



DIAMOND A REC CENTER NEWSLETTER

October – December, 2018

REC BOARD ACTIVITIES***NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION**

Happy Holidays, Rec Members!

As we come to the close of another year, we want to thank all our dedicated Rec members for helping to create some wonderful social events and for helping to keep our Rec facility in good working order. Many of us have been heard to say that “we live in a little piece of heaven.” Sure, the scenery is beautiful. But what truly makes living on “The Hill” so special is the camaraderie, goodwill, participation and generosity of all of you!

NEW BOARD

At our DARA annual meeting in October, new Board members were voted in. Our current slate of officers is (from left to right in photo below):



Janet Nusbaum – At Large and Rec Rentals
Cheryl Hannon – Membership
Brigitte Mullin – Secretary
Mark Hannon – Vice President and Facilities
Evie Duncan – President
Cameron Morris – Treasurer (not pictured)
Marcie Waldron – Social Events (not pictured)

We also want to recognize and thank our outgoing Board members, all of whom have volunteered their time and efforts over the past several years: Carleen Faybusovich, Melissa Vaio, Emilie Eliason, and Dave Waldron. Great job, everyone!

BOARD PROJECTS UPDATE

Reserve Study

The reserve study results have been reviewed and revised and submitted to Association Reserves for updating. In January, Mark Hannon will meet with Ryan Bell of Association Reserves - S.F. to further fine-tune the results. Once we receive the final version, we will share the executive summary with our members and the Capital Funding Committee, headed by Bob Kraynak, will explore options for procuring additional funding (if needed).

New Accounting Software

Following the research and recommendation of Dave Duncan, the Board has approved a new software program to manage The Rec's bookkeeping and financial needs. The program is called "Aplos" and is specifically designed for non-profit groups such as ours. Our new Treasurer, Cameron Morris, will be using the program to record transactions and prepare management reports and financial statements. The reports and generally-accepted financial statements will be important as we move toward funding our reserve account and prepare a working budget.

Insurance Update

We have been incredibly fortunate that Bob Kraynak and John Walker voluntarily stepped up to assist the Board in analyzing our current insurance coverage and to seek alternative policies. Bob brought us his agent from State Farm and John (a retired risk management executive) painstakingly analyzed our policies in relation to our needs (many, many hours were spent on this). John attended our last Board meeting to present the results of his analysis, and as a result, the Board voted to switch most of our coverages (i.e., general liability, etc.) to State Farm. With this change, we will have full coverage, at a savings of just over \$5,000 per year. The Directors and Officers coverage (D & O) will remain with North Bay Insurance.

MANY MANY THANKS to both John and Bob for their invaluable help with this project!

Social Events

Of course, we are not "all work and no play." Over the past quarter, many of us came together for several successful events: Oktoberfest, Fall Work Day, Annual Meeting, and our recent Nutcracker Holiday Party. Wow, the response to the Nutcracker Party was overwhelmingly positive, with numerous members saying it was the best party they can remember! Thanks again to all who worked so hard to make it happen.



Photos by Leo Merle

The Board has started planning for the next few events, and in a month or so we will publish the 2019 calendar of events so you can all “save the dates.” Here’s a teaser as to what’s coming up:

2018 New Year’s Eve Celebration (more on this below)

Crab Feed – February, actual date TBD

Spring Brunch and Egg Hunt – April 13

Spring Work Day – May 11

Please contact Evie Duncan if you can serve on a Party Committee for any of these events.

Membership News

Please welcome Tom and Linda Richards as our newest Rec members!

Cheryl Hannon, Board member in charge of Membership, is partnering with Tia Pierce on ways in which to promote our positive community culture and to further encourage neighbors to join The Rec.

New Year’s Eve

Join us for our final celebration of 2018, another “East Coast New Year’s Eve” party! Let’s usher in 2019 with a casual dance party (and possibly some karaoke too, which seems to be the new tradition). The Rec will provide champagne and other beverages. Members are asked to bring: a “heavy” hors d’oeuvres or dessert and their own dancing shoes, and if you like, your favorite dancing music! Even if dancing’s not your thing, please come out to welcome in the New Year with your neighbors!

More detailed invitations will be sent out in the new few days.



As always, if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact any of the current Board members:

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