



Newsletter

DIAMOND A PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION
PO BOX 75
Sonoma, CA 95476

Summer 2010

RAMBLINGS FROM THE PREZ

Do you have building or remodeling plans? Be sure to get a copy to the ARC (Architectural Review Committee) for review and their input: Joe Lieber @ 938-2707

Any fencing plans also need to go the ARC for review and possible approval.

If you are planning a party, wedding or whatever and posting signs on posts/poles etc., be sure to return after the event to take them down. Just trying to keep our neighborhood clean.

Watch your speed limit when driving in our neighborhood, as a protection to our walkers, equestrians and wildlife. Also remember the Highway Patrol may be watching you.

REPLACEMENT FOR ARC

As many of you folks know I have been trying so hard to find a good and experienced replacement for the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) to relieve some time for Max Ballantine. Max has provided a great service for many years heading up this committee but finds that he needs a little break for his personal life.

I am pleased to inform you that Joe Lieber has offered to step forward and assist us with this void. He will be replacing Max

and his position on ARC. Joe is currently working as vice president of the water board, and has had many years of experience on ARC, as well as the State of California as a Landscape Architect. He has a great understanding of the role of ARC in keeping our neighborhood looking good for all to enjoy. Joe will be helping us learn the role and purpose of ARC.

Please join me in giving Joe a big "THANKS" for his offer to assist us and help us understand ARC.

Sincerely,
Beverly Perrin, President
DAPOA



SPEEDING IN DIAMOND A

There have been many complaints from walkers and horse riders about cars speeding in Diamond A. Please remember that there are no sidewalks and that horses are often leery of cars.

PLEASE DON'T EXCEED THE 25 MILE PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT IN DIAMOND A.

The cost of a speeding ticket might be in the \$300 range, maybe more. And the cost does not end after you pay the fine – there are costs to attend drivers' school and a possible increase in your insurance rates. So, save the money and aggravation and drive the speed limit.

(Speeding)

If anyone in Diamond A is aware of a particular speeding pattern – i.e. *many speeding cars on Grove Street between 5 and 6 pm on weekdays*, they can inform the Napa CHP office (253-4906) who might schedule a radar equipped patrol car to the area during that time period.

TREASURER'S MESSAGE

Our thanks to all that have paid their 2010 Property Owners' membership dues. Your support allows the association to better serve the Diamond A community. The Hill Warming parties bring new and old residents together, the current telephone directory and Property Owners' Guide are invaluable tools and the publishing of this Gazette unites our community. If you have not done so, please send your dues (**\$35**) to: Diamond "A" Property Owners
PO Box 75
Sonoma, CA 95476
If you are unsure about the status of your membership, please call me.

Thanks
Dee Young
Treasurer
939-9440

FROM THE DIAMOND A TRAIL BLAZER COMMITTEE

We thank you for your generous donations that provide the funds needed to clear and maintain our equestrian trails. Our trails are important not only for recreation; they also create natural firebreaks, provide passage for wildlife and add value to your property!! The work never ends, so, if you would like to donate, we would greatly appreciate any amount.

Please make checks payable to Dee Young, C/O Diamond A Trail Blazers, and mail to 19320 Kenleigh Dr., Sonoma, CA 95476

The Trail Blazers continue to do the work to expand and restore unused trails. If you are planning to fence your property, we ask that you get approval from the Architectural Review Board (Joe Lieber at 938-2707) so that possible encroachment upon the equestrian easements can be avoided.

Soon we will be mailing our annual **Barn Party Invitation**. This year it will be held at the Lyon's Barn on September ...18th..... This is an event that should not be missed. There is a little cowgirl and cowboy in everybody....so, be sure to put yer boots on and come for some good eatens this year!!!! Happy trails



HILL WARMING PARTY ~

Our next **Hill Warming Party** will be October 24th at Mike Cooper and Sandra Atwood's

Our last April Hill Warming Party at Schake's was a perfect pairing of wine, food and, *BEAUTIFUL GARDEN* setting.

We need the offer of a 'host house' for future Hill Warming parties. Ideally, there is one in the spring and again in the fall. It requires little work on the part of the host other than providing a house, possibly garden. If would like to offer your house please contact us.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Jim & Shirl Gay

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Wild Life Assistance

Rob and Robin Lyon have, in their possession, a Memorandum of Understanding, (herein after, referred to as MOU), issued for Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue under the California Department of Fish and Game. The MOU allows them to rescue and/or rehabilitate wildlife. Fortunately, for Lyons, they have been given the privilege of having their MOU reissued annually based on several years of experience, proven ability to rehabilitate and ongoing educational classes. This allows them to work with sick, injured or orphaned wildlife with the goal of returning the animal to the wild.

Rob and Robin are permitted to rescue and/or rehabilitate, and release wildlife, such as foxes, birds, chipmunks, bobcats, gray squirrels, etc. We do have a dedicated room in our home for wildlife only.

In a particular case, when an animal needs extreme medical aid, Lyons have two experienced wildlife veterinarians who are available to assist them. If a particular animal needs specialized care, there are people in the county who are experts in that field and they will transfer the animal to them. For example:

Reptile Rescue (707) 321-0504	Al Wolfe
Songbird Rescue (707) 484-6502	Veronica Bowers
Wild Rabbit/Hare (707) 664-0626	Cheryl Berner
Birds of Prey (707) 539-8974	Dona Asti
Fawns (707) 931-4550	Marge Davis

Some of the Diamond A residents have had ongoing problems with “Nuisance” wildlife such as a skunk under the house or raccoons in the attic. A Wildlife Exclusion Service is available from the County of Sonoma. Rob and Robin are NOT part of this group. The group helps homeowners and businesses with their wildlife problems in a humane manner. They evict the animal from where it has taken up residence, remove the attractants, and seal any access points. They also remove dead animals
Wildlife Exclusion Service (707)-992-0276

Lastly, Rob and Robin are always available to assist with Lost and Found of Diamond A pets, with the hope of locating the owner.
996-5966

Due to recent events on the Mountain, particularly the illegal shooting of a deer, it is important to keep the following points in mind.

It is always unlawful to:

- Discharge of a firearm within 500 yards of a residential neighborhood.**
- Take any big game mammal with a rifle using rimfire cartridges or with an air gun;**
- Discharge any firearm (while hunting) within 150 yards of any occupied dwelling or any building or barn used in connection with such a dwelling**
- In addition to a state hunting license, hunting tags are required for the taking of deer, bear, pigs and bobcat.**
- Finally, it is always illegal to kill a doe and especially immoral to do so while they have dependent fawns.**

2010 Sonoma Relay for Life

Sunday, August 1st, the final lap was made for the Relay for Life. Our Diamond A Team was on the track from 10:00 am, Saturday July 31st to 10:00 am Sunday, August 1st, 24 hours/one hour intervals supporting a "FIGHT BACK" effort for the American Cancer Society. Thank you to all 38 team members, neighbors, friends and family for helping make this years relay a success.

Our fundraiser, June 26th, Hooray for Hollywood, was attended by 86 Diamond A residents and their family and friends. A BIG thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make the evening a wonderful event. I don't dare name anyone for fear of forgetting an important person. Everyone worked above and beyond... THANK YOU SO MUCH. Any one who has worked on this project knows the efforts it takes to put on such an event from invitations, RSVP's, decorations, food...it's a lot of work and couldn't happen without everyone pitching in.

One response we received, among the many about the evening, was a comment about the food..."This is like a Five Star Restaurant". THANK YOU FOOD COMMITTEE. I must admit, I even thought the food was outstanding...again...not without a lot of effort.

Our Oscar winners of the Vintage Best Costume went to Leo and Millie Merle,

they were dressed as Bonnie and Dorothy, of the Wizard of OZ, Phyllis Ramage as Mae West and Harvey Barnett as Bat Masterson.

We were very lucky to have some of the items for the fundraiser donated; this really helped with our cost. These people I will name so you can be sure to support them: Ravenswood Winery; Parducci Winery; David Simpson; Lagunitas Brewing Company; Mike Buckley; Illusion Lighting & Design; Sonoma Print Shop; The Frame Factory, Patt's Copy World; Safeway Floral Department; Mc Coy Enterprises (Juke Box); Sonoma Home Winemakers, Dennis Przybycien; Carol Bojarsky (Cupcakes); Basque Boulangerie; Dave Martinelli; the 20, Chris Coleman. THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

Our raffle was a hit! The winners of the San Francisco Weekend for 4, Teatro ZinZanni Dinner & Show-Handlery Hotel Package were Kevin and Donna Wilson. We made \$3000. on the raffle, which paid for the prize and our fundraiser. Because of the raffle, we were able to turn in to the Sonoma Relay for Life Bank Night, \$5100. HOORAY FOR DIAMOND A.

In appreciation to all of you for your efforts, donations and support,
Thank you,

Shirley Angeloni

Who
are
these
People?

Mark your Calender

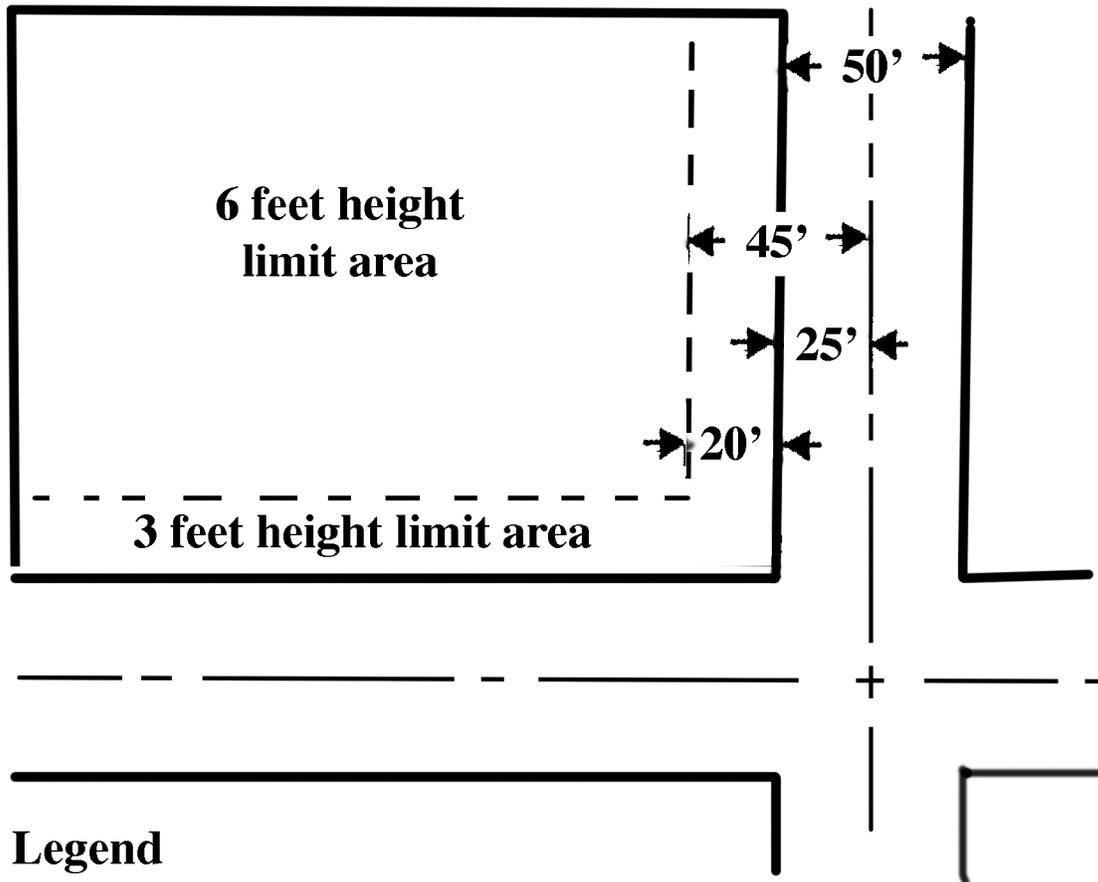
BARN PARTY SEPT 18
HILL WARMING PARTY OCT 24

Come
meet some new
neighbors

And
Come
meet some old
neighbors
you
no longer
recognize

SONOMA COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS
In Diamond A Ranch Estates Subdivision
A Rural Residential (RR) zoned area

- Sec. 26-18-030
 - Yard requirements
 - Front and street side yard, not less than 20'
 - Sec. 26-88-030
 - Height regulations
 - No fence shall *hereinafter be constructed*... to exceed three feet (3') in height in any required front and street side yard.
- (Ordinance No. 4643, 1993)



- Legend**
- - — **Road centerline**
 - — — **Property line**
 - - - - **Building setback line**

by John Barinaga
6-12-10

3 feet high between property line and building setback line
 6 feet high inside of building setback line
 Property line in DARE Subdivision is 25' from centerline of the 50' wide county roads.