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ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting will be held
this year on

Monday evening

October 06, 2008

7:00 p.m.

St. Francis Condos

2137 Otis Drive

We encourage all owners to attend to meet the new Board members and hear what's been going on during the year!

Coffee & Cookies will be served!



AWLHOA NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2008

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The lagoons are looking better. Testing has shown an improvement in the quality of the water. A combination of aggressive action by our consultant company, American Civil Constructors, the many of you who have cooperated in keeping pollutants from getting a foothold, and of course the weather. Things are looking up, so let's all keep it up! Please, haul away any vegetation or animal feces before washing down your backyard and deck. Thank you.

The Board and our attorney have been working to revise the Association's outdated Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&Rs). These are the rules we all agreed to abide by when we bought our homes on the lagoons. They are what keep the value of our unique property far above the average. When we have completed the final draft of the CC&Rs we will be asking you to vote approval of them. It will need a majority of the homeowners to pass, so please take the time to read and vote when you get the parcel in the mail.

We should have a meaningful Reserve Study completed by the time you receive this newsletter. This will facilitate a more accurate and hopefully on-time budget that may benefit all of us by virtue of not increasing our yearly dues again this year. (I'm keeping my fingers crossed.)

Our website is getting more hits on the Internet. Please visit it if you want to know the highlights of Board meetings or check on anything of interest regarding our lagoons. I try to make sure pertinent information such as safety, lost boats, and oil spills are addressed quickly. It's a fast way to reach most of you but you have to check it out in order for it to work.

I'm approaching the end of my term as your President and I do want to thank our bookkeeper, Barry Christensen, all the board members, the gang at the Public Works Department, and those of you who have for the most part made my year a positive experience. It's been great working with you please give my successor the same cooperation. Thank you!

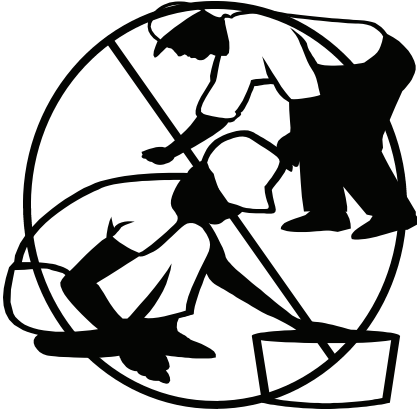
Dave Case,

AWLHOA Board President



Thank You

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP IMPROVE LAGOON WATER QUALITY



CAUTION

Please ***DON'T WASH*** bird droppings from your docks into the lagoons.

Please ***DON'T THROW*** plastic, plants, and other items in the lagoons.

Please ***DON'T ALLOW*** excess fertilizer or paint, etc. to enter the lagoons through your storm drains.

THANK YOU!!!

HELP WANTED- BOARD MEMBERS

Three Key Board of Directors positions expire in October 2008

Enclosed are

"Petition for Board Membership" forms for anyone that may be interested in serving on the AWLHOA Board of Directors.



The AWHOLA Board of Directors is actively pursuing solutions to the apparent degradation of water quality in our lagoons. The Board's initiatives range from an experimental application of a biological agent designed to reduce coliform bacteria and to help reduce algae blooms, to the study of a dredging project to remove 50 years accumulation of sediment from storm water flows, to an analysis of the amount of Bay water that we move through the system. Each of these studies, and the possible actions that may follow, show promise to improve the quality, clarity, and safety of our lagoons, by managing the ecological system. These are big and potentially expensive projects, but while the Board is exploring them, each of us who live on the lagoons can also participate in smaller, but no less responsible ways to help improve water quality.

If we can reduce the amount of pollutants and nutrients that enter the lagoons, we will have taken a step toward improved water quality. Pollutants and nutrients enter the lagoons through the storm drain system and through our backyards and docks. Alameda Public Works has an ongoing program to clean the storm drain system and sweep the streets to limit discharges to the lagoons and the bay, leaving our backyards and docks as a remaining source. Animal feces, vegetation, fertilizers, and herbicides are all examples of unwanted materials that we can thoughtlessly sweep, rake, or wash off our lawns and docks into the lagoons. Alternatively, we can limit our use of agricultural chemicals to the minimum necessary to do the job, we can limit our watering so that no irrigation water makes it to the lagoons, we can physically gather and remove solids from our yards and dispose of them with our green wastes, and we can never purposely allow anything to get into the lagoons.

In the past year I have seen people using pressure washers to strip paints and allowing them to flow to the storm drain system. I have seen vegetation allowed to grow over the banks and sea walls and into the lagoons. I have seen leaves raked into the lagoon. I have seen lawns being over-watered and irrigation water flowing to the lagoons through the weep holes in our seawalls, and I have seen kids driving golf balls into the lagoon. (In defense of the budding golfers, their drives were long and true).

If we all care about the quality of our lagoon living and our property values, if we think about the relationship between our property and the lagoons, and we do our very best to limit the amount of pollutants, chemicals, and nutrients that somehow are currently getting into our lagoon water, then we will have done our part in improving and maintaining the quality of our lagoon living lifestyle.



Fred Hoffman,
AWLHOA Board Director



RETURNING BOARD DIRECTOR - BARBARA DISALVO

At Home on the Waterfront

I've lived on the water nearly all my life. Growing up on the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland, and having made my home on the San Francisco Bay for most of my adult life, I am deeply grateful for the unique opportunity I've had to live and play on the water – welcoming the smell of the sea, views of its endless horizons and the beaches at my doorstep which are integral to my everyday lifestyle.

My passion for the water has also included crewing on several memorable sailing trips up and down the West coast as well as cruises that have taken me from the Atlantic to the Pacific, through the spectacular Panama Canal, and the Alaskan Passage.

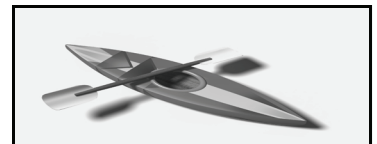
Living on The Alameda West Lagoon for the past decade has given me a deep respect of our island city's unique geography and environmental relationship with the San Francisco Bay & Estuaries which form the basis of the fabric in many neighborhoods, home styles and the overall quality of life here. Coupled with many streets that encourage walking and bicycling around town, I've developed connections to the community block-by-block, building relationships with people and neighborhoods on a more intimate level. My husband Anthony & I lead Team Alameda's monthly "Second Sunday Slow Ride", bicycle tours that meander through the city and give us a chance to interact in our community at a leisurely pace.

I rejoin the Alameda West Lagoon Board of Directors hoping to have positive impact in preserving our way of life here...now and in the future.

Barbara DiSalvo,
AWLHOA Board Director

NEW BOARD DIRECTOR - JANINE BARTALINI SHAFER

Janine is a North Shore homeowner who responded to the enclosure included in our last newsletter. She indicated she would be interested in serving on the Board of Directors. She and her family have been long time Alameda residents. Thanks Janine!



LOST BOATS

NEW BOARD DIRECTOR - ANITHA SASTRY

I have lived in Alameda for the past 16 years with my husband Suresh Sasstry. Suresh and I bought our 1949 Otis Drive house 12 years ago and were mainly attracted by the lagoon view in the backyard and still love it every day. Suresh is a Senior Software Architect and has worked for Alameda's very own Wind River Systems. I myself am a mortgage consultant for the past 5 years; prior to being a mortgage consultant I have worked in banking for Wells Fargo Bank and US Bank.

We have two wonderful children ages 15 and 11 years old who attend Alameda High School and Wood Middle School, respectively. I am on the PTA board and volunteer for a variety of school activities year round.

I recently joined AWLHOA as a board member to learn more about my community, contribute my ideas as well as my suggestions, and try to help the board make the right decision for the entire association.

Anitha Sasstry,
AWLHOA Board Director

If you have lost a boat,
don't forget to call our

Lost Boat

Representative:

Marianne McNair

At 814-0728

More than one owner has retrieved a missing boat by contacting our lost boat representative.

Thanks Marianne!



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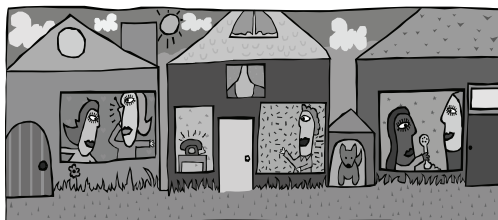
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GOOD NEIGHBORS ENHANCE PROPERTY VALUES



CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

In the event you have a change of address, either temporarily or permanently, please inform us by sending a note to our P.O. Box. It is important that we know where to contact you for Newsletters, Notices, Invoicing of Assessments, Annual or Special Meetings, etc.

MEMBERS RIGHT TO RECEIVE MINUTES

Monthly minutes of the Board of Directors meetings may be obtained for a calendar year (January through December). Requests should be submitted to the Secretary at our P.O. Box. Please mail a check payable to AWLHOA for \$6.00.

PLEASE NOTE: Summaries of the monthly minutes are available (free of charges) on the association's website at <http://www.alamedawestlagoonhoa.com>.

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to extend a WELCOME to the following new members:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>TRANSACTION DATE</u>
Catalina Yee	621 Waterview Isle	March 31, 2008
Melissa Martin, Carlo Riego & Derrick Martin	2821 Bayview Drive	April 30, 2008
Jeffrey Lusareta	621 Rock Isle	July 16, 2008
Samuel Lam & Linda Yee	604 Sandalwood Isle	July 17, 2008

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BOARD MEETINGS :
Third Tuesday, 3:00 p.m.
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