

Seacliff Improvement Association

Summer 2005

Grab your family, sand toys and food because it's time for the
Seacliff Annual Picnic!

This event is *open to all Seacliff residents* and guests.



Bring the whole family,
something to barbecue and
a favorite dish to share.

Entertaining us
again this year:

“The Seacliff Stompers”



*Games and prizes for kids, parents,
grandparents, dogs on leashes...everyone!*

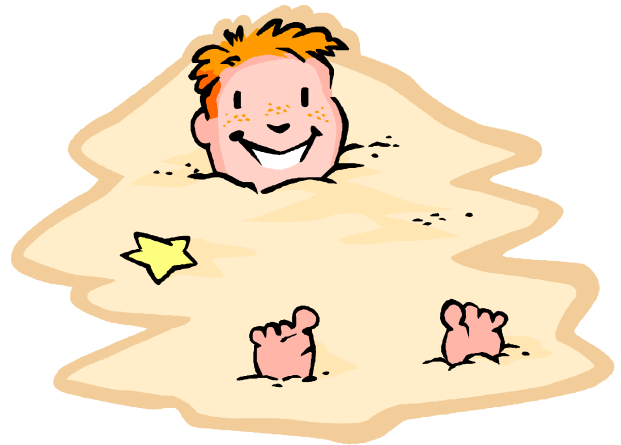
Drinks, condiments, utensils and paper plates will be provided.

Where: Seacliff State Beach, Ramada Picnic Area

When: Saturday, July 30, 2005

Time: Noon – 4 pm

See you at the Beach!



Mini Park Garden in Bloom

by Niki Derby

We're slowly getting the Mini Park garden (property belongs to California State Parks, along Seacliff Drive) back in order. A mountain of weeds was the result of all the winter/spring rains. Through the help of faithful volunteers, all the



Weeding Party Members: Terry Winston, Olga Larson, Glenn Larson, Mary Gibbs, Larry Williams, Harry Vaughn, and Niki Derby.

weeds will be gone soon. We hope to revitalize some of the planting beds and redo the decomposed granite paths. This little garden has a wonderful view of the Monterey Bay and is visited by many people every day. The money raised by the recent successful Flea Market helps pay for plants and materials for this garden, as well as the other Seacliff beautification projects. Due to difficulty in watering the State Park Garden and lack of volunteers, the Association has turned this garden over to the business owners.

Flea Market Sells!

by Terry-Lynn Winston

Volunteers made our 9th Annual Flea Market Sale a great success on Saturday, June 25th! We received many excellent donations and volunteers helped by passing out flyers in the Seacliff neighborhood, making signs, picking up donations, and setting up the Flea Market on Friday, June 24th. Saturday was a beautiful, clear day and buyers came early awaiting the opening. It was a busy, but fun day where volunteers met neighbors, negotiated deals, and then dispersed the left over goods to other charities. Sales this year reached an

awesome \$2,944.88! The money will be used to beautify Seacliff through several association projects. This success is all because of the flea market volunteers and the neighborhood donors of saleable items. If any donor needs a receipt for tax purposes, call Terry at 685-3406.



Santa's Favorite Elf, Denise Wojtowicz



Pamela Avellino and Margaret Kotsi test house wares for safety.



Deb Murray oversees the "Nieman Marcus" Table of Treasures

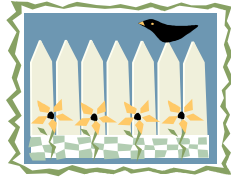


Terry and Dan Winston try out a sofa with the warden's help.

Spring Beautification Awards

by Niki Derby

Congratulations to the winners of the Spring awards!



127 Seacliff -- Erica Stefani bought the house two years ago; her boyfriend who is a contractor remodeled it for her and she's been living there for one year. Erica is a local real estate agent.

152 Seacliff -- Jami and Mark Willaman bought the house in April 2004 and have painted, added a courtyard wall, and landscaped. They moved from the Santa Cruz mountains so their 3 year old, George, would have a place to play.

521 Middlefield -- Regina and Brian Bowyer moved from Seascape in November 2004. They have painted and are in the process of landscaping the outside. They have a 3 year old and a 1-1/2 year old, Brian and Rowan.

418 Hillcrest -- Sharon and Harry Vaughn moved to Seacliff in 1998. Harry was on the Seacliff Improvement Association Board of Directors and was President in 2003. They had the landscaping done a few years ago and it looks lovely.

Four more winners will be selected in August, so keep on gardening. Winners receive \$25 gift certificates to Hidden Gardens Nursery, and an award sign is placed in their front yard for several weeks to acknowledge their efforts.

Upper Bluff Restoration Update

by Patti Camarillo

In May, the association board approved the final draft of the Upper Bluff Native Plant Restoration Plan. Central Coast Wilds made some changes to the initial draft that had been presented at our February membership meeting. The final plan includes a progression plan that works with the seasons to increase the success of the native plantings.

The next step for this project is to secure the required permit from State Parks. We are hopeful

that this will happen soon so that work can begin. Still to be determined is the possibility of planting this fall. A project of this scope requires lots of volunteers and resources working in coordination to ensure its success. We really need the Seacliff community's help as the restoration effort grows. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please give me a call at 688-6670. With your help we can create a beautiful native bluff for all of us to enjoy.

4th of July Street Plan 2005

by Dave Boggini



Last year the State Park decided not to allow parking in the lower parking area of Seacliff State Beach for the 4th of July to control illegal fireworks set off on the beach.

Once the park's upper parking lot and the overflow field were full of cars fireworks were set off in our neighborhoods, making it dangerous for residents. A number of complaints were made to the State Parks personnel and County Supervisor Ellen Pirie. At the suggestion of the association these agencies decided that, on the 4th of July, roadblocks would be set up closing parts of Seacliff to all but residential traffic.

This approach has been used during the Monte Festival Fireworks each year in October. Hopefully the plan made this 4th of July safe and more enjoyable for residents. Please let us know how the plan worked.

SIA Board Needs You

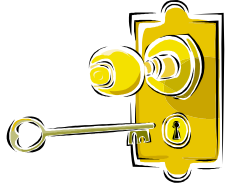
by Rebecca Downing

We bid a fond and grateful farewell to Bonna Kaufmann, SIA secretary, who is moving out of the area and is unable to continue her position on our board of directors. We now seek a replacement for this term. Our board meets monthly and its members serve on one or more of our committees. If you are interested in participating as a board member, please contact me at 688-4142.

Seacliff Summer Safety Tips

by Rebecca Downing

Are you ready for summer? You have your summer clothes out, flip flops ready, surfboard waxed but what about your house? Here are a few reminders to help keep your house happy in our great little village this season:



- ◆ Lock your doors, windows and sliding glass doors when you leave. There is an increase in break-ins in the summer so as you leave the house, even when it's warm, lock it up.
- ◆ Report illegal activity to the sheriff. If you live along the railroad tracks and hear or see suspicious activity such as drunkenness or fighting, report it immediately. The sheriff will come and remove trespassers or arrest them. If you suspect vehicle camping in and around your street, contact the sheriff as well.
- ◆ Soak those coals. If you have a BBQ remember to hose down the coals afterward. Don't dump the coals until the next day when they are no longer a fire hazard.
- ◆ With such a premium on parking space for some of our narrower streets it's a good policy to ask houseguests to drive carefully and respect your neighbors' property when parking. If you are planning a party let your neighbors know so they can plan ahead. Better yet, invite them!

Seacliff STILL Needs A Park

by Rick Stoker

After a valiant effort by so many, "Measure V" did not pass. The "yes" vote was 62.7 % to support a parcel tax to build a community park, but unfortunately we needed 66.6% (2/3rds) to win (another 50 votes or so). We understand that not all were in favor of the park and not all of you, even though you wanted a park, were in favor of spending \$2,940 over the next 30 years for a park.

After working for six years to realize a park in Seacliff and after the election, I've come away from this experience with mixed feelings. The first, and most prominent, is one of gratitude. I'm

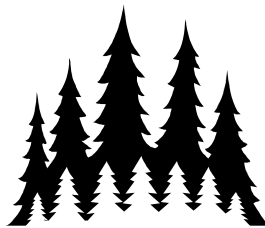
so thankful to have worked with so many wonderful people who put their heart and soul into realizing a park; all of you will always have a special place in my heart. The second is disappointment. The facts of Measure V were badly misrepresented by a few who used half-truths to sabotage the park effort:

- The owner of property has stated many times his intention to build a hotel. His business is called "Silicon Valley Hotels."
- "Not enough money to buy the land, or build and maintain a park. Not true! Our County Supervisor and the County Parks Director stated the exact opposite.
- Lastly, that the upper bluff (the overflow parking area for Seacliff State Parks) is not a viable alternative. This was the first place we tried to realize a park for Seacliff but was told absolutely "NO." We tried a second time and failed. Again, just recently, the Parks Director asked Dave Vincent (California State Parks Director for our area) about leasing a portion. He was told that it was not possible.

I feel good that we tried every option, including state grants, private grant requests to the Packard Foundation and others, asking philanthropists, property swaps and finally Measure V. All of you should be very proud for fighting the good fight with class and integrity. It has been an honor to work with you all. Thanks again to the Seacliff Improvement Association and all of those who helped the effort. I'm thankful this effort has given me so many new friends.

Electronic Newsletter Saves Trees and Association Resources!

by Rebecca Downing



Thank you SIA members who asked for the delivery of this newsletter via email! We reduced our newsletter printing by 70 copies. If you also would like to receive your next issue via emailed pdf file, send an email to seacliffimprovement@yahoo.com.

If your mailing label has **2004** on it this means your membership expired in January and this is your last newsletter. So please complete the renewal form below and mail it soon. Better yet, send \$20 and your membership will take you through 2006! Thank you!

Your membership helps beautify and improve our community!

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P.O. Box 533
Aptos, CA 95001-0533

Date: _____

Annual Dues are \$10.00 per family
(January – December)

Member Name(s):

Name(s)

Mailing Address

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I am interested in the following volunteer opportunities:

- Annual Flea Market Setup and Sales
- Beautification Award Selection Committee
- Watering and Weeding at our Garden
- Seacliff State Beach Upper Bluff Plant Restoration

Signature: _____

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Seacliff Improvement Association Annual Dinner

Join us at the Seascapes 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*
- 8:00 pm *2005 Highlights*

Make your reservation early, but no later than October 15, 2004 and it send to:
 Seacliff Park, Inc
 PO Box 533
 Aptos, CA 95001

-----Clip, Save and Mark Your Calendar!-----

Reservation Form Please Print

Name(s): _____
 Address: _____
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 Dinner Choices: Number of diners choosing Tri-tip _____ Number of diners choosing Pasta _____
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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!

Welcome New Members

Alfred Silva
 Debbie Doss
 Michelle McClain
 Robert & Theresa Martinelli Jones
 Stewart & Faye Davis
 Ken & Casey Dawes
 Louis & Lynn Hoffman

Community News Briefs

Our next SIA Board meetings may be held at the Aptos Fire Station on August 10th at 6:30 pm. All are welcome. Please check with any board member on August 1st to confirm the meeting's location. The fire station is being renovated and work may not yet be complete.

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.

We need your green thumb! If you wish to help weed and water at the Mini Park, call Niki Derby at 685-1908.

Pot Belly Beach Sewer Line scheduled to begin construction on State Park Drive this spring is not currently scheduled due to negotiations still being conducted between the County and California State Parks Department.

Treasurer's Report For the Second Quarter of 2005

by Pamela Avellino

INCOME

Opening Checking Account Balance	\$3,304
Flea Market	\$2,925
New Members	\$80
Renewed Members	\$190
Ads	\$120
Interest	\$2
INCOME TOTAL	\$3,317

EXPENSES

Flea Mkt/Membership/Picnic Flyers	\$406
Gardens	\$101
Deposit October SIA Dinner	\$250
Membership Renewal Ltr/Library Fee	\$40
Central Coast Wilds	\$1,125
Newsletters	\$193
Beautification Awards	\$100
Coffee Maker/Toner	\$85
Kotsi -Mar Vista Gardens	\$200
SIA Checks Printed	\$12
EXPENSES TOTAL	\$2,512

Closing Checking Account Balance	\$4,109
Savings Account Balance	\$12,846
NET TOTAL	\$16,955



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Please call or email me with ANY real estate questions. I would be delighted to help you.

Seacliff Improvement Association



2005 Board of Directors

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President	Rebecca Downing	688-4142
Vice President	Dave Boggini	688-8285
Treasurer	Pamela Avellino	688-2770
Secretary	open	

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Pat Camarillo	688-6870
Tom Dobrovolny	689-0220
Larry Williams	662-3812
Terry-Lynn Winston	685-3406

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Save This Date for the Annual Dinner!

Date: October 29, 2005
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Time: 6:00 p.m.

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