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GRAND PRIX PLANNING FOR APRIL 16, 17, 18

The information packets for the Grand Prix event were mailed to homeowners last week, and you should have received the information by now.

The March calendar at the end of this newsletter lists the dates which are important to Grand Prix planning. Also, please review the rules (included in the mailing) which apply to the Grand Prix weekend. These rules are designed to provide a pleasant experience for residents and guests.

As a reminder for new residents, following is a quote from our annual letter from the Grand Prix Association of Long Beach which regulates the event for the City of Long Beach and is the organization which provides our passes into and out of our building:

“We would like to remind you, as it states on the building pass itself, these passes are **illegal to sell or transfer**. Please remember the passes are provided by the Grand Prix Association of Long Beach as a courtesy to your building. Any misuse of the passes will result in passes not being issued to you in future years.”

Also, please plan on getting the building passes to your guests **before** the event as this will be their only identification to get into the building on race weekend. No pass, no entry. And, guests and residents **must** carry the passes with them at all times in the common areas for identification purposes.

All of the materials mailed to residents are also on line at our website at http://www.harborplacetower.org/GRAND_PRIX_2010%20__IMPORTANT_INFORMATION.pdf

Two other websites that may be of interest are <http://www.formuladrift.com> and <http://www.gplb.com>

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BOARD ELECTION

The Annual Meeting was held on February 24. Part of the agenda for this meeting was the election of two homeowners to the Board of Directors. Three candidates filed for two positions.

Results of the voting:

Tom Setterlund - 102
 Rob Damico - 111
 Mike Fantore - 21

The new officers of the Board are:

Tom Setterlund - President
 Tom Lawson - Vice President
 George Rendell - Treasurer
 Rob Damico - Secretary
 Phil Wendt - At Large

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From the Editor:

Another Board election is behind us. The two board members elected this year are incumbents and each has already served two years on the Board. What this means is that they will bring experience and knowledge to the task of serving on the Board and the continuity will foster better decisions and keep the current projects moving forward.

It is well to remember that the main function of the Homeowner's Association and the Board is to protect, maintain, and upgrade the common areas of the building. It is the obligation of the Board to continually monitor the condition and use of the common areas so that homeowners are assured of a consistent level of quality and access.

We trust that the new Board will continue to provide leadership and stewardship of our common areas.

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RESULT OF THE OPEN DISCUSSION ON PROMENADE PROJECT DESIGN

Following the Candidate's Forum on February 10, there was an open discussion about the design for the promenade project. One of the issues of the project is the disposition of the "green" area on the promenade just outside the windows (under the roof). The architect had proposed taking out the planters and creating an open space. This was reflected in the drawings that were posted.

At the January Board meeting, there was considerable discussion about this decision and the Board decided to open up the discussion during the Candidate's Night to provide a further opportunity for homeowner comment and then convene a meeting of the Board to take a final vote on the issue.

After a lengthy discussion, the majority of homeowners present supported retaining the planters in the same configuration. The consensus was that we want the "green" area to remain, we don't want to add expense to the project, we don't want to have to worry about protecting and maintaining furnishings for an open area, and there really isn't a proven need for more open space.

The Board convened and voted to "proceed with the construction drawings for the Promenade Project and include retaining the green planters which are located under the roof outside the south doors adjacent to the promenade." This was communicated to the architect at a meeting on February 24.



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From the Manager:

Window cleaning for the Grand Prix is scheduled to begin on April 1.

April 9 and 10 are the dates of the Drifting Races this year.

Remember that access to Seaside Way and all entrances to the building from Seaside are closed during Grand Prix race weekend. This means that no move in or move outs are possible during race week.

Reminder to homeowners with vacant units: please turn off the angle stops in the unit. We have had another incident where a vacant unit had a toilet overflow.

Reminder to homeowners having any painting done. Be sure to keep paint off the sprinkler heads.

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FIOS SCHEDULE

Ian Carmichael, Verizon representative, outlined the following schedule at the February Finance and Projects Committee meeting.

1. April - Verizon will complete their "high level design" which is the plan for the installation of wiring from street to building.
2. April - Verizon will meet with City to seek approval.
3. Mid May - Site Survey
4. August - Construction begins (60 days)

So, if this schedule is correct, the soonest we would have service would be October.

Editor's Note: Given our past experience with Verizon, I would take this time line with a grain of salt.

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ROBERT AND CONNIE SNYDER

Robert and Connie Snyder have been residents of HPT for about three years. They took an apartment in Long Beach to be near Connie's work with the Universal Care medical program where she is an administrator and liked it so much that they bought into HPT. They also have a home in Northridge but spend the majority of their time in Long Beach.



CURIOUS GEORGE WONDERS

- Did you know that Laurie and Greg Larkins' nephew, Nick Cunningham, was on the 2010 Winter Olympics U.S. Bobsled team – both two man and four man?
- Did you know that Long Beach has an annual Bike Festival? This year it will be held May 7 – 9. For more information, check out <http://www.longbeachbikefest.org>
- Did you know tourists come by to see our art work out in front? Saw a group taking pictures of the art work recently, and they were enthralled.

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COWDREY COMEDY

Question:

Do you know the difference between "ignorance" and "apathy"?

Answer:

I don't know and I don't care!

March 24 and 25 Long Beach holds "Taste of Downtown" –

for more information, check out <http://www.downtownlongbeach.org>

Both of them grew up in the San Fernando Valley, and they tend to look at their life together as being divided into three phases:

1. Baseball years – Bob spent ten years as a left-handed pitcher in the minor leagues, mostly in the Baltimore Orioles organization. During this time, they had two children, one of whom is an archivist for the Getty and the other is an electrician.
2. Pastoral years – Bob returned to Talbot Seminary to complete a Master's degree and became a Baptist minister. He spent 18 years at a church in Santa Clarita (among other interesting assignments). During this time they had two more children, one of whom is a stunt man for the movies and the other races motorcycles and does trapeze (this one is a girl!).
3. Education years – Bob taught high school math and Bible for 8 years at a Baptist school. During this time, Connie also started a career.

Today, Connie is still working and Bob is semi-retired. He keeps busy with a 42 foot sailboat which is co-owned with a good friend. He also is a consistent exerciser and really makes good use of the HPT gym. They remain active at Greater Union Baptist church in Compton where he has donated his pastoral library of around 800 books and recently taught a beginning Greek class.

They are an amazing couple, and it is great to have them as neighbors. I haven't even scratched the surface summarizing their rich and varied life. Be sure to ask Connie about her family's long history in the San Fernando Valley (when their nearest neighbor was Ronald Reagan) and their 3000-acre cattle ranch near Frazier Park. Connie once lived in an old homestead that had no running water and a wood stove. Her grandmother founded Westmount College in Santa Barbara.

See what I mean? It was fascinating just doing the research for this article.

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WANT TO CUT DOWN ON CATALOGS?

If you are interested in reducing unwanted mail, opting-out of catalogs, and removing your name from mailing lists of your choice, contact the website <http://www.catalogchoice.org>

This is a very user friendly website that will help stop the waste, reduce the clutter and save natural resources. It's simple and it's free!

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Note that changes or additions to the schedule can occur at any time. Watch the bulletin boards for updates.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Newsletter published	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Daylight Savings Begins	15	16 Monthly Garage Sweeping: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20
21	22 Request for building passes due at front desk	23 Parking lottery entry forms due at front desk	24 5:00 p.m. Bike Subcommittee and Finance/Project Committee Seaside Way GUEST entrance closed	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 6:00 p.m. Parking Lottery Drawing 6:30 p.m. – Board Meeting	1 Newsletter articles due	2 Pick up building passes	3

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