

CLJGHOA April 1999 Newsletter



Repeat Meeting

Due to the lack of a quorum at the April meeting, the CLJGHOA annual meeting could not be held. **This was because many homeowners did not send in their proxy forms to Menas, as requested.** Thus, the annual meeting will have to take place again on May 4th. By law, no formal CLJG business can be conducted until this annual meeting is held and a quorum is achieved. During this meeting only a closed review of the last year's CLJG business will take place. The next formal HOA meeting where resident's business can be heard, will be held on **June 1st, 1999 at 7:00 p.m.** in the community room at L.J. Village Square Mall, next to the AMC theater entrance. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month. **Please Join Us!**



Furnace Air Filters

IMPORTANT - Don't forget to replace the air filter in your furnace at least twice a year. If you aren't able to change the furnace filter yourself, make friends with a neighbor who can or call a handyman! The filters only cost \$3-\$5 at Home Depot or HomeBase and you will be amazed at how dirty your old furnace filter has become. Also, if the furnace filter is dirty, this may restrict the normal airflow to the burner, not allowing the natural gas to burn properly and the furnace may emit poisonous carbon monoxide fumes. This happened to one resident at CLJG recently and their carbon monoxide alarm went off. The cause - a dirty furnace filter. Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include dizziness, headaches, queasy stomach and drowsiness. Call SDG&E at 800-611-7343 immediately if you suspect that your furnace is emitting carbon monoxide and get your furnace serviced annually by a licensed contractor. **Also, buy a carbon monoxide alarm for your home. They only cost \$15 from Home Depot and they may save your life.**



Poison

Please do not apply **ANY** poisons on the common areas at CLJG. Since January, two cats have repeatedly been poisoned by some sick or irresponsible resident at CLJG. One cat died. If you know of any resident at CLJG who is using poison on the common areas, please contact Animal Control at (619) 236-4250 immediately. They would like to hear from you, as they are investigating these incidents at CLJG and will likely prosecute those found responsible. **Notice to pet owners - Do not let your animals roam freely around CLJG or they may also get poisoned.**



Clogged Drains

Recently some A, B, D & E unit owners have noticed that the drain from their kitchen sink has become blocked. This is because some unit owners have put food down the garbage disposal unit and it has then stuck to the inside of the pipe, eventually blocking it. Unfortunately, these drains are common between A&B units and D&E units, so a blockage will affect both units even if you don't put anything in your garbage disposal. It is recommended that unit owners do not put any food down their garbage disposals, especially potato peelings, artichoke leaves, rice, pasta, oil, etc. Instead, please dispose of any waste food or cooking oil in garbage bags and dump in the trash.



Trash

Trash and food left outside people's homes attracts ants and rats and is very unsightly! In the last month there have been a lot of complaints of unnecessary mess at CLJG, including coffee grounds, eggs, soap and cigarette butts being dumped in the common areas. Let's not rely on the "kindness of strangers" to clear up and dispose of all trash properly ourselves.



UCSD Trolley

As you may have read recently in the Union Tribune (April 1st) or UCSD Guardian, the San Diego Metropolitan Transit Development Board (MTDB) is planning to put a trolley station at UCSD, to be in service in 2010. The track for this station will run alongside I-5, although the station location (and track route) has not yet been chosen. The two likeliest proposals have the station located adjacent to the VA hospital (i.e. west of I-5) or at the Thornton Hospital (i.e. east of I-5). The west I-5 station proposal would see the trolley tracks located right next to CLJG. If you are concerned about the additional noise and vibration caused by the tracks being close to CLJG, please voice your concerns to MTDB. **There will be a public meeting at 8.45am on May 6th at the San Diego MTDB downtown offices, 1255 Imperial Avenue, Suite 1000.**



Fire Hazard

Recently, there was a major fire at CLJG. Unfortunately, a balcony caught fire and over \$20,000 of damage was done to the unit. However, the fire was detected early, no one was injured and the whole block didn't burn down, thank goodness! Reminder - Please use extreme caution when operating barbecues on balconies and do not leave hot coals unattended. Similarly, do not discard cigarettes from the balconies - put them out and dispose of them properly.



Useful Info

Website: <http://home.san.rn.com/cljghoa/>

For common area maintenance issues, contact Leslie Holiday at 270-7870, extension 24.

FOR 24-HOUR EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE CALLS, CALL MENAS REALTY COMPANY
619-270-7870 (9am-5pm)
619-744-9883 (after hours)

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As the San Diego Trolley expands to our campus, UCSD debates the best location for the new station

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The San Diego Trolley will make its way up to UCSD - exactly where on campus and how much it will cost the university, will be discussed by the San Diego Metropolitan Transit Development Board next month.

The University of California and the Metropolitan Transit Development Board (MTDB) have been working together since the mid-1980s to bring the trolley to the UCSD campus. However, the two organizations have never seen eye-to-eye as to where the trolley Stop should be located. MTDB will decide the station location at a meeting tentatively scheduled for May 13.

The trolley will come to campus alongside Interstate 5. Whether it will arrive on the east or west side of the freeway is yet to be decided. There are three options for where the trolley stop will be located. A station east of I-5 would be near Thornton Hospital while a western station would be at Gilman Drive near Villa La Jolla Drive. A third option is for both stations to be constructed.

Advocates for a trolley station near the Price Center/Geisel Library area of campus said that a more central location for the trolley is the most logical plan.

"They basically feel that it makes more sense - that it seems to be the right thing to do" said Milt Phegley, UCSD campus community planner. "Cost potential and ridership benefits are considered above all."

Dennis Wahl, project manager of the mid-coast line of the trolley said tests conducted during the 1980s showed that the vibrations produced by a trolley traveling through the center of campus would disturb research and scientific equipment.

Wahl said that physical conditions and the university administration's long-term goals have ruled out a station in the current center of campus activity. He also said MTDB has opted for the easier and less disruptive option.

Wahl said the difference in cost between building trolley stations on each side of the freeway is great: the plan for the project shows the trolley on the east side of I-5 traveling from Old Town San Diego to the La Jolla area. Crossing over to the west side of the freeway to accommodate a UCSD station would require a costly bridge or sub-freeway tunnel.

Phegley said the proposed east campus site, near Thornton Hospital would be closer to the center of UCSD's growing campus in **2010, which is when the La Jolla stop for the trolley would be completed.** He said that before the first trolley zips through UCSD, the east campus will become home to a 30 acre scientific research park, the Preuss School and an expanded medical center.

Also Phegley said that a two vehicular-lane bridge over I-5 on east campus is currently under development. The cable-stayed bridge, similar to but much larger than the walking bridge over La Jolla Scenic Drive, is funded by Federal research dollars awarded to UCSD's engineering department. Phegley said the bridge, which is scheduled for completion in 2003 will make shuttle transportation from an east of I-5 station to campus easy.

Wahl said that though the University of California can help to find funding not normally available for this type of project, the \$200 million to \$300 million price tag on the trolley expansion still makes the cost the most important consideration in determining the station location.

Phegley said UCSD is supportive of the eastern station because such a station fits into the university's long range development plan and will

potentially serve the campus well.

"The university very much would like to see a trolley station on campus." Phegley said, also noting that MTDB foots the bill for the rail line and makes the final decision.

Wahl said that choosing a station location is also dependent upon potential ridership - how many people live and work within the area of the station site. He said MTDB projects that 10,000 to 11,000 people will ride the trolley daily between the future Balboa Avenue station and UCSD.

A public meeting regarding the location of UCSD's trolley station will be held at 8:45 a.m., May 6th at the San Diego MTDB downtown office, 1255 Imperial Avenue, Suite 1000.

