

The Knolls News

All the News for All the Knolls

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President's Corner

Over the past year the CKPOA has dealt with problems of public safety, burglaries, road repair, and county landscaping issues. We have made an effort to increase communication through email and are collecting phone numbers in case of emergency. We are working on a website and updating the bylaws. We maintain contact with the sheriff's office, the fire department and the departments of public utilities to address current and potential problems. Please let us know your ideas and concerns.

If you haven't already done so, please send us your contact information (name, home and email address, and phone number) to the address below left or to ckpoa.ca@gmail.com.

- Carol Pendergast

Water Main Break at the Knolls Entry

In the wee hours of Aug. 16, CKPOA Treasurer, Kim Livensparger, was driving home from an evening with friends when he was stopped at the entrance to the Knolls by a group of Cal Am workers. They were trying to repair a major water main break on the east side of the entry. There was a pool of water on the road and they wouldn't let him through. Kim had to park in the Savemart lot and walk up to his home, fortunately with no coyote

(or duck) sightings. The repairs left the road in a sorry state. David Churchill, CKPOA Secretary, made repeated calls to Cal Am and Monterey County Public Works until Cal Am finally undertook the repairs.

Burglaries on the Knolls

With a new federal law requiring California to trim its prison population, more non-violent felons have been shifted to local jails. Petty criminals have been released into communities and as a result there has been an uptick in burglaries in communities across the Peninsula. In the Knolls, there have been reports of several incidents of theft or apparent theft, and at least one break-in and attempted break-in since January. Police are working with residents to solve crimes in the cases where there appears to be evidence. To request an officer in a non-emergency, call 831-647-7911

Neighborhood Watch Meetings

A propos of neighborhood concerns, the CKPOA held two Neighborhood Watch meetings with Donna Galletti of the sheriff's office at the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula. About 15 residents attended the first meeting, and 35 the second one.

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Neighborhood Watch Tips

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program that enlists the active participation of residents in cooperation with law enforcement to reduce crime in communities. For further information, go to www.safestate.org

The best crime prevention tool is a **GOOD NEIGHBOR**. Get to know your neighbors, exchange phone numbers, and alert one another when you go out of town. Learn to identify the cars/trucks of their gardeners and housecleaners. Use your **eyes** and **ears** and then your **telephone**. If you spot something suspicious, call law enforcement immediately.

MOST BURGLARIES CAN BE PREVENTED IF YOU:

1. Always lock your home doors and windows; even those of your car whether in the driveway or in the garage,
2. Do not leave valuables inside your vehicle even if it is locked,
3. Never hide a house key near your home; consider giving one to a trusted neighbor,
4. Install dead bolt locks and a wide angle lens viewer in the front door; never open your door unless you know who it is,
5. Change the locks when you move into a new home,
6. Keep shrubs and bushes trimmed so there is no place for a burglar to hide,
7. Consider installing motion detector lights around your house,
8. Use an engraving tool to mark your valuables with your CA driver's license; burglars can't

fence such items.

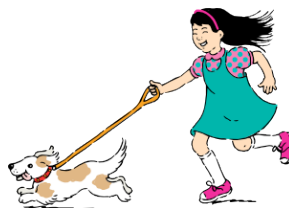
CKPOA Finances

Our normal expenditures of between \$3,500-\$4,500 include a gardener, water bills, modest bank fees, mailings, in-house tax filing fees, two or three low-cost events or meetings, and sundry small items. We operate with a very slim cushion against emergencies. A few years ago we needed \$8,500 to install a water pipe under the street from the east to west side of the entry.

The largest ongoing expense is maintaining an attractive entry; this more than pays for itself by contributing significantly to higher home values on the Knolls. As of this writing, we have about \$5,000 in the bank for the next year as a result of homeowner annual dues. Your dues have a direct impact on the quality and real estate values of the neighborhood.

"Dogs and Children - Oh My"

Have you noticed how many



youngsters live in the Knolls? How many dog walkers there are? When you're putting pedal to the metal, please anticipate a five year old careening out of his driveway on a scooter or a loose dog. PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY!

Holiday Event and General Meeting

You are cordially invited to a holiday gathering at the home of Carol and Bill Pendergast, 25765 CKD on Saturday, December 6. 2014 from 4-6 pm

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