

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer BBQ Dewing Park
Sunday, September 8, 2013 11-4pm

The Harkenbacks are back!



Enjoy a sun soaked afternoon while mingling with your Parkmead Neighbors, have a splash in the Dewing Park pool (on Olympic, at Newell) and indulge in a tasty hamburger or hot dog at our annual summer gathering on Sunday, September 8, from 11-4 pm. Bring a side dish to share, beverages will be provided along with live music. Pyramid Brewery will be donating a keg of beer again this year! If you like to BBQ, we'd like your help that day. Just let us know.



RECENT EVENTS

Scavenger Hunt and Field Day

On Sunday, May 5, about 35 Parkmead neighbors gathered for the first Parkmead scavenger hunt. They were divided into teams, and then kids and adults alike scoured their assigned territory for eclectic items such as a hotel shower cap, ketchup packet, a plastic spork, empty pizza box and a wooden spool of thread. "Team Dave" won with 35 out of 37 items! Was it merely a coincidence that Dave also owns Extreme Pizza, or did that empty pizza box give his team the winning edge? Turns out, there was no advantage for Dave or his team, as his home was not in his territory! However, Dave was gracious enough to give each of the participating families a gift certificate for a free pizza!! Participants also enjoyed homemade cupcakes (compliments of Julia Cohen, a Las Lomas high school student who wants to be a professional baker), as well as ice-cold lemonade. A good time was had by all! By Liz Menkes, PCA Board ■

11th Annual Parkmead Garage Sale

The 11th annual Parkmead Garage Sale took place Saturday, June 1. Thank you to all who participated and all who attended. This year we had 55 participants who made some extra cash. We currently do not have an organizer for the garage sale. If you are interested in participating, would you be willing to volunteer? ■

Other upcoming events

School starts! August 28th ***Drive carefully!***

Labor Day September 2nd

Bike to school week of Oct. 7-11

Fall Meeting, Board Elections and Pizza Dinner
November, 2013, at Hillside Covenant Church

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Good Final Days of Summer to All



I am hopeful that everyone is having a joyous, sun filled summer. The weather has been great lately with warm afternoons, and then, cooler evenings.

The Parkmead Garage Sale in June was a success with over 55 homes participating in selling. I sold about \$200 worth of my used stuff, and enjoyed talking with visitors from outside the area and even some neighbors just adjacent to Parkmead behind Safeway.

I am excited that we are having our annual Block Party at Dewing Park again this summer, this time falling on September 8th. The Harkenbackers are returning again to play live music, by popular demand. PCA members requested an old Grateful Dead number last summer, and they played a healthy rendition for all there, and many other fine tunes.

Think of a good cover song, and request it if you can make it to this great event. As usual, we will be serving free beer, compliments of Pyramid, hot dogs, and hamburgers. Feel free to bring a fun dish or dessert if you like, as this adds to the variety and scrumptiousness of the food for this event.

I want to take this time to sound another reminder about the Parkmead Newell Pathway Fundraiser too. We have \$2,092 to date, and want to at least double this before the end of this year. The pathway on the south side of Newell from the 680 overpass to Olympic needs more fill and compaction, lasting over 15 years with minor repairs.

Kristin Landham is spearheading a Poker Night that will be held downtown, most likely at the Walnut Creek Library in the early Spring. Poker Night will feature several different games, with dealers, snacks, and perhaps some adult beverages. Stay tuned for more details in the Spring Newsletter and via email after the holidays.

I am looking forward to a new school year, as my two boys are getting anxious for soccer season (participating) and professional football (spectating)!

Go Niners this season and how about those A's??

See you at Dewing Park in September.
Richard West
PCA Board President ■

EBMUD Work on Newell, (lower) Magnolia and Camelia

The PCA has been in communication with the County for an update: Unfortunately, EBMUD encountered collapsed storm drain pipes along Newell Ave. as they excavated for their work and this delayed the progress of work. Though they are now behind schedule, the hope is to be finished with the underground work prior to August 28th when school opens. Patch paving is tentatively scheduled to take place only during non-peak hours or on Saturdays. Per permit conditions, EBMUD is required to replace in kind any damage to pavement, signage, striping or any other County facilities. Once the underground crews are finished, EBMUD paving crews move in to do all patch paving and restoration. If homeowners have concerns about impacts on their property contact Michele Frank of EBMUD at mfrank@ebmud.com or 510-287-0885 MS # 61.

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Forgot to join the PCA this year? Never too late!! You can join for \$12 at the summer BBQ. Or you can get information on how to join at www.parkmead.org or contact a board member (see list in this newsletter). Not sure if you are a member? Contact us at membership@parkmead.org.