

Holiday Hotline

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New Board Member Elected

Annual Meeting Election Results

John Milner
HEMA President

Thanks to all the owners who attended in person or returned their secret ballots, the November 20, 2008 annual meeting had a quorum established with 135 owners represented in person or by secret ballot. There were four positions open and two nominees for those positions. The following two nominees were elected to the Board of Directors for a two year term.

Julie A. Allen – 126 votes

David Stoltz – 107 votes

Welcome Julie, as a first time board member, and welcome back Dave Stoltz as a newly elected Board member. The Board also wishes to thank Dave Frazer, Harris Hall and Tessy Albin for their years of service to the community and to the Board.

In other business, the Meeting Minutes from the 2007 Annual Meeting were approved by a majority vote of 94 in favor, 9 opposed and 28 abstained. Transfer of excess operating funds to the Reserve Account was

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Holiday Arch Brings Smiles

Annual Decorations Brighten Entrance

Since 1996, Jerry Pelletier, a long time HLE resident, has been the driving force behind the holiday entrance decorations. In 1998 JoAnne Sheets suggested that an arch be installed over the entrance and in 1999, Chip Kumparak provided design assistance to the group of forty four residents who came together to obtain a city permit, erect the arch and decorate the large evergreen tree at the entrance of HLE. Ever since the first installation of the arch in 1999, a city permit has been required to continue the tradition of raising the arch above the entrance.



Over the past ten years, there have been more than one hundred different people involved with this annual event and it has become a pleasant social affair. There have been years when there was coffee, hot chocolate and pastries. Many teenagers have also volunteered and joined the festivities. This is Jerry's 12th year decorating the entrance, and while he plans to continue organizing and raising funds, Thom Dietmeier has agreed to assume responsibility as the on-site manager during installation and removal.

Putting up decorations is always more fun than taking them down, but the latter still requires several volunteers to safely removal and store the decorations.

approved by a majority vote with 111 in favor, 4 opposed and 17 abstained.

John Milner reported on the state of the association for 2008 and reviewed the accomplishments of the association this past year. John noted that the association completed a fifteen foot roadway clearance of all trees, the county sponsored chipping program and repair and seal coating of several roads. Mr Milner also reported on the current financial status of the Association and additionally reviewed the increase in assessments for 2009 to continue with road repairs and fund the reserves.

Sandor Drobilisch discussed the review of the road repairs this past year and commented on continuing improvements to assist in site drainage and ditch cleaning.

Jess Macias reported on the activities of the speeding committee noting several options to help control speeding in the community.

Carl McCraw gave the final presentation, reviewing the sewer committee activities over the past year; noting that the committee is still awaiting the written report from Morgan Hill. Following the general meeting, officers and directors were appointed by the new Board, for the 2009 term. Results are highlighted on the sidebar on the last page. ❖

Slow Down, Green Up

Safety Committee Explores Options to Reduce Speeds

Jess Macias
HEMA Safety Committee

During the September 2008 HEMA board meeting, a safety committee was formed to evaluate options to resolve the speed issues in the community. During the evaluation period, it was determined that speed is a constant issue in the community, and several options were investigated to help alleviate the problem.

Road Surveys- With a cost from \$2600-\$4400, surveys would allow MHPD the option of conducting high profile, speed radar enforcement. This could be very beneficial in reducing speeds, but would likely be limited to certain areas of Holiday Drive.

Speed Bumps- Although very controversial, speed bumps are a constant reminder to slow down. They are moderately

priced relative to other options, but they tend to delay emergency vehicles, damage vehicles, and are limited in coverage.

Police Involvement- With a newly formed relationship with MHPD, we have seen a more high profile presence from the police, including traffic enforcement, (excluding speeders) and the radar trailer. The downside is we have to share this service with the rest of the city, therefore is not available daily.

Radar Signs- With a cost from \$2400-\$3400, radar signs, (like the one down the hill by Nordstrom School) have documented results from other HOA's, of reducing speed by 40-60%. Software can provide key information in reducing speeds, which then can be relayed to homeowners via newsletters and the web.



During the next month, the committee would like to hear your feedback on the proposed options and will begin to identify areas of impact for the various options. If you have any thoughts, opinions, or recommendations, please forward them via the yahoo group web site, Access Association Services, or contact Jess Macias directly at 408-778-6280.

You may also report speeders directly to MHPD at **408-779-2101** or by calling the traffic hotline at **408-776-0460**.

Rain, Rain Come Our Way

Winter Preparations Complete

Sandor Drobilisch
HEMA Roads & Ditches

A damaged "STOP" sign was replaced at the Raccoon Court/Holiday Court junction and the missing street sign for Raccoon Court has been ordered.

A major overhaul of the storm drain pipeline on Shady Lane was completed the first half of November and a new grating was installed on the collection basin at the same location. In addition, repair to a storm drain grating at another collection basin on Shady Lane was

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made in Mid-November, in preparation for the winter rains.

Road striping on Manzanita Drive was completed on 11 December, to complete phase 2 of the maintenance project started in 2007.

Homeowners are reminded to keep the ditches and culverts in front of their homes free of debris. The monthly cleaning service cannot take care of obstructions caused during a storm! The best way to avoid flooding is to ensure the ditches and culverts under your driveway are kept clean. I wish all of you a trouble free holiday season. ❖



No Street Parking

As the storm season approaches, residents are reminded that street side parking is prohibited within HLE. Our roads are narrower than most city streets, and have blind corners and hills, making road side parking dangerous - particularly during rain, fog and icy conditions. The Association will increase enforcement efforts beginning this month, by tagging vehicles in violation, and towing those that are not removed. Please do your part to make our roads safer for drivers and pedestrians by parking your vehicles in your driveway or garage. ❖

If you wish to meet a few of your neighbors and to join the fun in January, please contact Thom Dietmeier via email at thomd@apr.com

To quote one resident's gratitude towards Jerry, "Thanks for all these years honchoing this project. For all of us who daily pass under what I have always thought of as "Jerry's Christmas Gift", it brightens the soul coming home at night to see this beacon beaming out good cheer."

The entrance decorations continue to be fully funded by donations from residents, and your generosity is greatly appreciated. Support from real estate agents, who sell property in HLE, is also being sought and would be gratefully accepted. If you would like to make a financial contribute to help maintain the decorations for years to come, please contact Jerry Pelletier at jerry@hle.org ❖

HLE Yahoo Group Formed

Some residents have started a Yahoo Group to stay in touch with each other and to share ideas and opinions. You are invited to join the online community of 134 members who stay informed of community events and activities through the yahoo group. Anyone living in Holiday Lake Estates is welcome to join at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HLE_Owners

To sign up you will need to provide your address, lot number, or some unique type of information that can identify you as an HLE resident. You need not be an owner to participate, but you must live in the community. ❖

Comments, Questions, Concerns

Please contact Access Association Services at **408-782-1222** or Julie Allen at jangreen55@yahoo.com or by phone at **408-779-4353**. ❖

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HEMA BOARD MEETING

PLACE: RAMADA INN, CONDIT RD. MORGAN HILL

TIME: THUR, JAN 17TH, 2009, 7:00 PM

Homeowners are welcome to attend.