

MULFORD GARDENEER

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M.G.I.A. GENERAL MEETING

Last Tuesday of Each Month - Next meeting – March 30 @ 7:30PM

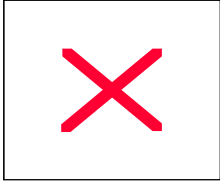
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President's Message:

A commentary of short thoughts to M.G.I.A and San Leandro residents.....



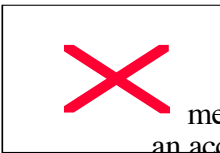
TIME TO TOSS YOUR HAT IN THE RING!!

M.G.I.A is holding **Nominations for Officers and Board Members** at the General Meeting, **March 30, 2010 at 7:30 pm**. Those interested are encouraged to attend.

Elections will be held April 27, 2010 at 7:30pm at the General Meeting.

Why, you ask, would I want to join the Mulford Gardens Improvement Association board? As a long time board member and current President, I can say it is a great way to meet people, influence City policy, keep your finger on the pulse of the community and help to maintain our 'rural' lifestyle. If you are a member of M.G.I.A. you can run for office or be a board member. If you are not a member of M.G.I.A. now is the time to submit your \$3.00 annual dues (yes, a whole \$3.00 a year) to become one.

Our pleas to you, our members, seem to have fallen on deaf ears. No one responded to our last request for ideas, information, family news or suggestions. Life has become busy and complicated and everyone's time is precious but surely we can find maybe 2 hours a month to be an active participant in our community. Take a break from the news, TV, radio, and video games, movies, computers; step away from FaceBook and meet others Face to Face!! We would love to have more community parties, flea markets, yard sales and events at our Clubhouse but without input from YOU these things are not going to happen. Unfortunately, due to only current members and those few others requesting our newsletter, we are left 'preaching to the choir.' So, please take this copy of the Gardeneer, share it with a neighbor who might not get one and bring him/her to the Nomination Meeting this month (March 30 @ 07:30p) and get involved. Even if you don't run for office or want to be on the Board, you can chat with us and give us your ideas for the community. Refreshments are served!!



Did you know M.G.I.A. offers a Scholarship to high school graduates? All applications for Scholarship consideration must be **submitted by April 26th, 2010**.

All applicants must fill out an M.G.I.A. Scholarship Application; be a current M.G.I.A. member, have a sponsored letter from their High School Counselor and a letter of intent from an accredited institution they plan to attend. Anyone wishing an application or information please call 510-206-4249 or e-mail to mgia@myway.com.

Bo Johansen, MGIA
President





CAC (Citizens' Advisory Committee)
The monthly meeting of the Shoreline CAC was held on March 17, 2010. The three sub-committees met separately with Ed Miller, Cal-Coast developer to discuss a revision of design for the Marina.

The plan had been reviewed by BCDC (Bay Conservation and Development Commission) and the main comment was that the proposed developments cantilevered over the inner harbor were determined to be Bay fill and the plan would not be permitted by BCDC. Therefore, it was necessary to consider some revisions.

CAC Chairman Kent Myers told us that these plans were not "set in stone." However, it seems to this committee member that the cement is setting up rapidly to include three or four multi-story office buildings and residential housing along the edge of the golf course and probably in the open area along the waterfront currently used as open space and for parking at El Torito. Some of BCDC's guidelines for site planning on the shoreline include giving consideration to "enhance visual access." One must ask, "Do those proposed buildings in those locations meet that guideline?"

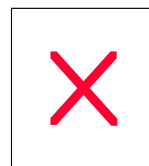
Two separate conversion plans for the Monarch Bay Gold Course were submitted for discussion.

Ed Miller has often commented that this is a beautiful area. True! True! That is why I believe it is worth safeguarding as OPEN AREA and developing it responsibly with reduced intensity such as restaurants, recreational use shops, public activity center, youth activity needs and many other public uses as suggested by the committees.

Surely we don't have to cover the entire 40-plus acres with PRIVATE uses and cement.

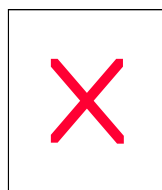
What do you think? The next CAC meeting will be on April 21 at 07:00pm at the Marina Inn.

Respectfully yours, Audrey Albers



M.G.I.A. is conducting its spring maintenance and invites one and all to join us in working in the MGIA

Park. Surely you have driven by, stopped in or walked over and played at the MGIA Park on Aurora and wondered how it is maintained. The answer is Volunteers! Specifically, the MGIA board members have spent hours and days trimming trees, raking, weeding the playground and cleaning up the Park. A local Boy Scout troop put in the play equipment several years ago as part of a community project. There is always more than enough work to go around. Why not help us as we help keep and maintain much needed GREEN SPACE in our little neighborhood and get to know your neighbors! Anyone interested in volunteering even an hour or so, please contact Bo Johansen at 510-206-4249 or send an e-mail to M.G.I.A. at mgia@myway.com. It's your organization and your support and input strengthens M.G.I.A. and the community.



Robert Bishop of Nome Street died on February 13, 2010 of heart failure. He was 89. Don't know if you are aware of it or not, but in their younger days, Bob and Pat (Patricia Bishop died on February 20, 2008) were very involved in civic causes. They cared about their community. Bob, right up to his death, wrote to the Mayor and council on a regular basis about paving Marina Boulevard and Doolittle Drive and fixing the potholes. Pat is responsible for the fact that there are separate district seats on the council. Before she went door-to-door with her petition for a change to the city charter, most of the council members lived within a few blocks of each other uptown.

Adelena Dal Porto (Adee) of Nome Street died on March 6. She was 95. She often bought flats of strawberries to give away to all the neighbors -- she didn't eat strawberries herself! She also fed all of the stray cats in the neighborhood. Adee could be seen regularly on her way to lunch or church or just to the grocery store -- always dressed in matching outfits. She was a wonderful neighbor.

They will both be missed.

Submitted by: Jeanne Bishop