

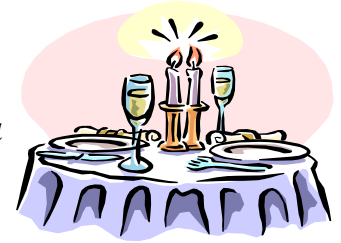
Seacliff Improvement Association

Fall 2005

Seacliff Improvement Association Annual Dinner

*Join us at the Seascope Golf Club, located at 610 Clubhouse Drive, Rio Del Mar
October 29, 2005 - Only \$19.95 per person.*

- 6:00 pm *Hors D'oeuvres and No Host Bar*
7:00 pm *Dinner: Choose Tri-tip, Roast Chicken or Pasta
includes Salad, Vegetables and Apple Pie*
8:00 pm *Door Prizes!*



Easy Mail-in Reservation Form on Page 6!

Seacliff Picnic Highlights

by Rebecca Downing

A record number of Seacliff residents and friends joined together this summer for our annual picnic. There were so many great potluck offerings that we may need to start handing out recipe cards with the dishes! It was a wonderful time meeting and visiting with old friends and new. Many attendees mentioned how helpful the picnic email alert was in reminding them of the upcoming event.

With the demise of the Ramada, we were relocated to the other end of the park and that created quite a trek for some of us used to our old location. Having the nice shade of the pergola and a large tree made our new spot cozy and just the right venue for the Seacliff Stompers who provided us and everyone else at the beach with great live music. Thanks to Niki Derby we never ran out of water balloons when we needed a cool break from the sun!



Thank You All!

by Rebecca Downing

One of the things that amazed me this year, serving as president, was the number of issues and projects that affect those of us living in Seacliff. Luckily, this association has no shortage of volunteers who don't hesitate to jump in and get to work on them. Please join me in thanking them and you for making this year's activities so successful.

Thank you to everyone who served this year on the board. We bid a fond farewell to Pamela Avellino who served as our Treasurer and membership chair for four years. A special thank you goes to board member Terry-Lynn Winston who produced and presented a report to the Santa Cruz Regional Transportation Commission describing the impact of the proposed tourist trolley on Seacliff. It was well received and she will now serve on a special transportation committee that includes representatives from all areas of the county.

Terry also took over the **Flea Market** with great success this year. Helping her in that effort were: Pamela & Bill Avellino, Dave Boggini, Pat Camarillo, Mary and Chuck Chikis, Mona Daniels, Daniel Davis, Niki & Ron Derby, Irene Dietze, Tom Dobrovolny, James Downing, Steven and Mary Gibbs, Teri Handzel, Keith and LaVerne Kersey, Margaret Kotsi, Glenn and Olga Larson, Maria and Tony Loiacono, Karen McDowell, Deb Murray, Carol Peterson, Brian and Sandy Serpa, Laura and Rick Stoker, Joanne Tennent, Harry Vaughn, Larry Williams, Denise Wojtowicz, and Ray Wolfe.

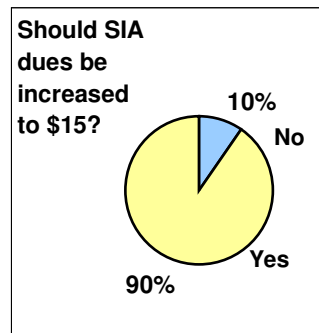
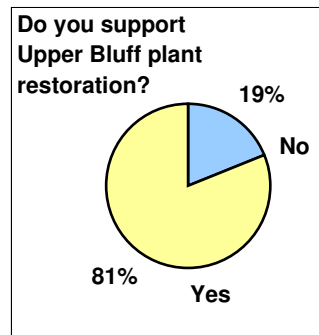
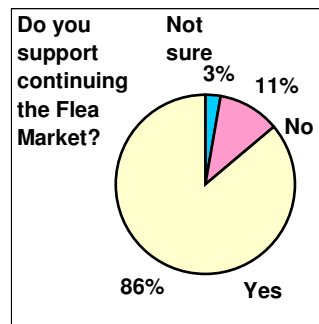
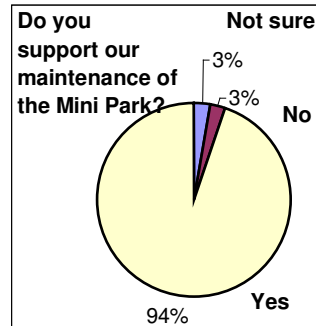
Harry Vaughn, Larry Williams, Maddy & Joey Lighthill, Mary & Steven Gibbs, Ron Derby, Olga & Glenn Larson, Sharon McGuire, Terry Winston all helped our **Mini Park** chair Niki Derby weed, water and prune these favorite local gardens. I'd also like to acknowledge the members of the **Mar Vista Garden** group including Margaret Kotsi, Deb Murray, Mary Chikis, and Elena Longworth for working on their own keeping the garden at the rail crossing blooming.

And thank all of you for a wonderful year!

Survey Says...

by Rebecca Downing

Members were surveyed recently to learn where to focus our resources. With forty-three members responding, we received resounding support for our activities. Here are some of the results:



Note: As a result of the survey, the increase in annual dues to \$15 will be presented for a membership vote at the annual dinner, our next membership meeting.

Meet the Board

After receiving nominees for the board of directors there are not enough candidates to hold an election. The following nominees will be approved at the next board meeting:



Ramona Daniels is returning to the board for another term. Ramona has lived in the Seacliff area for 30+ years with a short hiatus in Southern California. She is the Broker/Owner of Prime Pacific Properties. Ramona provided some of the tastiest cakes at our membership meetings.

Joey Lighthill is joining the board after living in Seacliff for 2 ½ years. As a full time mother with two daughters, she is very involved in soccer, enjoys art classes and gardening. She is one of the volunteers at the mini park

Mark Willaman, his wife Jamilynn and their 3-year-old son George moved to Seacliff in April of 2004. Mark is the founder and president of a marketing services and software firm headquartered in Santa Cruz. He and his family love living in Seacliff and he hopes that by being a member of the board he can help contribute to keeping Seacliff the beautiful and special place it is.

Bill Eaton bought a small second home in Seacliff about a year and a half ago and liked it so much he decided to move here permanently. Bill is a CPA who likes flying real airplanes and radio controlled models. His daily "must do activity" is walking his two dogs on the beach. Currently he waters, prunes and weeds a section of the garden across the street from his house along with the other neighbors.

Lou Wolfe and husband Ray purchased their home in 1968 to enjoy weekends with their children at the beach. Last year they decided to live permanently in Seacliff. While raising her children, she became the "volunteer mom", and then became the "volunteer organizer" for their schools, church and other organizations. Lou and Ray have been members of the association for several years and when Pamela

Avellino asked if she would consider taking over her Treasurer's position on the board she felt that this would be a good way to get acquainted with neighbors and serve the community.

Steven Gibbs is filling out a vacant term on the board. He and his wife Mary retired to Seacliff from San Jose approximately one year ago. Steve worked in the Materials Management/Supply Chain Management field and would like to play an active roll in helping to keep Seacliff such a wonderful place to live. His hobbies include reading, gardening, riding his bicycle, and fishing.

Seacliff Association Representation on SCCRTC Citizen Committee

by Terry Lynn Winston

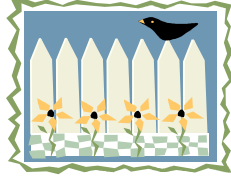
The August Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC) meeting reviewed the Draft Structural Assessment Report in their August Meeting. The structures evaluated included bridges, highway overhead structures, culvert structures, and retaining wall structures on the 32-mile rail corridor. This report and the supplemental report of the La Selva Bridge are viewable at www.sccrtc.com. The reports show many millions will be required for necessary upgrades once the rail corridor is purchased. Whether it will be purchased is not sure, but seems likely even though costs to purchase the line, upgrade it, and maintain it for an uncertain use would be excessive.

A County Transit Panel will be formed to craft another transportation tax measure. The last one, Measure J, failed. The committee now consists of over 75 people/organizations that include several bike advocate group representatives and now a Rio Del Mar Improvement Association representative along with a representative from our Seacliff Improvement Association. It is important that we have a voice on this committee, as we may be able to help direct this committee to come up with reasonable solutions that will benefit Seacliff.

Summer Beautification Awards

by Niki Derby

There are so many lovely homes in Seacliff; it's hard to choose the winners of the Beautification Awards during the summer months. Keep up the good work, and hopefully, we'll get to all of you who deserve to win.



Late summer awards go to:
206 Valencia – Carol & Bob Peterson. They moved here in 1999 from Bridgeton, Maine. They moved to California to be near their children.

526 Cedar – Annie Rooke. She bought her home 5-1/2 years ago and has been remodeling ever since. She's been in the Santa Cruz area since attending UCSC.

337 Hillcrest – Wendy and Paul Nolan. They rented the house for three years before buying it four years ago. They are planning more improvements to their front yard. They have two children, Paul, who is five and Alexi, a 13 year-old.

Congratulations to the winners who received a \$25 gift certificate for Hidden Gardens Nursery and the award sign in their front yard.

Thanks to the committee members for serving this year: Sharon Abrahamson, Sharon Vaughn, Larry Williams, Mary Gibbs, Olga and Glenn Larson, Margaret Kotsi, and Deb Murray.

Upper Bluff Restoration Update

by Rebecca Downing

Planting natives in the first phase of restoration is a year away. This year will pass very quickly as we coordinate preparation of the site, organize work parties and enlist companies and organizations to help with materials, funds and volunteers. Our next step is to complete the permit process with State Parks. We are currently talking with groups to work with us on this very big project. If you know of an organization that could assist us or if you are interested in joining this committee, please send an email to: seacliffimprovement@yahoo.com

Helping Hands for Seniors

by Lois Connell

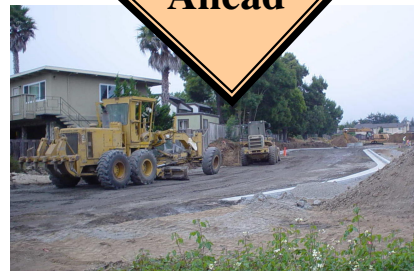
Do you or a neighbor need something in or around your home repaired? Help is just a phone call away from the program Helping Hands that provides



minor home repairs to low-income senior homeowners. The work is done free of charge by volunteers. The repairs solve problems that might otherwise cause injuries or accidents.

Some of these repairs include installing handrails in showers and tubs, repairing broken steps and handrails, repair of leaking faucets and toilets, replacing light switches and installing door locks. Helping Hands also provides smoke alarms free of charge. Volunteers cannot provide major repairs such as roof work or any job requiring a permit.

This program is for low-income senior homeowners who have a home repair issue that might be a threat to their health or safety. Individuals 60 years and older who own their own homes and cannot afford to hire professional help may qualify. To volunteer or make a request call: 831-427-5070



The heavy equipment has arrived, the curbs are in and Canterbury Drive is almost finished! This road is being built to allow emergency vehicle access to the new affordable housing and church development at Searidge Drive and MacGregor Road in Seacliff.

Membership

Membership dues are \$10.00 annually. Support your community and don't miss this informative newsletter. If your neighbors are not yet members of Seacliff Park Incorporated, please encourage them to join and participate in our community!

We'd like to hear from you regarding any issues involving the Seacliff community. Just email us or call any of the board members.

Welcome New Members

Brian & Regina Bowyer
Brian O'Halloran & Paula Hucal
Stephany Marks
Marc & Amanda Martinez
Anthony & Terilynn Reese
Anna & Bill Winston

Community News Briefs

Our next SIA Board meetings will be held at the Aptos Fire Station on November 9th at 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

You can meet with Supervisor Pirie most weeks on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. at the Aptos Sheriff's Substation at the Rancho Del Mar Shopping Center, near the Safeway supermarket. You can also call Ellen to arrange an appointment.

Mini Park Garden: Our youngest volunteer recently joined in to help maintain the Mini Park. Maddy Lighthill, an 8th grader at Aptos Junior High spent two hours watering, weeding and cleaning up the Mini Park. Maddy is a member of the California Junior Scholarship Federation, which encourages volunteer activities in conjunction with students' academic accomplishments. A great big "thank you" to Maddy and her mother, Joey.

In the recent survey sent to all members, several of you volunteered to help at the Mini Park. We'll be contacting you soon to find out your availability, e.g., what days you can work, etc. It doesn't take a lot of time; maybe two hours every two months. Although the growing season is winding down, your willingness to help is greatly appreciated.

If you enjoy the garden on Mar Vista then please join in the fun! Due to retirement of members of this gardening group they are in desperate need of volunteers. Please call Margaret Kotsi at 688-8834 or Elena Longworth at 662-2444 to find out how you can help.

Treasurer's Report for the Third Quarter of 2005


by Lou Wolfe

Opening Checking Account Balance	\$4,109
INCOME:	
Flea Market	20
New Members	60
Renewed Members	870
Ads	15
Interest	1
Donations	40
Annual SIA Dinner Reservations	120
Residents for Seacliff Park donation	<u>238</u>
INCOME TOTAL	\$1,364

EXPENSES:

Membership/Survey printing	47
Gardens	65
Beautification Awards	75
Post Office Box Rental	150
Bank Service Charges	12
Postage Stamps	7
Picnic	506
Upper Bluff Maps, printing	13
Newsletters	<u>330</u>
EXPENSES TOTAL	\$1,205

Closing Checking Account Balance	\$4,268
Savings Account Balance	<u>\$12,846</u>
NET TOTAL	\$17,114



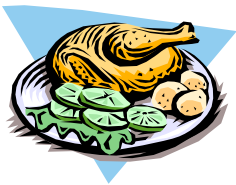
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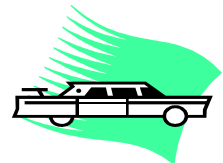


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Dinner Reservation Form

Mail Before October 15, 2005!

We will happily provide transportation to the dinner for you.



Send your reservation today to:

Seacliff Park, Inc, PO Box 533, Aptos, CA 95001

We added Chicken to the menu; if you already sent in your reservation and would like to change your dinner choice, just email us or send in a revised form!

Please Print

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone: _____

Email (for SIA use only): _____

Guest names: _____

Need a ride? (How many riders?) _____

Dinner Entrée Choices: Number of: Tri-tip _____ Roast Chicken _____ Pasta _____

Dinner Amount (\$19.95 per person) _____

\$10.00 Membership Renewal _____

=Total Enclosed \$ _____



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Treasurer	Lou Wolfe	688-3918
Secretary	Pat Camarillo	688-6870

2005 Directors

Ramona Daniels	688-1060
Tom Dobrovolny	689-0220
Larry Williams	662-3812
Terry-Lynn Winston	685-3406
Steven Gibbs	662-3495

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2005 Committees

Aptos Chamber of Commerce Community Enhancement Committee Representative	Harry Vaughn	661-0975
Beautification Awards	Niki Derby	685-1908
County Public Works Liaison	Dave Boggini Glenn Larson	688-8285 688-4270
Emergency/Disaster Preparedness	Rick Stoker	688-6948
Fire District Board	Don Griffin	688-1301
Flea Market	Terry-Lynn Winston	685-3406
Upper Bluff Committee	Rebecca Downing/TBD	688-4142
Membership	Lou Wolfe	688-3918
Mini Park Garden Coordinator	Niki Derby	685-1908
State Park/Beach Liaison	Rebecca Downing	688-4142
Seacliff Neighbors' Coalition Rep.	Dave Boggini	688-8285
Seacliff Streetscape Plan Liaison	Harry Vaughn	661-0975
Seacliff Merchant Liaison	Francine Badagliacca	662-2348

Community Contacts

Sheriff's Sub-station Rancho Del Mar Center	Sgt. Amy Christey	662-0690
Aptos/La Selva Fire District	Fire Chief, Tom Crosser; Captain, Mike Conrad; Battalion Chief, Jeff Terpstra	685-6690
2 nd District County Supervisor	Ellen Pirie, 701 Ocean St., Santa Cruz 95060	454-2200
State Department Parks & Recreation	Dave Vincent, Superintendent Kirk Lingenfelter	335-6318 429-2881

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Save This Date for the Annual Dinner!

Date: October 29, 2005
Place: Seascape Golf Club
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Electronic Newsletter Saves Trees and Association Resources!



Thank you SIA members who asked for the delivery of this newsletter via email! We reduced our newsletter printing by 72 copies. If you would like to receive your next issue via emailed pdf file, send an email to seacliffimprovement@yahoo.com .

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