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BOLLINGER HILLS

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year! First, I'd like to thank all the residents who decorated their homes for our Annual Holiday Lights Contest. Our neighborhood looked great! A list of the homeowners we recognized is in this newsletter.

Around the Association, we continue to make small improvements that enhance our HOA. We recently installed new cabinets, sink and refrigerator in the Cabana. The Cabana was built in the early 1980's by the developer and had not been updated since. The improvements look great.

Since we have added many new homeowners to our Association over the past number of years that may not know how our Association works, please allow me to repeat information that long-time homeowners already know. We are a Self-Managed HOA, which is extremely rare. Extremely as in almost unheard of. We do not have a management company

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BOLLINGER HILLS ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST

The Winners Are In!

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IF YOU NEED TO:

- Check out latest news.
- Look up HOA info.

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**Stay connected with
your neighborhood**

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**FEBRUARY 20, 2019
6:30 PM**

Bollinger Hills Cabana

Board Meetings are held at
**6:30 PM on the 3rd Wed.
each month**
(check www.bollingerhills.org
for any date changes)

All Homeowners
Welcome!



PRESIDENT

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over our Board of Directors to handle the Association functions. The Board directly manages our HOA, and the Board directly hires all service providers, such as landscaping, accounting, maintenance, pool service, etc. We are fortunate to have a dedicated group of homeowners who are willing to serve our HOA and keep our self-managed association "self-managed". Our committee chairs, such as Cabana Rental, Landscape, Architectural Review, and CC&Rs (to name a few) are all homeowners who are willing to step-up and serve our HOA for a small stipend that does not come close to compensating them for their service. I cannot tell you how many hours I spend as our HOA President for no stipend at all. All Board Members serve as a volunteer, by State law - we cannot receive any compensation for serving as a Board Member.

I continue to serve our HOA for the same reason as all our other Board Members - we are civic minded, and we are willing to help. Over the coming years, we will need new homeowners who are willing to step into roles within our self-managed HOA to continue our self-managed tradition. Please consider if you are willing to serve, and willing to make a difference. We are always looking to bring new homeowners into our HOA as positions are available, and any homeowner in good standing is eligible to run for a Board position.

I joined our HOA Board less than one year after becoming a Bollinger Hills homeowner (1994). At that time I had two children (1.5 years and 3 months), and a one hour commute each way to my day job (uphill both ways). I became HOA President one year later in 1995, and I'm still our HOA President 23 years later, because I'm willing to serve. I've talked with many homeowners that have expressed concern that our self-managed HOA may not be able to continue into the future. That all depends on our homeowners as we move forward into the future. If you appreciate the fact that our dues are so low and yet we are able to keep our HOA in such great shape, then please consider if you would be willing to step-up and help keep our self-managed HOA to continue to be "self-managed".

I welcome all residents to contact me anytime with any questions you may have. Email is the best, but you can also call me or stop by. If you'd like to call, please call my cell (925) 963-1118.



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BOLLINGER HILLS ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS 2018 WINNERS

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|--------------------|------------------------------|
| 20 Cree Court | A Blue Christmas |
| 21 Cree Court | Oh Christmas Tree |
| 22 Cree Court | A White Christmas |
| 2690 Derby Drive | Santa Train |
| 28 Dogie Ct. | Here Comes Santa |
| 29 Dogie Ct. | The Many Lights of Christmas |
| 2731 Mohawk Circle | The Spirit of Christmas |
| 2784 Mohawk Circle | Tow Mater Christmas |
| 2748 Morgan Drive | Santa's Star Wars Christmas |
| 2783 Morgan Drive | Sights & Sounds of Christmas |
| 2990 Morgan Drive | Christmas Trees of Lights |
| 2994 Morgan Dr. | Santa Land |
| 2470 Paddock Drive | Frosty the Snowman Land |
| 2447 Paddock Drive | Santa's Airport |
| 2515 Paddock Drive | Christmas Candyland |
| 50 Sage Circle | A 101 Dalmatians Christmas |
| 26 Seminole Court | The Stars of Christmas |
| 30 Seminole Court | Santa's Pet House |
| 83 Tumbleweed Ct. | Minnie Mouse Christmas House |

*Thank you to everyone who spread holiday cheer
with their holiday lights displays!*

Money Matters

Financial Summary as of 12/31/2018

	Investment
Comerica Checking	\$67,418.19
Comerica Money Market	\$58,249.37
Capital One Money Market	\$318,532.28
Total	\$444,199.84

The above is a list of investments. Cash balances are invested in a money market accounts and CD's at present. We can invest them in treasury bills and notes, money market funds and certificates of deposit as long as we do not incur capital risk. We maintain \$287k in reserves for capital improvements and major repairs. We have another \$209k in operating and planned spending funds.

Dues are due on the first day of each January and July. They are delinquent on the 30th of each of those months as stated in the **COLLECTION POLICY**. It is important that each homeowner pay his/her dues promptly to enable our Association to continue providing service at low cost and to avoid being charged fees for untimely payments.

We have some repair and improvement projects planned for the next one to five years. If you would like to know about these or be involved, please notify us at info@bollingerhills.org.

LET'S GO PAPERLESS & PAY ELECTRONICALLY

Currently we have only 100 homeowners who wish to go paperless and not receive a statement for each billing cycle. They will receive an email to let them know the dues and when they are due. Their statement will be attached for their reference. Just give us authorization in writing and we will no longer send statements. You only need to make sure you send us \$240 each January 1 and July 1. Help us keep your dues low and be green at the same time.

You can send an email to BollingerTreasurer@bollingerhills.org or send us a note by US Mail. You can drop that note in my mailbox at 309 Mare Lane.

Also, you can sign-up with our portal, PAYPLEASE to pay your dues by e-check which only costs you an additional \$2.95 or a total of \$242.95. You can set this up to automatically pay dues for each semi-annual payment. Just click on the link in the WWW.Bollingerhills.org website to set this up.

2019 Trend in Home Gardening: Create Your Own Edible Garden



According to 2019 home gardening trends, creating an edible garden is in the top five. Now is a great time of year to start planning your own garden filled with edible plants. The San Ramon climate is perfect for growing various fruits, herbs and vegetables almost any time of the year. Starting in February/March it's possible to start your cool season vegetables like lettuce, beets, broccoli, kale and spinach. Keep an eye on the weather report and cover young plants when frost is in the forecast. February is also a great time to plant bare root plants such as apples, grapes, cherries, peaches, plums, figs and more. As the season warms and daylight lengthens, the list of edible plants grows. April and May are the best months to plant warm season vegetables like tomatoes, melons, peppers, summer squash, cucumbers and more. Whether you have a small space or a large, there are many ways to grow edibles as long as it gets about six hours of sunlight per day along with fertile garden soil. If this is your first attempt at growing edibles, start with easy plants like green beans, lettuces and radishes. Every year, try something new as a great way to expand your taste buds as well as your green thumb. Grow a "salad garden" of tomatoes, lettuces and cucumbers and a fruit tree or two such as apple, lemon, fig or apricot. Flowers such as pansy, chive, coriander, and dandelion can also be added to a salad or casserole. Flavorful herbs like rosemary, thyme, basil, sage, and oregano are easy to grow and add freshness and robust flavor to any dish. Avoid using any harmful chemicals on anything that you might eat. Instead focus on soil health by adding organic compost to condition your garden beds. Flavors are fuller when grown organically. Be sure to wash any plant parts that will get eaten in order to remove soil or any hidden insects. Growing and harvesting the "fruits" of your effort provides endless benefits. Not only will you have a healthier diet, but added benefits like increased exercise and sun producing vitamin D will make you feel good. Your friends and neighbors or even a food bank will happily accept your excess bounty! Let's all join the Edible garden trend and make Bollinger Hills healthier, one edible garden at a time!

Is it Time to Replace Your Mailbox?

Mailboxes take a beating from the weather. Many mailboxes in the development are showing their age so we plan to send out notices in March to those homeowners in need of replacing them. Please refer to the following guidelines prior to purchasing and installation.

Replacing your Mailbox:

An [**Architectural Approval Request**](#) must be submitted for replacement of an existing mailbox and for the construction of any new mailbox.

Replacement mailboxes can resemble the original mailboxes for our development (round top mailbox in small wood “house” with wood shake shingles). These types of mailboxes must be mounted on a decorative post.



An attractive and acceptable alternative is a pillar type mailbox, constructed of stone or other masonry.



Decorative mailboxes resembling the types shown below may also be acceptable. These types of mailboxes must be mounted on a post that matches the design and color.



Security mailboxes resembling the types shown below may also be acceptable. These types of mailboxes must be mounted on a post that matches the design and color.



NOT ACCEPTABLE

Plain metal rural type mailboxes, painted or otherwise, are **not** acceptable.



Novelty mailboxes, homemade or otherwise, are **not** acceptable.





NEIGHBORHOOD BEAT

What's Going on in Bollinger Hills?

Dates to Remember:

February 14 ~ Valentine's Day ❤️

February 15 ~ No School SRVUSD

February 19 ~ No school ~ Presidents' Day

February 20 ~ BHHOA Board Meeting 6:30pm

March 11 ~ Daylight Saving Time

March 20 ~ BHHOA Board Meeting 6:30pm

April 1-5 ~ Spring Break - SRVUSD

April 17 ~ BHHOA Board Meeting 6:30pm

Bollinger Hills Resident Amenities Hours:

Pool is Closed: Pool will reopen in the spring. *Lifeguards will not be present.

Tennis Courts: Open daily until dusk (30 minutes after sunset). Accessible by Bollinger Hills resident key.

Park & Playground: Open daily until dusk (30 minutes after sunset). No reservation required.

Cabana: **The cabana is open!** Hours are variable, closes at 10:00 pm. Available daily by reservation only. For complete details, contact the Cabana Manager at 925-556-0747 or visit the HOA website at www.bollingerhills.org.

If you have a neighborhood incident or news you'd like to report, please send an e-mail to our Newsletter Editor, Christine Perezalonso at: news.bollingerhills@gmail.com.



Neighborhood Bulletin Board



(See below for details.)



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NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE AD RATES

Do you have a service or event that you would like to advertise? Place an advertisement in the Bollinger Hills Newsletter.

Newsletter:

Ad size:	Ad size:	Ad size:
Business card	\$25	Half Banner (234x 60 pixel)
1/4 page	\$35	Full Banner (468 x 60 pixel)
1/3 page	\$55	
1/2 page	\$70	
Full page	\$110	

Website:

Ad size:	Ad size:	Ad size:
Business card	Half Banner (234x 60 pixel)	\$50
1/4 page	Full Banner (468 x 60 pixel)	\$75
1/3 page		
1/2 page		
Full page		

Available Discounts:

- *Place an ad in both the Newsletter & on the BHHOA website & receive \$10 off EACH ad.
- *Prepay Ad(s) for 1 year & receive 25% discount.
- * Ads run FREE for Kid's Businesses under age 18 (baby sitting, pet sitting, dog walking, tutoring, lawn mowing, etc.) Parental consent required. Minor's personal cell phone number cannot be placed in the ad, must provide parent's phone number.

(rates are price per quarter for one publication/color print)

For complete Details & Deadlines, visit our website at: www.bollingerhills.org

To place an Ad, contact our Newsletter Editor, Christine Perezalonso at news.bollingerhills@gmail.com

NOTE: The content in these advertisements are for informational purposes and does not constitute any recommendation by the HOA.
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