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The Board meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Atonement Lutheran Church, 9242 Kiefer Blvd. The meeting is open to the public.

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Rosemont Resident on School Board

This past month's elections brought two firsts. It was the first time that the Sacramento City Unified School District Board was elected on the basis of area rather than at-large. It also marks the first time that a Rosemont area resident is on the Board.

Donald Terry was elected to the new Area 3 seat over another Rosemont resident, Vicki Simpson, in a close race that was not settled for several weeks after the election.

With the School Board now elected by area, the east end of the District, including Rosemont, will always have a seat on the Board. This should make it easier for families with children in the schools, and for all area residents, to have their voices heard on school issues. Previously, there was concern that Board members came only from other areas of the District and that the interests of those in the eastern portion of the District were at least "under-

represented." This concern led to voters several years ago changing how the Board is elected by changing to electing from seven separate areas.

SCUSD boundaries exceed the Sacramento City limits. In our area, the eastern boundary is Routier Road. Rosemont and Lincoln Village are in the SCUSD. (Lack of understanding of this fact may be the reason that there were over 5,000 "no votes" in Area 3 precincts in the school board contest.)

Congratulations to Donald Terry on his election, and RCA commits to working closely with him in his new office. And thanks also to Vicki Simpson for her interest in helping make our schools even better. Two excellent examples of Rosemont leadership. *(by Terry Dugan)*

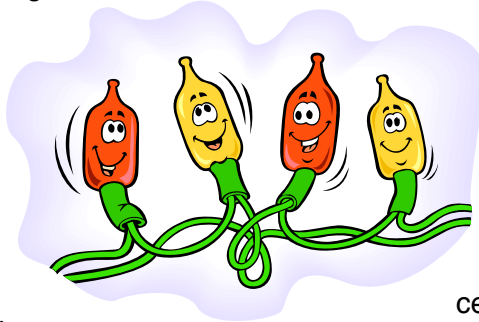
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November 3rd Board Meeting

What issues, projects and activities is the Association currently involved in? Each month this quick summary will be provided here and on the web site. After the Minutes are approved at the next meeting, they will also be posted on the web site.

At the November 3rd meeting, the Board:

- Listened to a presentation by Heather Yee, Sacramento County DOT, about the North Kiefer Blvd. closure. It will be closed at the Kiefer Blvd. end in 2009. The T-intersection with Tallyho Drive will be signalized.
- Heard reports regarding meetings with Kiefer Blvd. businesses.
- Took in various reports.



zoning and development proposals for final decision by the County Planning Commission. *(by Bob White)*

RCA 50th Anniversary Plans

This coming year will mark the 50th anniversary of the Rosemont Community Association. The first houses in this area were built in 1958, and the Association was formed the following year to help assure this neighborhood remained an attractive place to live and work.

To mark this milestone, the RCA Board is beginning to plan for an appropriate celebration and welcomes everyone's ideas on how we can best celebrate. We also invite your recollections, anecdotes, photos and other memorabilia from those early days and all the days in between. Just drop the Board a note or send your ideas via the comment section on the Association web page at www.rosemontca.org.

If you have questions, please use the Contact Us form at the RCA website or contact Terry Dugan at 363-6248. *(by Bob White)*

CORPAC Report

The November 13th meeting was short. There were two items on the agenda. One was a use permit revision for an existing boat repair business on Pyrites Way (in Rancho Cordova) to also sell boats. The second item was for an extension of the use permit to allow vehicle sales at the site just east of the old Mine Shaft along Folsom Blvd. The council recommended approval for both requests. For the Mine Shaft site, the request for ten years was revised to five years.

There is no meeting in December. The next meeting will be on January 8, 2009.

CORPAC meets on the second Thursday each month at 7:00 pm in Conference Room 1, 3701 Branch Center Rd. It consists of representatives from Rosemont (Dennis Dean and Bob White), Butterfield, College Greens East and Gold Country. It reviews and makes recommendations on

Get a Neighbor to Join

Do yourself and your neighborhood a favor and get a neighbor to join the Rosemont Community Association. Membership provides a great way to keep informed about what is going on in Rosemont and an excellent forum in which to offer your ideas for making our neighborhood even better. There will be much happening in Rosemont in the months and years ahead, so stay informed and engaged. Use the form in this newsletter (or download our brochure from our website) to sign up a neighbor or sign up yourself and then sign up your neighbors. You'll be glad you did.

And remember, the Rosemont Community Association includes all homeowners, renters and businesses in the area within Folsom, Bradshaw, Jackson, and Watt, so if you are within those bounds, sign up!

Changes to Watt Ave/Highway 50 Interchange in the Works

Recently, a public workshop was held to inform area residents about proposed improvements to the Watt Ave/Highway 50 Interchange. While completion will be yet several years off, the changes are intended to speed the flow of traffic in all directions, and make it safer, including for pedestrians and bicyclists.

New bike/pedestrian paths are proposed for both the east and west side of Watt over the freeway, and designed in a way that they will go under the auto traffic lanes rather than having to cross the traffic.

The exit ramps from both the east and west bound freeway onto Watt will come to a T-intersection at Watt and flow will be controlled onto Watt by signals, similar to how traffic is now handled at the Bradshaw interchange with the freeway.

Traffic onto the east and west bound freeway from Watt will be merged more evenly so that back-ups are less likely. A bus express lane in the Watt Ave, median will move buses more expeditiously to and from the light rail station. All signal lights in the area will be coordinated to help traffic flow more smoothly and quickly.

RCA will continue to monitor plans and provide input to help assure what is actually built actually works. *(by Terry Dugan)*

Neighborhood Cleanup

Now, when it is cooler outside, is a great time to get together with a few neighbors and have a "Quick Clean-Up Party." In only an hour, a handful of you and your neighbors can walk around your block with garbage bags collecting trash that thoughtless and careless folks have dropped. The effort will give you a great feeling of pride in your neighborhood, a good exercise,

and a more attractive area. And with the number of homes now for sale in the area, it will help boost your property values.

And it is also a great time to do a little yard work, cutting the grass, raking the leaves, pulling weeds and generally sprucing your yard up before you take the winter off. A little attention know will allow you to relax this winter knowing you have a neat and good looking yard you are proud of.

Get (leaves) out of the Gutter!

Quick! Before the rains come (they will, won't they?). Take a few minutes to rake the leaves out of the gutter in front of your house so they do not wash over the drains and prevent the water from getting into our storm drain system. Now that most leaves are off the trees is a great time to help keep our drains from backing up. While the County does run street sweepers through the area, it cannot possibly stay ahead of all the leaves in our gutters. Good neighbors help each other, and all benefit.

Have You Checked Out the Library Lately?

Yes, that is a play on words. However, you really should either visit your local branch or click your way to <http://www.saclibrary.org/> and you will be amazed at the 21st century version of the old quiet and stodgy library. They have free WiFi at all branches. Downloadable audio books and videos are available. All you need is a valid library card. And you can apply for that on-line!



Cordova Recreation and Parks District Elections

November's elections also saw two new members elected to the CRPD Board, whose responsibilities will include representing the Rosemont area. Mark Baxter and Rick Sloan won the two open seats on the Board over five other candidates. Sloan won in a very close election, with 15 votes more than Perry Metzger of the Rosemont area. (Who says every vote doesn't count?!)

The CRPD elects its Board members at-large from throughout the District. Each of the five Board members represents the entire District, ranging from the Rosemont and Colleges Greens East areas on the west to Gold River and Anatolia on the east, including the entire City of Rancho Cordova.

RCA looks forward to working closely with our two new representatives and the entire CRPD Board to assure that the parks and services in the Rosemont area are excellent and comparable to those in other parts of the District, and that the special assessment funds collected from this area are invested in the facilities in this area.

Toward this end, the Association nominated and the District has appointed David Hudson, a well qualified Rosemont resident, to serve on the District's Oversight Committee that was created with the passage of the special assessment several years ago to assure that the funds collected are properly spent and accounted for.

If you have ideas or concerns about the parks and recreation services in the Rosemont area, we urge you to contact members of the CRPD Board, and also tRCA so that we can follow up and assure proper attention is given to your concern.
(by Terry Dugan)



Start a Neighborhood Watch Program on Your Block

If you don't already have one, talk to a couple of your neighbors and start a Neighborhood Watch Program with the folks on your block. It is an excellent way to help keep your home and family safe, and your property values up. It is easy to do.

All that is involved is sharing contact information with others who live near you – down the street, behind you, around the corner – anywhere you can see each other's houses – and staying alert to unusual activity. If you see something you think may be suspicious you can contact your neighbor or the Sheriff's office as may be appropriate so that action may be taken.

It is also a great way to get to know the good people who are your neighbors – and you just might make good friends as well.

For information on forming a Neighborhood Watch program on your area, call the Sheriff's office at 875-9602 or go to www.sacsheriff.com/crime_prevention/index.cfm#neighborhood_watch on the Sheriff's website.

Light Rail News

During the above mentioned presentation about the North Kiefer closure, the County DOT also informed RCA that RT hoped to begin testing running trains over the new Watt Ave overpass sometime in December. And, if all goes well, the regularly scheduled trains will begin to use the overpass sometime in January.

It's been a long time coming and is very welcome news to many Rosemont residents who have accumulated many stop-light hours at that intersection over the past 20 years.

CFLs are good for the environment -but don't forget to recycle old bulbs

One of the quickest and easiest ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions is to replace incandescent lights with compact fluorescent bulbs. CFLs have the added benefit of lasting eight to 10 times longer than traditional incandescent bulbs, and they save you money, too.

Replacing just one incandescent bulb with a CFL will save you about \$30 on your annual electric bill. For those individuals concerned about global warming and leaving a cleaner world for future generations, CFLs are a positive step.

But it's important to recycle CFLs since they contain small amounts of mercury. California law forbids the disposal of any lamps containing mercury in the regular solid waste trash.

SMUD is working with state and local agencies to develop better recycling options and drive the industry toward developing CFLs with lower quantities of mercury. In the SMUD service area, mercury-containing bulbs can be recycled at the following locations. [See disposal information below.](#)

Recycling old CFLs

California law forbids the disposal of any lamps containing mercury in the regular solid waste trash. A compact fluorescent light bulb generally contains an average of five milligrams of mercury – about one-fifth the amount of mercury in an average watch battery, and one-hundredth the amount of mercury in an amalgam dental filling. No mercury is released when CFLs are intact or in use.

Cleaning up a broken CFL

If a CFL breaks, your greatest risk is being cut by broken glass. The Environmental Protection Agency offers the following clean-up and disposal guidelines:



- ✓ Open a window and leave the room for 15 minutes or more.

- ✓ Carefully scoop up the fragments and powder with stiff paper or cardboard and place in a sealed plastic bag.

- ✓ Use disposable rubber gloves if available. Wipe the area clean with damp paper towels or disposal wet wipes and place them in the plastic bag.

- ✓ Place all cleanup materials in a second sealed plastic bag.

- ✓ Store the plastic articles in an outdoor area until they can be recycled properly at one of the sites listed below.

- ✓ If a CFL breaks on a rug or carpet, remove as much of the material as possible without using a vacuum cleaner. Sticky tape can be used to pick up small pieces and powder.
- ✓ If vacuuming is needed, clean the area where the bulb was broken, remove the vacuum bag and put the bag or vacuum debris in sealed plastic bags. Store the sealed articles in an outdoor area until they can be properly recycled.

Disposal of CFLs

It's important to dispose of CFLs properly. Here are links to more information on municipal waste-disposal in the SMUD service area:

- [County of Sacramento](#)
- [City of Sacramento](#)
- [City of Folsom](#)

(Source: SMUD website)



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County Hazards and 875-5656

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www.msa.saccounty.net/communityhazards

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Sacramento City 643-7400

Unified School District

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3909 Ashgrove Wy	3/2	\$150,000
9425 Medallion Wy	3/2	\$157,000
9344 Mirandy Dr	4/2	\$157,900
4034 Wyalong Wy	4/2	\$170,000
4312 Leafmont Wy	4/2	\$173,500
9245 Castlebar Wy	4/2	\$175,000
9180 Brian Ct	3/2	\$188,000
9109 Thilow Dr	3/2	\$196,000
3821 Bairnsdale Wy	4/2	\$198,500
9217 Premier Wy	3/2	\$198,700
3433 Montezuma Cir	3/2	\$199,000
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3409 Buccaneer Cir	3/2	\$210,000
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