



Bay Village Homeowners Association

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Fall 2019

Annual Homeowners Meeting Saturday Nov. 2nd

Bay Village will hold its Annual Meeting, to which all homeowners and residents are invited, on Saturday, November 2nd from 10 am to around noon. The meeting will take place inside the big room at the YWCA at 340 E. Beach St. Parking on site is limited, but there is street parking available.

Bay Village has maintained a strip of land along the Levee with trees, shrubs and flowering plants. Donations to the Levee fund have paid for this maintenance, and man-hours are required to supervise the work done. Emil Yappert has been doing that work for years, but he will retire at the end of the year. We must decide what to do. Come and give us your thoughts on this issue. In addition, there may be a guest speaker, raffle prizes, and refreshments. Meet your neighbors and Board members and let your concerns be known.

Our Suburban-Farmland Interface

As residents of Bay Village, we live in a suburban-farmland interface. While most of us enjoy the open space and scenic components of farmland, there are also potential health risks: tractor noise, dust, spray drift from pesticides, and gas drift from fumigants pumped into the soil to kill microorganisms.

The raspberry fields that border the levee trail are not organic. They've been leased by Jose Espindola for the last two years, and he has received pushback from local residents over pesticide and fumigant issues.

BOARD MEMBERS

Marina Watts, President
Emil Yappert, VP and Levee
Lauren White, Secretary
RitaAnne Tripp, Treasurer
Barbara Adamski
Jim Borrego
Bob Erbe

If you would like to be part of your Homeowners Association Board, please go to the web site and download the application form.

You are also encouraged to attend the monthly meetings. Please check our calendar on the website for any last-minute changes.

BOARD MEETINGS

3rd Tuesday of each month 3:00pm
YWCA 340 East Beach St.

(JoAnna Rottke, Editor and Bookkeeper)

State law requires 1/4 mile buffers around schools in which pesticide application cannot take place during hours of school attendance. Vulnerable seniors are not similarly protected. The square mile that includes our homes had a total of 54,750 pounds of various pesticides applied on adjacent farmlands in 2017. Some of the materials were organic, such as lime sulfur, soybean oil, and potash soap; the majority were not. The number one pesticide was the fumigant chloropicrin, often applied in tandem with Telone. both of which are listed in CA as toxic air contaminants.

The County Ag Commission's office said that they had no idea what is planned for these fields adjacent to our homes, although they are responsible for issuing the necessary pesticide application permits for the next growing cycle.

More effective communication is needed in order to balance a farmer's right to farm with the public's right to know. The County Ag Commission plays an essential role in this balance.

—Woody Rehanek

- ✓ Are you concern with crime in your neighborhood?
- ✓ Are you interested in improving safety in your community?
- ✓ Do you need help and don't know how to get started?

The Parks and Community Services Department and the Watsonville Police Department are here to help!



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program where neighbors look out for each other. It encourages participants to get to know each other and work together with police to prevent crime in the neighborhood.

How to start a neighborhood watch program:

- Determine if there is a need and if there is an interest in starting a program in your town, condominium, homeowners association, apartment complex, Mobile Home Park or street.
- Once you speak to your neighbors and know that there is interest in participating. Contact the Watsonville Police Department or Parks and Community Services Department to learn more about the program and receive assistance with selecting a potential date that will work for everyone, creating a flyer, finding a meeting location and training materials. Keep in mind that is important to give at least three weeks advance notice so that they can confirm the participation of law enforcement.
- Once a meeting date and location have been confirmed, continue to work with the Watsonville Police Department/Parks and Community Services Department staff to help promote the meeting in the neighborhood. One week before the meeting, distribute fliers in the neighborhood reminding residents of the time, date and location of the meeting. If possible, make reminder phone calls the day before the meeting to encourage participation.
- On the day of the meeting, Watsonville Police Department/Parks and Community Services Department staff will facilitate the meeting in collaboration with you and law enforcement to present training materials, listen to residents' concerns and answer questions.
- Continue to work with staff and police to complete the four required presentations to become an official Neighborhood Watch program. Staff does its best to address topics that concern the public and are open to suggestions and changes.
- For more information on how to start a Neighborhood Watch program, please contact (831) 768-3291

City of Watsonville
 Watsonville Police Department
 Parks and Community Services Department
 (831) 768-3291



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Message from County Supervisor Greg Caput

Hello Neighbors,

As County Supervisor I have been working to ensure our area gets its fair representation, so I am working to make sure everyone counts. Every ten years there is a Census, and I have been part of a robust plan to make sure that we count everyone in South Santa Cruz county.

As you may already know the census is coming up next year. The census is required by the United States Constitution. It is primarily used to determine the number of seats for representation in the United States House of Representatives. In addition, it determines jurisdiction lines for representation in state and local governments. Lastly, the Census has a substantial impact on how federal funding is allocated and distributed.

The Census is currently hiring supervisory and non-supervisory positions. In particular, Census jobs in this area are paying about \$20.00 per hour, including paid training. It is a great way to make some extra income and work flexible hours. This is a chance to play a part in our nation's history and get to know your community.

We have been working on a complete count committee with the City and the County. Local nonprofits have also been contributing to the effort by doing communications outreach to help roll out the information collection effort. We look forward to your participation.

In other news, the County has been working to determine the best strategy to fix the Pajaro River and to find the money to get it done. I have been working with County staff, stake holders, and other officials to come up with a new organization that can navigate the regulatory maze and get us to the finish line. We are confident that a new organization for the river will make the difference. As you already know, we have been able to make the most of what we have to make sure the river has been safe over these past years. We believe that we are on the right track and look forward to working with the community to make sure we are all protected.

Please contact my office if you have any questions or if you need information concerning a job in the Census.

Sincerely,

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Serve Your Community

Please consider serving on your Bay Village HOA Board. We are always looking for volunteers willing to spend a little time each month helping to preserve our Senior Community. Board members are elected at the Annual Meeting in November, but you can join any time just by completing the form on our website. Board members serve two-year terms and meet once a month. Membership is open to all Bay Village homeowners, not just those who live in the Village. Do your part as a homeowner and be a working part of your community.



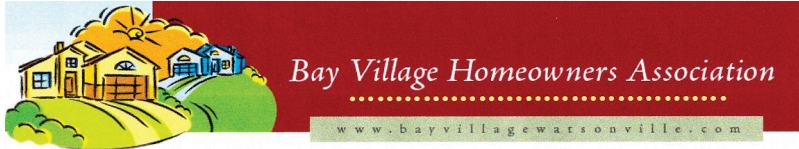
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To save time and money, two commodities always in short supply, this will be the last printed issue of your Bay Village newsletter. After this issue, the newsletter will appear only on our website and no longer in your mailboxes. This will also allow us to update homeowners more frequently on issues that affect you, so you should get used to going to the website, if you're not already in the habit of doing so. If you have email, you can request that future newsletters be sent to your inbox.

Our printing and postage costs are some of our biggest expenses. Last year we spent nearly \$1500 on printing and mailing the newsletter, and this was after cutting the frequency from quarterly to twice a year.

We recognize that not all of our neighbors have computers or the ability to access the digital version. If you're without a computer, our local libraries can help you, or perhaps a neighbor will print out a copy and share it with you.



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