



MARCH 2009 HOA NEWSLETTER

Board Elections: appeal for candidates for the Board elections in June.

There are three positions on the Board of Directors open for election at our annual meeting to be held in July. Homeowners in good standing, with good people skills and real estate or management skills are encouraged to apply. The time commitment is about 2 – 4 hours a week (president), or less than an hour a week for the other Board positions. This time is mostly in e-mails and phone calls, with occasional Board meetings. For an organized person with access to email this is not difficult at all.

Please visit <http://www.hiddentrailshoa.com/> and complete the **Candidate Statement of Interest Application** form found atop the Documents tab.

Board Meeting: The next meeting will be 6:30PM March 12th, at the East Valley Community Center's Grove room. The meeting is being held a little later than usual due to (closed door) fine hearings which will precede the Board meeting (open to all).

Escondido's Heritage: The Indian princess Hal-Ah-Wee "Felicita" La Chappa Morales, who died in October of 1911, was believed to be 104 years old. She was the wife of "Boley" Morales and daughter of Panto La Chappa, the last hereditary chief of the San Pasqual band of Kumeyaay Indians. She and her husband made San Pasqual their home for many years.

An offshoot of Grape Day was the outdoor play "Felicita". Dr. Benjamin F. Sherman, an Escondido optometrist, composed a spectacle in her name with a 100-person cast and 50 on-stage horses that was performed first on September 9th, 1927 and the succeeding three years. The performances were in a natural outdoor bowl in southern Escondido. He based his play on a collection of Elizabeth Judson Roberts, *Indian Stories of the Southwest*. In the play Felicita, an Indian maiden, aids an American soldier wounded in the Battle of San Pasqual.





With many Palomar College drama students taking part, a sincere attempt was made in 1970 and 1971 to revive the outdoor play. The acting was termed a success, but the audiences were too small to make the series financially viable.

2009 Amgen Tour of California: After a three-year hiatus Lance Armstrong's highly anticipated return to competitive professional cycling comes to Escondido. The Amgen Tour of California will be his first U.S. race of the season.

Sunday February 22, 2009 will conclude the final Stage 8 with the tour passing Hidden Trails Road twice. There is a chance to see an overall lead change, as well as a change in the KOM jersey leader. With four climbs, including the highest point ever reached in the Tour, and two sprints, Stage 8 has been characterized as the most difficult final stage in the tour's history. The cyclists will have to fight through the very end of the race, due to the addition of Palomar Mountain (5,123 ft.). Organizers expect a hard sprint to the finish; as with all the Grand Tours of Europe, winning the final stage of the 2009 Amgen Tour of California is a prize coveted by the riders.

Start Time: noon **Total Distance:** 96.8 mi. **Finish ETA:** 3:34-4:33 on Grand Ave.

DRC Meetings – New Location: Starting in January, the DRC will be trying out a new location, Soprano's Italian Restaurant, located at 360 Midway Ave., about 100 yards south of Valley Parkway. If you plan on attending, please confirm time/location with co-chair Marcus Harrell (760) 740-9131.

HOA Officers (*all are volunteers): President: James McNair (760) 743-1386;
Vice-President: Bob Dunbar (760) 741-5334; Secretary/Treasurer: Jane Albo.

Design Review Committee: Co-Chairs: Marcus Harrel (760) 740-9131 & Darryl Turner.
Adjunct members: Rick Wood, Dennis Van Rumund, Herb Kolodner. Meetings typically held 6PM, second Tuesdays at Soprano's Restaurant, 360 Midway Ave. ***Call Marcus to confirm meeting info.***

Property Manager: Becky Burchard, rburchard@menas.com, Menas Realty (760) 942-2667 or (858) 270-7870 x 14. Visit www.menas.com for contact info regarding billing or repairs.

Escondido Police Department: 911; non-emergency = (760) 839-4722.

Escondido Fire Dept. (Fires, fireworks, rattlesnakes): 911; non-emergency = (760) 839-5400

City of Escondido, Code Enforcement (graffiti): 839-4650

East Valley Community Center: 2245 East Valley Parkway, 839-4382

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