

The Vista Ridge VIEW

April 2005

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

Next Board Meeting: May 25, 2005
- 7:00 PM at **Valencia Mgt Group**
27644 Newhall Ranch Rd. Suite 45

The Board of Directors meets the 4th Wednesday every other month at Old Orchard Clubhouse. Homeowner participation is strongly encouraged at these meetings. Please plan on participating and letting us know what's on your mind!

Remaining meetings for 2005:
• July 27th – 7PM

Annual Meeting / Elections: September 28th – 7PM

WELCOME VALENCIA MGT GROUP!

There has been a changing of the guard at Vista Ridge!! As of May 1st 2005 the Vista Ridge Homeowners Association will be under new management. As an effort to continually improve the efficiency of our Home Owners Association and enhance communication with homeowners, the board of directors recently put management services out to bid. Numerous responses were received and the board interviewed various management companies.



The board is pleased to announce the selection of the Valencia Management Group as our new management company and looks forward to a good working relationship.

Dues slips may continue to be sent in to Crown Management, per the pre-printed coupons. Crown Management will be working with Valencia Management to ensure a smooth transition over the next few months. It is our goal that this be a seamless transition for our association.

The board wishes to thank Crown Management for countless years of serving the Vista Ridge Homeowners Association.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

A special "Shout Out" is due for the tireless volunteers in the neighborhood that keep things moving on our committees, for the association itself and assisting with neighborhood events.

THANK YOU to Melissa Lee for putting together another wonderful Easter Egg Hunt! and a hearty thanks to the following individuals, who have stepped up during the first quarter this year!

Easter Egg Hunt - Melissa Lee (Chair)
Doug Lee, Pat Sayegh, Patty Spickard,
Amy Hannah, Pauline & Howard
Schulman, Colleen & Shane Sindle,
Jennifer Geck, Diane Davis, Jackie Lyra,
Alba & Bill Steck, Mark Meegan & Dan Grayot.



VR Rap – Nora Mainland & Mona Witkowski

New Pool Heater – Bill Steck & Mark Meegan

Newsletter / Neighborhood Watch – Mona Witkowski

Slopes- Long & Short Term Plan – Dave Carleton

Dept of Agriculture / Slopes – Nora Mainland

Tree Assessment & Advice – Jesse Nunez

Easement Cleanup w/ Edison– Gary Bertz & Kent Fortin

Pool Trash Cans Out on Trash Day – John Racz
(and whoever is taking them back in!)

Swim Team Participation – Mary Insua

Thanks!!!

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Easter Egg Hunt & Vista Ridge RAP

On March 26th, we sponsored our Annual Easter Egg Hunt for the neighborhood children.



We also combined the ever popular Vista Ridge RAP with the event, to allow neighbors to congregate and get better acquainted.



Jumpers were provided to keep the kiddies busy, following the hunt, while mom & dad had some refreshments and got to know their neighbors better. We had a great turn out and look forward to our next event.

→ The VR RAP is April 30th @ 9AM !! ←

Upcoming Social Events

With the exception of the Vista Ridge RAP, there are no currently scheduled social events prior to our annual garage sale and BBQ. Do you have any suggestions for any future events? We'd love to get your ideas for new events and activities. Don't miss this opportunity to provide input to this very important committee!!

Please email suggestions to Melissa Lee at wearefamily@sbcglobal.net

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT

The Sheriff is Coming!

The 2005 Neighborhood Watch Committee is pleased to announce our first neighborhood wide Neighborhood Watch Meeting! A deputy sheriff will be on hand to discuss the Neighborhood Watch Program with the Neighborhood Watch Committee and all interested homeowners.



Neighborhood Watch Meeting

→ Thursday May 12th @ 7PM ←
All homeowners are encouraged to participate!

Mark your calendars and come out to the common/pool area to hear the dos and don'ts regarding Neighborhood Watch. It's up to all of us to work together to protect our homes and loved ones from crime. Learn how we can all work together to make our neighborhood a safer place.

Keys Still Looking for Home!



I still have in my possession, a set of misplaced car keys. Have you lost any recently? This set of keys, along with a clicker, appear to belong to a Chevrolet. If you think they're yours, drop me a line at wits4golf@yahoo.com & I'll get them back to you. If I don't hear from anyone this month, they'll wind up in the trash...

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Reminder: Architectural requests are needed for any home improvements, including: paint, roofing, landscape, hardscape, remodels, windows, garage doors etc...Please get Architectural Committee involvement and approval before you start any work. They have your best interests in mind, as well as a responsibility to ensure neighborhood harmony.



SLOPE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Slope Committee has recently completed an inventory of our slope areas, including ground cover and trees. They have updated the original slope maps and are building a sustainable database for the short-term and long-term slope maintenance. The slope committee benefits from member Jesse Nunez, who is a certified arborist and they have sought guidance from Chris Keogh, of Newhall Land and Farm.



Your hard working 2005 Slope Committee

By now you should have all noticed that some trees have been tagged with spray paint. These trees have been tagged for future removal, pending board of directors and architectural committee approval. Note that where possible, view-blocking trees will be replaced by low growing equivalents.

WHO'S WHO IN VISTA RIDGE?

We have another winner for "Who's Who in Vista Ridge". Again Lisa Meegan identified Robbie Witkowski, riding up to Lone Mountain in Big Sky, MT and claimed this month's Starbucks Gift Certificate! Could it be she was house sitting for us and had a clear advantage?? Give her a hard time next time you see her and see if she'll buy you a cup of coffee!!

For all of you who were at this year's Easter Egg Hunt & Vista Ridge RAP, this one should be easy! This little "sleuth" was seen chasing bunny eggs. Identify him and earn your own bragging rights!



1st correct reply to wits4golf@yahoo.com wins!



Windows Anyone?

Neighbor Cal Nordhagen has some windows for sale. It seems he purchased replacement windows with the same dimensions, but has since gone with a different design. He's now stuck with the ones he purchased and they could be a good deal...if the price is right!

Email him at: dryuwoods@aol.com if you're interested, but remember to get architectural committee approval before installing them!

Swim Team

Neighbor Mary Insua has begun a quest to see if the Swim League will allow Vista Ridge kids to join the Valencia Hills Swim Team! She would like to know how many families would be interested in joining a swim team. Please contact her at minsua@comcast.net or 253-3451 if you're interested in joining or helping her out!

Vista Ridge Website



Surf" the VR website at: <http://www.vistaridge-hoa.com>!

Information regarding contacts at Valencia Management Group will be forthcoming! Suggestions are also welcome. Please email Mona at wits4golf@yahoo.com.

REMINDER

Automatic Withdrawal for Dues

Vista Ridge has direct withdrawal available to pay monthly dues. Download the form from: <http://www.hoabankers.com/pdf/forms/achsignup.pdf> or <http://www.valenciamgmt.com>.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Valencia Management: 661-295-9474 *

Russ Hoffman Manager to the Board of Directors
→ **An introductory letter is in the works to all Vista Ridge Homeowners. Be on the lookout!**

Santa Clarita Sherrif's Department	661-255-1121
Fire Department	661-259-2111
City of Santa Clarita	661-259-2489
Animal Care and Control	661-257-3191

Vista Ridge RAP



***Come
RAP with
us!!***



When: Sat. April 30th @ 9AM

Where: Pool / Common Area

Neighborhood Watch



When: Thurs. May 12th @ 7PM

Where: Pool / Common Area



We'll See Ya There!!

(PSSSST...put this friendly reminder on your fridge!)

