

Mailbox Theft

Our mailman Jack Karn has informed us that there have been several cases of mail theft from home mailboxes in our neighborhood. Reduce your vulnerability to mail theft by depositing outgoing mail in drop boxes, by making your home mailbox more secure, and by picking up incoming mail from your mailbox as quickly as you can. Let the Post Office, and the NHPA, know if you have experienced this kind of vandalism.

There was previously a drop box at Amito and Drury which was maintained by the City of Berkeley. When construction of a house at that location began, the box was removed with the permission of the city. Now that the house construction is finished it is time to ask the Post Office to replace the drop box. The Post Office number is 1-800-275-8777. Refer to Case No. DE2779348 and say you are requesting the return of the drop box and a pick-up time of 5 pm if possible. The case was originally opened by Bob Sands so it is listed under his name. We badly need a drop box in this area so all calls will be appreciated.

– David Kessler and Vallery Feldman

Website

This year marks the third of our website, www.nhphoenix.org. We use this website to post news, meetings, and things of interest to the North Hills neighborhood. We invite everyone to read it regularly and to send us neighborhood news. The more reporters we have, the more interesting the site. This year we have started an experiment to post plans for houses that are planned in our area. At this time, we can only get the information from residents. We also post newsletters from our local groups such as the Vicente Canyon Neighborhood Association. All local associations are welcome and encouraged to publicize their activities on our site. This year, I am thinking of experimenting with other ways to communicate. Neighborhoods used to have boards where people posted notices such as requests for baby sitters, needs for small jobs, or other messages. Perhaps we can use our website to continue this tradition. Please send your comments, reports, and news to webmaster@nhphoenix.org. If you are interested in helping construct a message board or other web base activity, please contact me.

– Howard Matis
North Hills Phoenix Webmaster

Vegetation Management

Hot weather days and long warm nights are fast approaching. While we take time to do our annual spring cleaning in and around our homes, we should also take the time to make sure that we have defensible space to protect our homes. The use of defensible space is one way to protect our homes in the event of a wildland fire. As you know, the Fire Suppression District was eliminated some time ago. However, the commitment of the Oakland Fire Department to provide a comprehensive Vegetation Management Program remains as strong as ever.

The Vegetation Management Unit of The Fire Prevention Bureau, will continue to provide defensible space consultation, complaint inspections and enforcement of non-complainant properties. However we need your help.

To increase our vegetation management inspection coverage and to allow us to concentrate on problem areas and non-complainant properties, we ask that you participate in our Vegetation Management Self-Inspection Program. The purpose of this program is to allow you to conduct a defensible space assessment of your home. This will tell you if your property is in compliance with fire safe prevention standards. When you get your self-inspection form you should; conduct a survey of your home, complete the inspection form and return it to your local fire station or mail it to the Oakland Fire Department, Fire Prevention Bureau.

If you have any questions regarding the Vegetation Management or the Self-Inspection Program, please call (510) 238-3851 or stop by the Fire Prevention Bureau at 250 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Suite 3341, Oakland 94612.

Let's make this a fire safe summer by working together.

– LeRoy Griffen, Inspection Supervisor
Oakland Fire Services Agency

Thank You

The NHPA would like to thank Leigh Renteria of the Oakland Poice Dept. and the City of Oakland for the new and improved signage throughout the city. Comments were made during the general meeting of the NHPA January 20, 2000 about the poor and outdated signage in many parts of the city and now new signs are springing up everywhere.

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District One Meetings

Councilmember Jane Brunner holds meetings on the first Saturday of every month to discuss issues relevant to District One. Everyone is welcome.

10 AM until noon
Peralta Elementary School
460 - 63rd St., Oakland

For more information call District One offices:
510-238-7001
NHPA web site - <http://www.nhphoenix.org>

COMMUNICATING WITH THE NHPA

The NHPA is a community-based organization. We like and need to hear from you. There are several ways to contact us. Call the hotline to leave messages and receive recorded information. (510) 273-9111.

E-Mail: Use **info@nhphoenix.org** if you have questions, ideas, suggestions etc. For membership inquiries use **membership@nhphoenix.org**. To contact the newsletter use **newsletter@nhphoenix.org**. The newsletter is always looking for article suggestions and for writers.

<http://www.nhphoenix.org>, our web page, is our newest communication tool. This is a great source for information about the NHPA, activities and links to other sites of interest to Oakland residents.

Postal address is NHPA P.O. Box 20784, Oakland, CA 94620

Dues: Dues for the NHPA are \$35.00 per calendar year. Enclosed in this newsletter is an envelope to help make this an easy process. Since we are a lobbying organization the dues are not tax deductible. We thank you for your support.

Yes! I want to join/renew with the North Hills Phoenix Association. I have enclosed my annual membership fee of \$35 payable to the North Hills Phoenix Association. New _____ Renew _____

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Telephone –Home _____ Office _____

Fax: _____ E-Mail _____

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