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Harriet Apsel, longtime resident of New Horizons and our wonderful Area 2 Monitor, **says a huge**

Thank You

to the great job the gardeners are doing in Area 2. (see photo on the left and on page 7) The flowers by the garages are looking beautiful, and they trimmed the bougainvillea and it also looks beautiful. Harriet walks area on a regular basis and writes up her work orders as she see things needing attention.

Thank you Harriet for your hard work and help. There are 55 acres here and 7 gardeners to take care of all of it, plus a golf course that needs a lot of attention.

Thanks to all 7 of the gardeners that work so hard to continue to make this such a beautiful place for us to live and enjoy. It is my belief that we are extremely privileged to live here because there are no other such senior communities such as we have here. Every other new senior residences are built straight up and look like apartment buildings.

Yes, my friends, we are lucky.

Linda Crickmore, Grounds Maintenance Chairman.

Update on SmartHOA

Submitted by Gail Standley Board Secretary

We are proceeding with the 30 Day Free Trial of SmartHOA. We will be changing some of the headings and reports to conform more closely to our nomenclature. In the near future we will be providing YOU access to the Homeowner Portal and will need your email addresses in order to send you and invitation with a login and password so that you can access the website. Please complete the form below and hand it in to the office or email the information to: nhofficeadmin@earthlink.net.

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Bldg 614

Since so many of us have eye trouble as we age, I thought it might be interesting to "Meet the Miracle Workers." According to research, every 11 minutes a person in the United States loses their sight. As I said, diminished eyesight is part of the aging process. But, thanks to modern technology, living is becoming easier for the visually impaired. We begin our day at the Braille Institute, a service organization for blind and visually impaired adults. We'll see students attending classes and learning to live with their impairment. We'll learn the basics of Braille and see how braille is actually done.

We will then head over to Universal Citywalk's Saddle Ranch Chop House for a buffet lunch. The remainder of the afternoon is spent visiting Guide Dogs of America. For more than 50 years, Guide Dogs of America has bred, raised and trained some of the world's most dedicated dogs and matched them with blind people of all ages. On this tour that we have scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, we learn how the loving, working partnership of dog and human develops and is carried out.

On July 12, I thought we would take in a fascinating exhibit entitled "Pompei, The Exhibition" at the California Science Center. In the year 79 AD., Pompei vanished beneath thick layers of volcanic ash left by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. But what nature destroyed, it also preserved. **Pompei: The Exhibition** features over 150 precious artifacts on loan from the Naples National Archaeological Museum in Italy. It offers a glimpse into the opulent lifestyle and tragic end of this ancient Roman society forgotten for centuries until its rediscovery over 250 years ago. Through excavated artifacts, multimedia experiences, and hands-on science exhibits, we will learn the science of archaeology, volcanoes, and Roman engineering while exploring the ancient civilization of Pompei. (There will be more on this fascinating tour in the coming weeks).

On Sunday, August 24, we will be attending a wonderful California Philharmonic concert entitled "Broadway and Bolero" at the Walt Disney Music Center. Music selections offered will be from "Chicago", "Evita", "Cats", "Bolero" and "Espana".

Stay tuned for upcoming trips in September and October.



NEWSLETTER ARTICLE RE FIRE

As you have heard, there was a Garage Fire in Area 6 in the VV garages. The fire occurred on Wednesday 4/23 about 5:30. There are two bays of VV garages and the fire was in the garage on the west side...however, it burned hot enough to do some damage to the VV garages on the east side.

During the fire, there were explosions of paint cans, and spray paint cans became missiles. This is a good reason NOT to store toxins or any chemicals in the garages. All plastics melted in the fire and created noxious fumes. Plastic is so good to organize storage items, but, as you can imagine - in a fire the plastic melts and the contents are destroyed.

The Fire Department responded quickly and did a great job of extinguishing the fire. However, two cars parked in the garage were destroyed and also personal items stored in the garages near the fire and in the overhead storage. .

The specific cause of the fire is still unknown as the two investigators, one from Fire Department and one from the New Horizons Insurance Company, have not published their findings yet, but they did tell us it was not arson or terrorism. We won't get the definitive report for a couple weeks.

In the meantime, tear down, clean up and reconstruction will be started within the next week and half. Both garages will get new roof. Many of the garage doors were damaged so they need to be fixed or replaced; much of the stucco will be removed from the burnt garage, and there will be reconstruction of that garage. The east side garage also has some broken doors and melted gutters and both will need repainting. Also the paint on Building 621 was pitted and stained from the fire smoke so that building will be repainted.

Residents of both sides of the VV garages will be displaced from using the garages for the duration of the construction which is projected to be completed by THE END OF AUGUST. We have some residents who have difficulty walking very far, so if any of you have garages close to AREA 6 VV GARAGES that you wish to rent or donate to other residents during that time, please call me at 310-517-9350. I am compiling a list for the displaced residents.

A "Fire Update" will be presented at the next Insurance Committee Meeting on Monday 5/12 at 10:30 am in the Lounge.

Joanie Jones - Insurance Chairman

**ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES on APRIL 15, 2014**

Mr. Benardo called the meeting to order at 9:30am. Present were Linda Crickmore, Paul Cohen, Carl Cewinski, Jacob Aslay, and Eileen Rivet. Guests were Joanie Jones, and Rick St. Amant.

The minutes from the March meeting were read and approved as written.

Mr. Benardo reported that the roof replacement of Bldg. 500 has been completed and work has begun on Bldg. 305. The work takes approximately 6 weeks to complete, depending on weather and the amount of damage to be repaired.

Our painters are now working on Bldg. 403. Extensive termite-damaged wood has to be replaced.

Mr. Benardo has received seven work requests.

Notices are being posted in various areas that the Edison Co. is coming to replace wiring to our transformers. It will involve turning electricity off for 8 hours a day for approximately 1 or 2 weeks. Residents will be notified by notices in the garage areas so they can either move their autos or at least leave their garage doors open during the day.

Another discussion was held about updating the proposals for new vinyl fencing around the units.

Carl Cewinski was asked to create a maintenance program that will show residents how to check on their electrical and plumbing problem sources inside their units.

Someone asked whether the SHOA is helping Mr. Benardo with his job. Reply: not yet.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:15am. The next meeting will be held on May 20, 2014 at 9:30am.

Respectfully submitted, Eileen Rivet, Secretary

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MEN'S GOLF RESULTS Wed. Apr. 30, 2014
J. D. White

A Flight	Low Gross	Low Net
T. Kasterko	47	
C. Conant		46

B Flight	Low Gross	Low Net
T. Kasterko	47	
P. Cohen		46

LADIES' GOLF RESULTS Thu May 1, 2014

B. Bowman, J. Johnson.

Lots of hot ladies played on a super hot day.

A Flight	Low Gross	Low Net
Renee Chang	54	
Phyllis Mathis		48

B Flight	Low Gross	Low Net
Margaret Rodman	62	
Joanie Johnson		47

Hole in one: none.

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**CONDO CODE REMINDER BALCONIES,
DECKS, PATIOS, AND STAIRWAYS**

The association is seeing increased costs related to repair of upper patios and balconies.

Residents need to be aware of the following rules and regulations

1. No Objects, of any kind, are allowed on the stairways and railings
2. No more than 6 potted plants, on dishes, weighing no more than 25 pounds each may be placed on upper decks or balconies in order to maintain the integrity of the upper deck surface and for easy removal for painting and other maintenance.
3. Hosing of the upper decks and balconies is **PROHIBITED**. Residents must use a broom or mop.
4. No visible clothing, towels, mops, rugs, boxes, etc. are to be placed or hung on or within the upper decks and balconies or on lower level patios.
5. Cabinets or items exceeding the height of the upper level protective railing or the lower level fence may **NOT** be stored on the deck or patio.
6. The installation of carpet on the upper decks or balconies is voluntary and must be funded by the unit owner. The covering must have a marine backing and must first be approved by the Architectural Committee.
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Bougainvilleas in Area 2



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Some residents have their own little irrigation methods going on but nevertheless we have been asked by Torrance City Council and state agencies to watch and try to conserve our water. Per our Torrance City Council they have declared a level 1 Status for conserving water. I just want to ask for your help and cooperation. Thank you so much I really appreciate it.

Linda Crickmore Grounds Maintenance Chairman

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