

HASLEY HILLS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER WINTER 2011

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2011 Meeting Schedule

The December 1, 2011 Board of Directors meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday December 13, 2011 at the SCVI School located at 28060 Hasely Canyon Drive, #130 Castaic CA 91384.

2012 Meeting Schedule

In 2012, the Board of Directors will conduct bi-monthly Board meetings on the 2nd Tuesdays of each even month beginning in February. The Board will continue to meet in Executive Session on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month until such time as all construction is completed. Please note that the meeting agenda will be posted on the Association's website on the Friday before each meeting. Please go to www.hasleyhillshoa.org. If you would like to receive a copy of the agenda, please contact Crown Management.

Construction Update by Roger Ludwig

Hasley Hills' slope repairs are complete, culminating 6 years of hard fought litigation and 1½ years of planning and construction.

Slope debris containment walls, concrete drainage benches and swales, and access roads were added north of Creekbed, Gibraltar and the end of Berkshire. Failed "manufactured" slopes along Hasley Canyon Road and the west end of Bridlewood and behind Holmby were stripped to bedrock, refilled, compacted and landscaped. Caissons were added atop the slope that descends behind homes on Loudon.

The slope that descends behind Holmby toward The Old Road was reconstructed to include an improved storm drain and an underground concrete stair-step mechanism securing a new concrete swale down the center of the slope. The last piece of heavy equipment vacated Hasley Hills in late October and landscaping was finished in November. The slope repairs were completed on schedule and on budget and our community should be safer now for those living in immediate proximity to slopes. The repairs come with a five year warranty.

Fence replacements have been completed throughout approximately the southern half of the HOA, mostly in KB Home areas, and will continue in the northern area until Spring. The repairs are taking somewhat longer than originally anticipated due to the hilly terrain involved, which requires more custom post-work. The remaining fences are mostly on less steep grades and should go quicker.

Reminder: If you would like the HOA contractor, Custom Iron Designs of Camarillo, to replace your personal fence (maybe in combination with your neighbor) it is not too late to call Van Todd at 805-501-0866. We believe he continues to do excellent work for an excellent price here at Hasley Hills.

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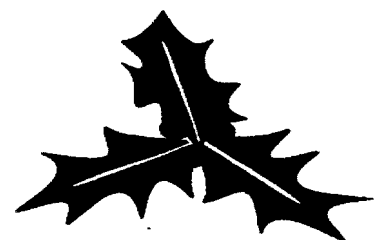
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Meetings

We encourage all homeowners to attend the regular Board meetings to be kept informed of the upcoming construction repairs.



Paint Color Update

Over this past year we have discussed the original color pallet used in the Hasley Hills community. We have been successful in obtaining the original colors from both KB and Richmond America Homes. However, the KB color pallet does not provide us with the specific color used on an individual home or address. We are attempting to obtain a more detailed list from KB so that when we receive inquiries from homeowners we will be better equipped to handle your inquiry. Also, the color numbers that we have on file have been modified by Sherwin Williams, while not significant; our numbers are not exactly the numbers that Sherwin Williams has on file. If you request our color charts, please note that you are responsible to verify the color number prior to purchasing the paint. In many cases, the manufacturers change their numbers and of course we have no way of knowing that changes have taken place.

With this said, on our tours we have noted that many of the garage doors and trim are in need of paint. If you would like to receive a copy of our color chart, please email Wendy at wbrown@crowm-mgmt.com She will be happy to forward a copy to you. If you would like to receive a copy by mail, please contact Wendy at extension 249.

Budget Mailing & Payment Coupons

You should have received your budget for fiscal year 2012 last week. If you did not receive a budget package please contact Crown Management and we will forward a duplicate copy. Coupons for monthly assessment payments are being processed now and you should expect to receive them within the next week or so. If you do not receive the coupons by December 20th, please contact Nancy at Crown. The dues will remain at \$166 less the subsidy of \$79 bringing the amount owed by each owner to \$87 per month.

Thank You

The Hasley Hills Board of Directors would like to thank the SCVI School for allowing the Association to conduct meetings at their facility at no charge.

How Did Steve Jobs Become So Smart?

By Amber Raskin

Are today's overscheduled kids achieving their potential? Some experts believe that too many after-school activities leave them feeling anxious and stressed with little time for unstructured play. It is during those times that kids are free to tap into their creativity and hands-on critical thinking abilities.

Imagine if Steve Jobs had no time to tinker in his garage because he had to go to piano lessons...and SAT prep class...and art class...and was on a travel basketball team that had practice five days a week...and away games on the weekend. Would he have been able to juggle it all and still invent the Mac? Denise Clark Pope, author of *Doing School: How We Are Creating a Generation of Stressed-Out, Materialistic, and Miseducated Students*, doesn't think so.

In her book, Pope shadowed five intelligent, motivated students from diverse backgrounds at well-regarded California high schools for one year. She found students weren't learning or engaged. They were overscheduled in and out of school, leaving little to no free time for tinkering, making mistakes, reflecting, and exploring. They were simply "doing school" to get by, without truly engaging in the concepts being taught or enjoying the process. One student explained, "We are 'robo-students' - just going page by page, doing the routine. School is lifeless." The problem is that "doing school" doesn't prepare students for college and a career.

In the real world, people must be able to collaborate, think critically, and solve problems. These are concepts that parents must consider as they send their children off to school. Does the environment offer opportunities for students to develop a love of learning by engaging, inspiring, and preparing them for life after school? Does the educational philosophy encourage creative thinking and leadership skills while meeting state standards? Can students explore, collaborate, and create, as they become confident, motivated self-learners?

To think, Steve Jobs dropped out of college after just one semester in order to have the freedom to do what he liked, pursue what interested him and drop-in to education on his terms.

Amber Raskin is founder and executive director of Santa Clarita Valley International Charter School (SCVi) in Castaic. For more information, visit www.scvcharterschool.org.

Holiday Decorations

In accordance with the Hasley Hills Rules and Regulations, holiday decorations should be removed by February 15, 2012.