. The appearance of our community is outstanding. I enjoy driving around our thirty plus year old community because it is so beautiful. I often meander along several extra blocks on my way home. I see homeowners, my neighbors, who take a personal pride in their houses and yards. I also see common areas that are well maintained by our Homeowners Association, and even after all this time, remain in great shape. Everyone is doing a wonderful job in keeping Mabury Ranch looking inviting and welcoming.

Mabury Ranch is a desirable place because of many things. Let’s face it, location, location, location has a lot to do with it. This was true for the original residents who purchased over thirty years ago, and it is true today. Throughout the thirty years, however, this community has matured amazingly well. When my wife and I moved here, we relocated from a very similar area with houses of a similar age. Our former neighborhood was just as desirable and just as well maintained as Mabury Ranch. Or so we thought. When we return to our former street in our old neighborhood, we see it with new eyes, and find it is not kept up nearly as well as Mabury Ranch.

To what can we attribute this? It is due to you, our residents, our Homeowners Association, the governing documents of the Association and the Architectural Review Committee that Mabury Ranch remains one of the premier communities in the City of Orange.

Thank you, my friends. Keep up the outstanding work and effort. We all benefit
from the attractive appearance of our community today and in the years to come.

ORIGINAL OWNERS

We’re looking for original Mabury Ranch homeowners that might have some photos in their archives from when our community was new. If you have any photos that you’d like to share, please forward them on to maburymessenger@gmail.com

MABURY RANCH COMMUNICATIONS

Mabury Ranch Homeowners Association is on Facebook! Check out our page for current Association and community news.

Don’t forget to ‘Like’ our Facebook page.

http://www.facebook.com/MaburyRanchHOA

Mabury Ranch Neighborhood Watch – make sure that you receive updates on Neighborhood Watch issues for our community. Please send a confirming e-mail to Scott Moore, Neighborhood Watch Captain, to verify that you are on his mailing list.

maburywatch@gmail.com

Mabury Messenger E-mail Network – for those that don’t care for Facebook but want to keep up-to-date on the happenings in our community, we have the MRHOA E-mail Network. Just like the Neighborhood Watch, messages, e-mails will be sent out to subscribers as blind copies, so your address won’t be advertised to everyone else in the community.

maburymessenger@gmail.com

Mabury Ranch Homeowners Association Website – the website is a useful source of additional information and contacts.

http://www.myhoa.com/maburyranch/

RIO SANTIAGO PROJECT UPDATE by Bob Odle

The City of Orange Staff completed their 5th review of the Draft Specific Plan and 4th review of the Draft Environmental Impact Report on December 10, 2012. Staff forwarded their comments to the developer. These two documents will form the foundation of the entitlements for this project. According to City Staff, there are numerous issues still to be resolved with the documents. It is possible that the developer will “agree to disagree” with Staff and let the decision makers work through the issues. The City Staff is expecting new drafts of the two documents in late February 2013. The earliest that these documents will be made available to the public is in late April or early May 2013. The City will post a Notice of Availability which will be the start of the 45 day review period. During this review period, the public is encouraged to review the documents. If anyone has comments or concerns, put them in writing and send them to the City of Orange.

The project is moving forward at glacial speed and your Environmental Committee is following this public process and will keep you informed.

If you have any questions, the staff contact is: Chad Ortlieb, Senior Planner at 714-744-7237 or cortlieb@cityoforange.org.
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Scott Moore, Neighborhood Watch Captain has only 181 residents signed up to receive the Mabury Watch e-mails. Please take time to add your e-mail address to his list and notify him if you know of any recent crime activity in your area. The Mabury Watch e-mail address is maburywatch@gmail.com.

Following is some of the most recent activity that Scott has shared in his e-mails.

Back in December the holiday grinches were at work. The wreaths from the McKinley, Yellowstone and Orange Park monuments were stolen. In addition, a few residents had packages stolen from their porch. Also, there were some issues like this with Halloween decorations.

On January 21st, there were 2 burglaries reported in Mabury Ranch. They were on the 6400 block of Joshua Tree Avenue and 5500 block of Mountain Avenue.

On February 6th, one of our residents on Yosemite Avenue reported that a white compact car was seen driving up to their mailbox, checking for mail and then driving off. Luckily, in this instance the mail had already been retrieved by the homeowner. Nothing was left behind in the mailbox and the vehicle did not stop at other houses.

Mail theft is a serious issue and can result in identity theft. We caution you to retrieve your daily mail as soon as possible after delivery. Do not use your mailbox to mail outgoing mail. A raised flag on a mailbox is an invitation to thieves. If you do not already have one we recommend that you consider getting a locking mailbox.

Did you know that the Orange Police Department offers a free Security Inspection? A member of the OPD Crime Prevention Bureau will come out to your home and conduct an inspection. After the inspection you will be provided with a report that identifies areas that need improvement to enhance your security. You will also receive materials addressing topics such as: Home Security Handbook, City of Orange Building Security Standards, Vacation Security, Operation Identification, and Landscaping for Security. If you would like to schedule a Security Inspection of your property please contact the OPD Crime Prevention Bureau at (714) 744-7464.

Remember if you are traveling you can take advantage of the Orange Police Department's Vacation Watch program. Contact OPD and they will arrange to have staff do periodic checks on your property while you are away. Not only does this help you individually but having additional police presence in the neighborhood can serve as a deterrent to other grinches.

Please keep your eyes out for suspicious activity and ask your neighbors to do the same. If you see a crime in progress, report it to 9-1-1. If you see suspicious activity, please report it to 714-744-7444.

2013 GARDEN CONTEST

Judging for the Mabury Ranch Garden Contest will take place in early June. The Committee judges homes and front gardens to encourage continued neighborhood appearance.

Award categories are Best Lawn, Best Use of Color/Flowers and Best Overall Curb Appeal.

HOT AUGUST NIGHT EVENT

The date for this year’s event is Saturday, August 3rd. We are looking for volunteers and if you are interested in helping plan the event, please contact Mark - Accell Property Management at 949-581-4988, Ext. 229 or e-mail him at mark@accellpm.com. You can also contact Margi Breunle at 714-637-2698.