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## HIDDENBROOKE PLAZA — NEIGHBORS SERVING NEIGHBORS

By Janice De Ruitter

What happens when people who live in Hiddenbrooke choose to become owners of businesses in Hiddenbrooke Plaza? Answer: They know exactly what we need and strive to provide it. Eddie Nino, the developer of Hiddenbrooke Plaza, lives in Westchester and has chosen businesses to fill The Plaza that are owned and/or operated by Hiddenbrooke residents.

**Postal Link & More:** Scheduled to open Monday, January 30th, the owners, Owen and Eva Marie Viola and O'Hara Viola-La Frades, are residents in Reflections, and know their neighborhood well. They will provide packaging, mailing and shipping services via FedEx, UPS, USPS and DHL. They will also offer postage stamps, private mail boxes, notary public services, WiFi connection, copying, fresh flowers, gifts, greeting cards, novelty items and some basic office supplies. It's worth a visit just to see the murals that their daughter Jacqueline, a high school senior, painted of the Hiddenbrooke entrance and the 16<sup>th</sup> hole.

**Nino's Market:** The market is operated by Eddie Nino, Sasha Jain, and Richard Oliva. Both Eddie

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Sat 9 am – 4pm  
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#### Nino's Market – 552-2012

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Sunday 10 am – 9 pm

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## HIDDENBROOKE CHARTER SCHOOL DENIED

By Elizabeth Weinberg, HCS Steering Committee Co-Chair, 642-6346

On January 24, Dr. Rick Damelio, the State Administrator for the Vallejo City Unified School District, held a special board meeting to announce his decision to deny the Hiddenbrooke Community School Charter Petition. In a second agenda item, the District offered to create a standard district K-5 school in the HB community.

In response to the district's denial of the petition, the HCS Steering Committee:

- Endorses the efforts of the district to put a quality district school in Hiddenbrooke. We are confident that Hiddenbrooke parents will actively pursue a high standard of education at the new school.
- Urges the Hiddenbrooke community to be diligent in ensuring that the proposed facilities are consistent with what should be provided given the level of taxation on this community and the design aesthetics of the community.

VCUSD's offer of a district school in Hiddenbrooke, opening in September 2007, is predicated on sufficient parental interest in response to district informational mailings and community meetings during February and March of this year.

The HCS Steering Committee has always supported quality education through schools of choice in Vallejo. Therefore, we will continue to pursue the charter through the appeal

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## HCA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Paul Norberg, HCA President, pnorberg@sbcglobal.net



- The holidays are over and we are back to our normal routines. The torrential rains over the New Year's weekend left a major mudslide on Hiddenbrooke Parkway near Bennington Court. The City of Vallejo crews worked quickly to clean up the mess, but traffic was diverted for several hours to Bennington Drive. If this happens again, please follow the directions of the traffic control staff and don't attempt to drive through the mud. You could damage your vehicle and the landscape underneath. The city has applied to FEMA for disaster relief to pay the clean up costs.
- Vallejo Fire Chief Don Parker recently reported that the Hiddenbrooke ambulance station is expected to open on Tuesday, January 24. The site, immediately adjacent to the satellite site along Hiddenbrooke Parkway between I 80 and the Welcome Center, was expected to be open by the middle of November, but there were several unforeseen delays in the construction. The Vallejo Fire Department is planning to have an open house at the site in February. Please watch Hiddenbrooke News for more information.

This station will be staffed by Medic Ambulance and will be the first responder on emergency medical calls in Hiddenbrooke. The Medic Ambulance crew will be trained in CPR and able to operate a defibrillator, but they are not certified paramedics and are not able to administer medication. They also have other duties in transporting patients and may not be here when the call is received. The fire station on Admiral Callahan Lane is still our designated responder in an emergency and they will dispatch a crew at the time the call is received.

Jim Libien and I met with Acting City Manager Nicholini, Fire Chief Parker and Dave Egan from Triad on January 9 to discuss the construction of the fire station. Everyone agreed that a fire station was needed in Hiddenbrooke, but the City still has concerns about getting the funds to staff it. Last year City Manager Kemp informed us that the annual cost of over \$2 million would have to be paid by a special assessment on each Hiddenbrooke lot of approximately \$1,800. The Hiddenbrooke Community Association believes that the City of Vallejo has a responsibility to provide Hiddenbrooke with the same level of fire service as other areas and that there should be no extra tax to provide this service. At our meeting we encouraged the city to develop plans now so that they could use economies of scale and do the fire station grading at the same time Triad is doing grading for Phase III.

Acting City Manager Nicholini stated that the city is about to enter into a contract with a consulting company to study the fire department operations for the entire city and develop recommendations. The study is expected to be completed by June 2006 and at that time they would be better able to decide how to staff a Hiddenbrooke fire station. There would still be time to coordinate construction grading with Triad, as the grading for Phase III would not start until the summer of 2006 at the earliest.

- On February 14, the Vallejo City Council will be hearing an appeal of the Planning Commission approval for Phase III, The Grove at Hiddenbrooke. Phase III is located about half way between I 80 and the Welcome Center on the right side of the Parkway as you enter Hiddenbrooke. This is the last development that will be built in Hiddenbrooke other than the custom home sites. If you are interested in the appeal, I would encourage you to attend the city council meeting on February 14th at 7:00 PM at City Hall, 555 Santa Clara Street in downtown Vallejo.
- The nominating committee is looking for individuals interested in serving on a variety of positions on the Hiddenbrooke Community Association board. The next election will be in June 2006. I would encourage you to contact Priscilla Silvey at 643-0995 if you are interested in improving our community. We live in a wonderful valley, but there are many areas that still need attention. I think you will find participation on the board to be both rewarding and challenging.
- If you haven't joined the Hiddenbrooke Community Association now is the time to take advantage of our reduced dues of \$20 covering the period 1/1/06 to 6/30/06. You can download a membership application at our web site [www.hiddenbrookeonline.org](http://www.hiddenbrookeonline.org) and drop off your check at the Welcome Center. We need the support of the entire community as we continue to work for a fire station, park and school in Hiddenbrooke and other improvements such as a tot lot, and landscape rehabilitation. ♦

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## HPOA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Fred Self, HPOA President, fself1@yahoo.com



We are making great progress. The Articles of Incorporation were recorded with the Secretary of State on December 16, 2005 and they have issued our number, C2847753 so we are officially a California mutual benefit corporation. We have applied for our Federal identification number and should receive that soon. The amended CC&Rs will soon be forwarded to Triad Communities, LP to sign and record.

At our January 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting we approved an insurance plan to cover the HPOA Officers, Directors, and Committee Members. The successful bidder was Ellis Insurance Associates. Mr. Ellis is experienced in providing insurance to organizations such as ours. He has integrity and a strong commitment to protect his clients. The board also selected Collins Management Co. to manage our association and authorized Fred Self and Joyce Estes to work on the contract. Mr. Paul Collins has good credentials in managing homeowner associations and others. He lives in American Canyon so it should be convenient for him to attend our meetings. We hope to sign a contract with him soon so that he can assume his management duties upon recording of the CC&Rs. We look forward to working with Mr. Collins and his associates.

The first job for Collins Management Company will be to prepare a list of all Hiddenbrooke property owners and send out assessment notices. When you receive your statement we would appreciate a prompt remittance, as funds are needed immediately to pay for services.

I wish to take this opportunity to personally express my appreciation to all those hard working dedicated people that were persistent in making the HPOA a reality. I would like to offer special recognition to Joyce Estes and Paul Norberg. Their hard work and attention to details have saved Hiddenbrooke homeowners a great amount of money and continue to do so. Their many talents and accomplishments are very much appreciated.

Nominations and Annual Meeting: Before you know it, it will be time for our first Annual Meeting and HPOA election. There will be three openings on the board plus numerous committee vacancies. Those interested in serving on the board or on a committee please contact one of the following nominating committee persons, Priscilla Silvey at 643-0995, Bob Kile at 556-9950 or Regina Lau at 552-1985. ♦

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## SPRING CLEANING CHECKLIST

By Jamie Clark

Spring is in the air, and as soon as the rains stop, it's time to air out our homes and get rid of the stuffy Winter blahs. In other words, it's time for your annual Spring Cleaning. Whether you do it all yourself, or bring in some help, here is a list of items that need to be done at least once a year!

### General House

- Dust out of the way places, like fan blades, door frames, and on top of tall pieces of furniture. Always start at the top, as dust falls, and then vacuum when done.
- Wash windows and remove and

- hose down your screens.
- Clean your window blinds and vacuum your drapes. If anyone in your household smokes, have your drapes professionally dry cleaned.
- Have your carpets professionally cleaned.
- Have your vacuum cleaner serviced, or at least take it apart and cut out any tangled hair, thread, or string that might be clogging up the roller. Replace the vacuum bag.
- Polish your woodwork, cabinets, and wood furniture.
- Clean your A/C and heater intake filter.

- Sterilize your phones using a Clorox Wipe.
- Change your smoke detector batteries.

### Kitchen

- Clean behind the refrigerator and vacuum the coils.
- Clean your stovetop fan vents.
- Clean the inside of your dishwasher by adding 1/2 cup vinegar and running it empty
- Clean out your coffee maker by adding 1/2 cup of vinegar to through and running it empty. Then run fresh

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## ATTENTION: CALLING ALL GARDENS

By Mike & Ann Baldwin

We have just returned from a Christmas-New Year's trip to England where we had a wonderful time with our five grandchildren. However, we were alarmed when the newspapers carried stories of floods in the Bay Area and showed photos of downtown Napa and San Anselmo under water. On our return home we were relieved to find nothing worse in our yard than some loose soil and wood chips that had washed down the slope and over the driveway.

In this season of gales and floods it may be difficult to feel much enthusiasm for gardening. But time invested now can pay handsomely later, especially for anybody planning to submit their garden for the Hiddenbrooke Garden Tour, which is slated for Sunday May 21, from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.

Now is the time for gardens to be identified that might be suitable for the tour. We need volunteers who will be proud to show off their gardens. Ideally those selected will reflect the range of property types in Hiddenbrooke, from patio gardens in some of the newer homes to the larger lots of the longer established developments.

In the October/November 2005 issue of Neighbors we suggested the focus could be on gardens created mainly by the homeowners themselves, rather than being entirely designed, installed and maintained by landscape contractors. But we don't want to discourage homeowners who started off with professional landscaping and planting but are now maintaining their own yards. And it is not essential that you mow your own lawn or pick up your own leaves in order to qualify for the tour!

All registered participants will receive a brochure containing a description and a photograph for each of the 15 or so gardens to be visited. Individuals or small groups will find their way around the properties in random order, followed by an HCA-sponsored garden party at our home in Lansdowne Place. Those kind and generous neighbors who open their gardens to the public will of course be unable to attend the official tour, but we are planning a preview tour for them the day before followed by cocktails.

We hope to have more than enough submitted gardens so that the Garden Tour Committee can visit all the gardens to make a final selection.

If you have a garden that you would be proud to display to your Hiddenbrooke neighbors, please contact us by phone, 557-0600, or email at mbaldwin@cgl.ucsf.edu, and start preparing now to have it at its best by May 21. ♦

### SPRING CLEANING TIPS (Continued from page 3)

water through a few times.

- \_ Clean out the fridge. Get rid of any condiments that are more than 1 year old, including salad dressings, mustards, etc.
- \_ Wipe out your silverware caddy or drawer.
- \_ Wash the inside of trash cans.

### Bathrooms & Bathrooms

- \_ Clean your shower curtain by tossing it in the washing machine, and lay it out to dry.
- \_ Clean out your medicine cabinet. Toss any expired cosmetics or OTC or prescription medications.
- \_ Turn your mattress.
- \_ Clean humidifiers if you use them. ♦

**Disclaimer:** The goal of Neighbors is to provide residents and friends with information about the Hiddenbrooke development, City of Vallejo, local businesses, community activities and the Hiddenbrooke Community Association and Hiddenbrooke Property Owners Association Inc., and associated committees and activities. Since opinions expressed maybe the sole expression of the writer and not endorsed by HCA, we encourage residents to do their own research and/or obtain professional advice on the information provided in this newsletter.

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## EVENTS AT HIDDENBROOKE

Book your Corporate Meeting, Anniversary Party, Wedding and other Special Events in the Clubhouse while prime dates are still available. Call Tricia at **558-1153** today! For golf tournament information, call Carmen at **558-0330 x208**.

### E-MAIL ALERTS

Log onto [www.HiddenbrookeGolf.com](http://www.HiddenbrookeGolf.com) and sign up for our Email Alerts to receive info on golf promotions.



## DATES ARE SET FOR RESIDENTS GOLF TOURNAMENT FOR 2006

By John Estes

The Golf Committee has been busy scheduling the dates for the 2006 Residents Golf Tournaments with Carmen Juarez and Matt Ochs. The traditional after-tournament dinner and awards ceremonies will be held at Angelo's, the new restaurant in HB Plaza. We will have some surprises this year and a different format each month, just to keep things interesting.

This year, the final day to sign up for a Tournament will be the Wednesday before the Tournament. We must have time to give the Pro Shop the final count on the number of players, and the final count of diners to Angelo's, so PLEASE do not be late.

To be eligible to play in the Monthly Tournaments, you must have a NCGA Card and a Hiddenbrooke Resident Golf Card. You may purchase these cards at the Pro Shop at any time. The green fees will remain the same, \$50.00 which will include the prize fund, cart and driving range.

If you have any questions, please contact anyone of the Committee Members: John Estes, 647-7052, Tim Corbett, 554-0446, Jim Hayes, 554-1983 ♦

### The Monthly Golf Tournament Dates are the following Sundays:

- February 26      11:00am
- March 19        11:30am
- April             To Be Determined
- May                To Be Determined
- June 25          11:30am
- July 16            11:30am
- August 20        11:40am
- September 17   11:30am
- October 15       Noon
- November        To Be Determined
- December        To Be Determined



# THE SEARCH IS ON: NOMINATING COMMITTEE LOOKING FOR CANDIDATES FOR BOTH HCA AND HPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By Priscilla Silvey, Nominating Committee Chair

The new year brings with it opportunity to begin plans for HCA and HPOA Board of Director positions that may need to be filled during the course of 2006-2007.

We are building on last year's success when the Nominating Committee assisted the HCA Board in using a fantastic "Strategic Board Recruitment" process. This process was developed by Hiddenbrooke's one and only—Bob Kile, and co-facilitated by Regina Lau and Priscilla Silvey. This approach was very successful in helping the 2005-2006 HCA Board establish its vision and strategic action plan development on behalf of our Hiddenbrooke community.

As we continue forward this year, the Nominating Committee members will be actively involved in providing similar support for both HCA and HPOA Board of Directors. Here is where you enter the picture. If you are interested in running for either of these Boards, the nominating committee would love to talk with you. In our discussions with you, we will share the Board positions descriptions, which were created as a part of the Strategic Recruitment process. Our discussions will help you better understand the Board functions, roles & responsibilities, approximate time involvement, and overall community rewards associated with the use of your time and talents.

As you might guess, we currently have several active community members, but look for others like you from ALL of our neighborhoods, to share your skills and talents in Hiddenbrooke's continued development.

Please contact any of the following Nominating Committee members with your interest or question regarding HCA or HPOA Board candidacy:

The Nominating Committee: Priscilla Silvey, Chair, 643-0995, Bob Kile, 556-9950, and Regina Lau, 552-1985. ♦



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# THE WELCOME CENTER: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

By Allen Wildermuth

For visitors and residents alike one of the first visions of Hiddenbrooke is the Welcome Center located near the soon-to-be-completed Hiddenbrooke Plaza commercial center. As Hiddenbrooke continues to attract new owners, it may be helpful to talk about how it got there, what it is, what it is not, and what it could be in the future.

### Common Questions:

One question that seems to come up often is "Why can't we have a gate?" I have learned that discussions about gating Hiddenbrooke were held with the City when the Master Plan was being developed, but because Hiddenbrooke Parkway is a public street, open access cannot be denied, therefore there can be no gates.

Other frequent questions involve, "Can't they stop speeders?", or "Can't they cite people who do not stop at the stop signs?" Well, the answer to both questions is no. The employees staffing the Welcome Center are not police officers, traffic cops, nor are they authorized to stop traffic violators.

### Past:

The Welcome Center was originally built as a "sales aid" to direct potential buyers to model homes in the different neighborhoods while Hiddenbrooke was still being built up and developed. The building itself is City property, and

is situated on a public street. Up until two months ago, Triad was responsible for managing the Welcome Center operation, but with Triad's eventual exit from the community the Hiddenbrooke Community Association (HCA) agreed to take Triad's role.

### Present:

The HCA manages the Welcome Center by contracting with a private security firm to staff the building during the day and night. The guards on duty cannot act as a police agency, however they can provide assistance to motorists coming into the community, and they can alert public agencies of incidents on Hiddenbrooke Parkway. On one occasion, a resident needed help, and 911 was called to assist. During a closure of Highway 80, signs were posted at the Welcome Center so residents would know to turn around before getting caught at the freeway. And most recently, during rains in early December, the drain at the intersection of Hiddenbrooke Parkway and Bennington Court (where the new commercial center is being built) was flooded. The guard on duty put cones up to direct traffic to the left lane into the Welcome Center so they could turn left on Bennington and avoid the flooded roadway. They also put up cones on Hiddenbrooke Parkway to show the flooding.



One of the recent changes made since HCA took over is the addition of random community patrols. These patrols cover all the neighborhoods in Hiddenbrooke and the waterfall at different times during the day and evening. They are inspecting Hiddenbrooke Maintenance District Property (HMD) for trouble, and if they notice any unusual activity during one of their patrols, they can alert the proper authorities.

### Future:

What can the Welcome Center become? Well, as the Contract Manager for the Welcome Center, I can get ideas from Hiddenbrooke residents, and if not prohibited by law or budget constraints, I can take those ideas to the HCA Board, and the City, or the Security firm to see if any of the ideas could be accommodated. The new year could bring many opportunities to make the Welcome Center even more of an asset to Hiddenbrooke, so please, if you have some suggestions, send them to [Hiddenbrooke\\_wc@yahoo.com](mailto:Hiddenbrooke_wc@yahoo.com). *Note the underscore ( \_ ) between Hiddenbrooke and wc.* ♦

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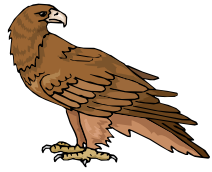
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# GOLDEN EAGLE, RED-TAILED HAWKS BATTLE OVER HIDDENBROOKE

By Angelo Lamola

If you were to look up over the eighth fairway one Sunday morning last fall, you would have seen three Red-Tailed Hawks, with a wing span of 49 inches, harassing a Golden Eagle, with a wing span of 79 inches. The eagle was not at all terrified by the hawks, and simply stretched out its legs and talons in the direction of the dive-bombing hawks, sometimes flipping on its back to do so. This aerial ballet went on for about fifteen minutes, until the eagle decided to fly west over the hills. The hawks did not pursue.

The Golden Eagle and Red-Tailed Hawk are not the only birds that spend time here. According to the Napa-Solano Audubon Society more than 150 species of birds might be found at Hiddenbrooke. In fact over the last year my wife Sandy and I have recorded more than 80 different birds in our beautiful valley.

The winter season seems to have the greatest variety of birds here as well as at the nearby marshlands in American Canyon where many ducks and

shorebirds can be seen. In fact, the Hiddenbrooke valley is one of the areas that is covered in the yearly Christmas bird count.

The variety of habitats in Hiddenbrooke support a wide spectrum of bird types, some are resident all year, some are summer nesters, and some are winter visitors. These include birds as large as the Golden Eagle and the Great Blue Heron and as small as the Anna's Hummingbird, as plain as the Brewer's Blackbird and as colorful as the Belted Kingfisher. There are magnificent flyers such as the Barn Swallow and walkers such as the California Quail, and divers in our ponds such as the Pied-Billed Grebe and the Double-Crested Cormorant.

So, next time you are out for a walk, look up and scan the skies. Perhaps you may see a White-Tailed Kite with black shoulder patches, hovering with talons extended. Or maybe you'll hear the very noisy Killdeer, with double black neck rings, on the golf course or in the fields. You may see the Great

Egret and Snowy Egret on the edges of the ponds.

We would be delighted to instruct anyone in the Hiddenbrooke community about the birds here, although we are far from experts, and to learn from those of you who also "bird" the area. For a complete list of all birds that we've identified here in Hiddenbrooke so far, please feel free to e-mail me at [aalsml@msn.com](mailto:aalsml@msn.com).

One last word about environmental concerns. The creeks, ponds and vegetation in Hiddenbrooke support many kinds of birds. These areas are off-limits to golfers or walkers, and I am sure the community golfers and neighbors are respecting that limit. As neighbors and residents, we should also remember that some of the water, debris, excess pesticides and fertilizer that gets into the storm sewers ends up in the Hiddenbrooke ecological system. Also, pet cats that are free to roam can also do a lot of damage to the bird population, and may be the reason for the very small number of quail in the area. Please be mindful of these issues. ♦



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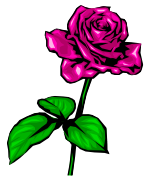
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<http://www.birdwatching.com/>
- **The Audobon Society**  
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- **Birding In California**  
<http://www.virtualbirder.com/vbirder/realbirds/rbas/CA.html>
- **Nature Alley: California Bird Count, Schedule and Recap**  
<http://natureali.org/cbcs.htm>





# CALIFORNIA GARDENS CAN BE WORKED YEAR ROUND

By Mike Mikolajcik, Mid City Nursery, American Canyon

Most gardeners are conditioned to think that winter is not only a time of dormancy for their plants but also a time to take a reprieve from the garden. Although this often is true in other parts of the country, most California gardeners are not aware of the many opportunities that can be realized in their gardens this time of year. These opportunities are found in availabilities of particular plants, fertilization to ensure tremendous spring growth, and organic solutions preventing various pests and funguses in the yard.

January and February typically are known for being what is called the "bare root" season. In short, certain plants, which are dormant, are transplanted from their field locations to the local nursery without being containerized. This reduction in the labor process creates an opportunity for the consumer to be able to get a quality plant at a lesser price. The most common plants found are bare root roses and deciduous (plants losing

their leaves) fruit trees.

Most growers such as Jackson Perkins, Weeks Roses, etc. do their shipping only once a year, therefore the greatest number of varieties can be found during these months. Some new roses for 2006 are Beloved, Black Cherry, Spellbound, Fragrant Waves, Tahitian Sunset, Wild Blue Yonder, and Sixteen Candles. Some Fruit Trees to consider might be pluots (plum-apricot crosses), multi-graft fruit trees, and many other varieties.

Fertilization during the winter months can ensure tremendous growth during the spring, as energy is stored in the plants. A healthy plant will be more resistant to diseases and will bloom and grow more vigorously. Because growth in the winter is mostly in root establishment and energy for future blossoms, the nitrogen content (the first number on a fertilizer bag) should be very low. A typical fertilization formula may be for example a 0-

10-10. The maximum nitrogen (the first number) should not exceed a 5. Granular fertilization is typically applied monthly.

In conjunction with fertilization, using minerals as a means of increasing the nutrient content is also advised. The most important nutrients to consider are iron, sulfur, manganese, and zinc. Mineral additives will aid in disease resistance as well as increase blossom size and sweetness of fruit.

Spraying fruit trees and roses for funguses and pests can be accomplished through organic means. This will help prevent powdery mildew, black spot, rust, peach leaf curl, as well as control an infestation of a variety of insects. The organic sprays are Copper Spray, Sulfur Spray, and Horticultural Oil.

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# “I HATE TRASH CLUB” CONTINUES TO DO GOOD WORK, STILL NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

By Joyce Estes, 647-7053

Last April I reported that HCA had received \$550 in cash and \$6,750 worth of donated services in our efforts to keep Highway 80 and the surrounding area free of trash. Our quarterly trash clean ups continue and our residents are really making a difference.

The businesses and individuals listed are part of our “I Hate Trash Club” and have either adopted an area, paid to have areas maintained, contributed to our Trash Fund or spent time picking up Trash for the period March 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005. Hope we didn't miss anyone!

### **Hiddenbrooke Hugs To All!**

Because of the cash donations, the Hiddenbrooke Community Association has been able to pay a licensed contractor for a supplemental trash pickup on Highway 80 since July. The extra monthly pickup begins 1/2 mile before and after the American Canyon/Hiddenbrooke overpass on the Hiddenbrooke side. But we only have enough donations to pay for this through May 2006. **We need your donations to continue this program.** Just send your check made payable to the Hiddenbrooke Community Association and mark it “TRASH”. It is amazing how all the donations, large and small really add up. If every owner in Hiddenbrooke sent \$10 a year, this program would continue and could be expanded!

The dates of the quarterly HCA trash pickup on McGary Road and surrounding areas are posted on HB-News. If you want to help and don't receive HB-News (our email list server), please call me and I will give you the next date. Clean up is always dependent on good weather.

I would personally like to thank everyone for their efforts and donations and especially **Days Inn of Fairfield** which recently adopted a 2-mile segment on Highway 80 starting at about the Red Top Road exit going towards Sacramento. Triad communities recently paid to have the off-ramp mowed in front of the informal park and ride. There are two segments on Highway 80 across from Hiddenbrooke that still need to be adopted. If you are interested in finding out more about CalTrans Adopt A Highway program, please give me a call. ♦

### **Donated Time: 112 hours, Priceless!**

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- Wendy Klokkevold

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take it home with you. You can also contact HCA about sponsoring Doggie Waste Bag containers or trash cans in your area.

Also, keep in mind that some open spaces where you may like to walk your dog, may actually be someone's front or side yard or other private property. Please be considerate of your neighbors! ♦



## NEIGHBORHOOD AMBASSADORS ROLL OUT WELCOME MAT

By Linda Servis, 557-0458

A group of outgoing people have generously agreed to work with the membership committee and serve as Hiddenbrooke Community Association's Ambassadors to new neighbors. We have created a small gift (a keychain with Hiddenbrooke logo) and our Ambassadors will introduce themselves to neighbors as they move in, welcome them to the neighborhood, and present the keychain and materials about membership in the HCA. Thank you to all who have agreed to volunteer in this way. These gracious people are:

Castello	Maria and Domingo de la Serna
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The Heights	Warren Kofler, George Rosenberger
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## RECENT HOME SALES

Recent Home Sales information is from BAREIS multiple listing service, and is provided by Jo Kamanu, Pembroke Properties.

Price Sold	Address	Sq. Ft.
\$1,101,000	1379 Wildwing Ln.	3611
\$ 985,000	1337 Swainson Ct.	3400
\$ 955,000	2671 Marshfield Rd.	3455
\$ 930,000	1260 Wildwing Ln.	3390
\$ 929,000	1338 Swainson Ct.	3134
\$ 918,000	1189 Songwood Rd.	3612
\$ 905,000	2356 Langton Ct.	3314 ♦

*CHARTER SCHOOL (Continued from page 1)*

process. It is the genuine desire of the HCS Steering Committee to have both a public district school and a charter school of choice."

Please contact us if you have questions. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Joe Maionchi at [joeking1@yahoo.com](mailto:joeking1@yahoo.com) or at 647-2107. Our newsgroup is a good way to keep in touch: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hiddenbrookecommunityschool/>

The Hiddenbrooke Community School Steering Committee, Elizabeth Weinberg, Co-Chair, 642-6346, [eweinberg2002@yahoo.com](mailto:eweinberg2002@yahoo.com) ♦

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and Sasha live in Hiddenbrooke. Another mural painted by Jacqueline graces their selection of over 1,000 bottles of wine. This full service market and deli will offer everyday sundries along with a selection of premium wines and such items as Clover Stornetta dairy products, Boar's Head meat and cheese, Molinari Salamis, Illy coffee, Harney & Sons teas and fresh pasta from The Pasta Shop.

**Angelo's Restaurant:** Named after owner Tony Nino's four year old son, Angelo's specialty will be Pizza from a wood-burning brick oven, along with other fine Italian items, including mouth watering steaks complemented by a great selection of wines. The inside eating area has granite topped tables and a view of an open kitchen, and the outdoor seating will be heated during cooler weather. We're told that about 80% of the recently hired staff are Hiddenbrooke residents. Also, Angelo's will offer free delivery to Hiddenbrooke residents only.

**Café Eunica** is owned by Hiddenbrooke residents Eugene Casa and Dorothy Lirio-Casa. Some of their delicacies will be pastries from Bouchon Bakery, ice cream, gourmet coffee by Uncommon Grounds, herbal teas, juices and smoothies. A variety of seating options will be offered including granite topped tables and a cozy sofa corner as well as outdoor seating.

**Pembroke Properties**, currently located in Napa, will open an office in the Plaza sometime in March. Pembroke Properties has been in business for 10 years, with their broker, Paul Thomas in the industry since 1979. Paul is a current Hiddenbrooke property owner and a former resident. Besides Paul, Pembroke has 5 realtors, two of them, Jo Kamanu and Charles Gordon are residents of Hiddenbrooke. Pembroke Properties plans on continuing to specialize in Hiddenbrooke properties. They have also graciously offered the use of their on site conference room for future HCA meetings.

So keep your eyes on the Plaza as you enter and leave Hiddenbrooke, and make sure to stop by and check out the new restaurants, stores, markets and other businesses that will occupy those buildings. By frequenting those businesses, you are not only helping to insure that these businesses are successful, you are helping your neighbor as well. Neighbors helping neighbors — after all, isn't that what living in Hiddenbrooke is all about? ♦

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# HIDDENBROOKE LIGHTS UP THE HOLIDAYS

By Valerie McCormick

Once again Hiddenbrooke residents have worked hard to make our community festive for the holidays. Our community has shown a lot of energy and commitment to creating a festive holiday look across all of Hiddenbrooke.

There were acres of lights, herds of reindeer, bears, snowmen and Santas, all of them very festive! The crèches were lovely and helped keep a focus on the devotional side of Christmas. Ribbons, bows, flags and garlands abound throughout our community and giant inflated figures were in evidence as tin soldiers, Santas, snowmen and the appearance of a "Santa Dude" on his motorcycle!

We saw wonderful decorations again this year from last year's winners. Even though they were not eligible for awards two years in a row, they decorated with the same energy and great results for 2005.

Judging the homes was a very challenging process...there were so many beautiful displays and such a variety of styles! This year's committee, made up of Pat Norberg, Mary Schwarb, Peggy Reilly, Nettie Alegria, and myself, tried to identify the "best" in each category but, truth be told, there were many bests throughout our community! The selected winners each had a little indefinable "something" that made them the winning selections for 2005, and received a check for \$75 for their efforts!

The winners of the 2005 Holiday Lighting Contest:

- Best Neighborhood Participation:** Castello
- Most Elegant:** Torres, 2606 Marshfield
- Best Traditional:** Mena, 2050 Bennington
- Most Appealing To Children:** Arroyo, 1816 Landmark
- Best In Daylight:** Millare, 4135 Sheffield

Honorable Mentions went to:

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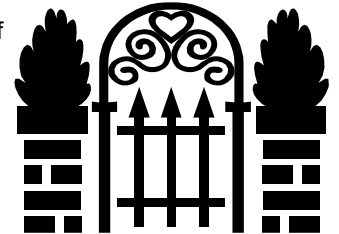
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## Over The Back Fence

**Births!** Casey & Scott Rooney of Reflections, welcomed **Brooke Elisabeth**, born November 28th, 2005. She was 7lbs 11oz and 20 inches long. Welcome baby Brooke!



**Birthdays!** Richard Hartley, 25 on February 15th, **Jamie Clark**, 40 on March 5th, **Glade Hartley**, 35 on March 18th.

**Anniversaries!** Mike and Ann Baldwin celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary, with a party for friends on January 22nd.

**Weddings!** Kiley Whitesell, daughter of Mary & Tony Pearsall, married **Timothy Newsom**, at St. Peter's Chapel, Mare Island, and had a beautiful reception at the Hiddenbrooke Golf Club, January 21st. They honeymooned in Cabo San Lucas, and will reside in Plymouth Lake, CA.

**Keep those items coming!** If you have a Birth, Adoption, Marriage, Graduation, Congrats, Hole-in-One, or other happy news to share, please e-mail Jamie Clark at [jamielee6@comcast.net](mailto:jamielee6@comcast.net). ♦



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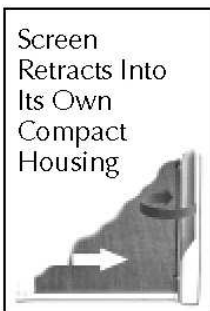
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8	Wed	HARC Meeting, 6pm
9	Thurs	HCA Board Mtg, 7pm, 2555 Shade Tree Circle
14	Tues	Valentines Day
20	Mon	President's Day (Washington's Birthday Observed)
22	Wed	HPOA Board Mtg, 7pm, call for location
25	Sat	HCA Cocktail Party, 6pm
26	Sun	HB Resident's Golf Tournament, 11:00am

### MARCH

8	Wed	HARC Meeting, 6pm
9	Thurs	HCA Board Meeting, 7pm HB Plaza Conference Room
15	Wed	HPOA Board Mtg, 7pm, HB Plaza Conference Room
17	Fri	St. Patrick's Day
19	Sun	HB Resident's Golf Tournament, 11:30am

### APRIL

1	Fri	April Fool's Day
12	Wed	HARC Meeting, 6pm
13	Thurs	HCA Board Mtg, 7pm, HB Plaza Conference Room
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