

# Diablo View

HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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## NEWSLETTER

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# Garage Sale Date: May 17th

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## News & Views

From the Board of Directors

The Board took the following action at their meeting held in April 2008:

- The Board reviewed its investments and renewed a certificate of deposit with Community Association Banc for 5 months at the rate of 3% adding \$10,000.
- The Board held eight violation hearings for homeowners who failed to remedy violations. Thankfully, all eight corrected the problem and no fines were levied.
- The Board awarded the annual weed abatement contract to Bodhaine Disking for \$2,950. The work is scheduled to be completed between May 15<sup>th</sup>- 31st.
- The Board renewed the landscape contract with PJ McNamara Landscaping for one year.
- Treasurer Bob Ganch reported that the association has \$121,000 in assets and is 3% over budget due mainly to the annual insurance premium.
- The Landscape Committee welcomes interested residents to attend the monthly walkthroughs. The next one is April 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM. Meet at Freshwater Court. The committee is reviewing a landscape improvement project for the lower entry.
- The Board set the next few meetings for the third Wednesday at 5:30 P.M. in the Tot Lot:

**May 21st**  
**June 18th**

Homeowners concerns are heard first on the agenda followed by regular Board business. Please plan to attend an upcoming meeting.

## Fire Works Ban



Did you know that it is illegal to set off and possess fireworks in Contra Costa County? With the onset of the high fire danger season, the HOA wants to remind all residents that if your actions start a fire, you can be held liable for all costs to fight the fire.

Given the proximity to open space, it is especially important that we obey the county ordinance prohibiting the use of fireworks.

## Summer Landscape Tips



Summer is the time to apply weed and feed or a pre-emergent to your lawn and ground cover beds if you want to control the weed population.

Apply organic fertilizer to your shrubs and ground cover 4 times annually beginning in Spring to increase plant vigor.

Finally, cut back your vegetation from the sidewalks and streets so as not to impede pedestrian traffic.

Once maintenance has been completed, it's time to plant - Summer blooming flowers and shrubs.

**Please  
place your  
trashcans  
out of sight  
after service.**



**Thank you!**

## Block Party



The Social Committee Chair, Joanna Stratton, is planning a Summer Block Party Event.

We will need volunteers to coordinate the event and assist with the planning. If you would like to help, please contact

[Caroline@acihoa.com](mailto:Caroline@acihoa.com)  
(925) 672-2221 x 226.

## Online Banking

You may now register ONLINE and enjoy the convenience of managing your payments and selecting your own withdrawal date for payment of your assessments. You can make one time payments or set up to pay your monthly assessment up to 12 times (12 months).

You will find that HOA Online Pay is a service that provides a quick and easy way to make your HOA assessment payments and keep track of past online payments. We are pleased that we can offer this service to you as a valued First Bank customer. Please visit [WWW.FIRSTBANKHOA.COM](http://WWW.FIRSTBANKHOA.COM)

and follow the instructions on the website to register and begin using the new service. To register you will need the account number from your coupon book. If you do not have a coupon book or need further assistance, please call Licia at ACI (925) 672-2221 x230.

**Mother's Day**

**Sunday, May 11, 2008**

## Garage Sale Tips

- Be ready at time in flyers, the bargain hunters come early!
- Don't just stand/sit there, talk to the folks! Humor helps and the longer they look the better chance something will catch their eye!
- Make sure all clothing is clean and sorted (jeans, t-shirts, etc.)
- Kid stuff sells! Pull out those old toys, clothes, etc.
- Put large pieces, like furniture, at end of driveway to pull in customers
- Clean glassware and dishes sparkle and sell!
- Mark prices clearly on each item or post a sign (all jeans \$2/ea.)
- Place small items closest to garage where you can keep an eye on them.
- Be sure to have plenty of small change and \$1 bills.
- Help them make multiple purchases, offer plastic bags for carrying.
- Have an extension cord if selling electrical items to demonstrate they function.
- If it takes batteries, have some ready to demonstrate or include with item.
- In the last 2-3 hours, set up a "free" area for items you really want to move. At the end, don't store it again; take to Goodwill, Salvation Army or homeless shelter on Arnold Road. Take the leftover books to the library or send to school with your kids.
- Last but not least, breathe a sigh of relief and count your cash!

Report suspicious persons to the police including vandals and homeless persons.