



- **2011 Annual Meeting**

The Annual meeting was conducted on May 4th, and over 50 homeowners attended. A review of the projects worked on for 2010 and 2011 year to date were reviewed, including the roofing project. The schedule for projects remaining for 2011 was also discussed.

- **Board of Directors Opportunities**

The Board of Directors is currently seeking two candidates who would like to serve on the Board. No prior experience is required! If you have an interest in getting more actively involved in your Sunset Oaks community and helping preserve the prestige and beauty of our complex, please contact us today! Only a few hours per month are needed to contribute.

- **Roofing Project**

Roofing work continues in full force now that the rains have stopped (fingers crossed). Please visit the website www.sunsetoaks.org for the most up-to-date schedule. Should you have any questions about the project, please contact Roger Pollard at 510-415-5547 or by email at pollardunlimited@comcast.net.

- **Other Property Projects**

Landscaping renovations and updates continue, with new trees, flowers and bushes being planted across the property. Additionally, the Board is discussing water-saver system in some of the Picasso Terrace median strips. Further discussions will ensue at the August and September meetings.

- **Sealcoat Project About to Begin!**

The Board recently approved a bid to seal coat drive-ways 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10 and 14. The job will begin on Monday, August 22. All driveways to be sealed will be closed to vehicular traffic until Tuesday, August 23 after 12:00 PM. Please refer to the posted notice for more information. Thank you.

- **Governing Documents**

The updated Governing Documents are available on the website at www.sunsetoaks.org. The Board reviewed all resolutions to ensure compliance with the updated Governing Documents. Resolutions 27 and 30 are have been amended by the Board, and are currently being reviewed by the Association's attorney for his comments.

- **Thinking of Home Improvements?**

Homeowners seeking to put in new windows, doors, air conditioners, skylights or sun tunnels, or making other architectural improvements are reminded to submit their ACC plans to the Sunset Oaks Board. Sometimes the City of Sunnyvale also needs to approve new plans, depending on the type of work planned. Please visit the Sunset Oaks' and City of Sunnyvale's websites for more information.

- **August Gardening Tips**

Gather herbs and flowers for drying and preserving. The best time to gather herbs for drying is during the mid-morning hours, just after the dew has dried off the herbs, but before the sun causes them to wilt. Cut the herbs in clusters with the stems attached.

Fall is the best time to plant ground covers. They can cover a barren, unsightly patch and control erosion. Ground covers that flower during spring or summer should be planted now to receive the benefit of warm days and plenty of moisture.

Planting is not difficult and in fact, can offer quick visual rewards thanks to the prolific growth habits of many varieties. Ground covers are typically planted 12 to 18 inches apart and will fill in an area in a couple of growing seasons. Vinca major is a good shade ground cover. Combining two varieties that flower in different seasons will add additional color and interest. Should you opt for ivy, try mixing variegated ivy with standard ivy.

Just keep in mind the trimming requirements! It may require more time than you have. **Happy Gardening!**

July Quote for the Month: "There are worse things in life than death. Have you ever spent an evening with an insurance salesman?" - Woody Allen.

• **Reminders - ACC**

The ACC committee periodically inspects the property to review improvements, alterations, and changes, and investigate violations of the CC&R's and Resolutions. To ensure your unit and area meet guidelines, please refer to the CC&R's and Resolution 27 for more details. Common problems that result in warning letters or citations can be easily be avoided by doing the following:

- Trim all plants, trees, bushes and vines so that they do not grow on, touch, or overhang fences, roofs, your neighbor's unit, or the common area. Be vigilant about picking up fallen fruit that can spoil and attract rodents and insects.
- Do not store boxes, laundry, bicycles, toys, or other personal items on the balconies; also, do not store these items in your patio if they are viewable from the common area; and, finally, of course, do not stow any personal items in the common areas.
- Throw away dead plants

Your attention to keeping our property aesthetically pleasing is appreciated!

• **Upcoming Board Meetings**

August 17, 2011 7pm

September 21, 2011 7pm

October 19, 2011 7pm

• **Association Information**

Board of Directors

Patti Selan – President

Debbie Kaya – Vice President

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• **Tips for the Environmentally Friendly:**

A regular garden hose pumps out 20 gallons of water per minute. If left on for 24 hours, that's 28,800 gallons... Better not forget to turn it off!

Many Park benches are now made from recycled Plastic jugs. It takes approximately 1000 recycled jugs to make one park bench. Recycle old T-Shirts, Towels and Sheets to make great cleaning rags.

Fix leaky faucets!

Install water-efficient devices such as HE toilets, HE washing machines and low-flow shower heads

Replace old, inefficient lights, computers, and other appliances with Energy Star qualified equipment; turn off equipment when not in use!

What stores accept recycling?

Goodwill & Salvation Army locations accept computers and other electronics like radios and stereos

Best Buy will accept cell phones, compact disks, computers, MP3 players, batteries, telephones, game consoles, small appliances, and certain types of televisions.

Staples will accept cell phones, computer monitors, desktops, laptops, printers, fax machines, electronics, ink cartridges, office machines, toner cartridges, and batteries. Some of the larger brands may require a \$10 fee

Did you know?

The City of Sunnyvale SMaRT station operates a drop-off and buyback recycling center for the public, and accepts "Universal Waste," including household batteries, used automotive fluids and batteries, electronic waste, fluorescent bulbs and tubes and medical "sharps." For more information visit

<http://sunnyvale.ca.gov/Departments/PublicWorks/GarbageRecyclingandWasteReduction/SMaRTStation.aspx>