

The Greenbelt

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Greenbelt Seeks New Editor

After more than four and a half years of being editor for the Oak Hills Homeowners Association's newsletter, the Greenbelt, Sue Jurgens has relinquished the reins. The Board is now seeking an individual willing to volunteer his/her time to this valuable project of keeping the Oak Hills residents informed about topics of local interest and up-to-date about Oak Hills Homeowners' Association business.

Qualifications for this position include:

1. Ability to write in a concise and informative manner.
2. Willingness to research local items of interest, such as public meetings, utilities and road issues.
3. Availability during weekdays to communicate with work-week contacts, such as board of supervisors and utility companies.
4. Unbiased approach to reporting news and information.
5. Availability to attend some board meetings.
6. Willingness to contact appropriate board members to learn about items for the Greenbelt, such as pool hours and association business.
7. Availability to write and compile the Greenbelt for publication six times a year.
8. Working knowledge of Microsoft Publisher or other publishing software.

Anyone interested in applying for the position of editor, please send an email to: office@oakhillshoa.org.



Pool Season is Upon Us

The pool is scheduled to be open on Memorial weekend, June 2nd & 3rd, then every day from June 8th to Mid August. Depending on weather and staffing, the Association will make every effort to keep the pool open.

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Are YOU Prepared??

A disaster can strike quickly and without warning, sometimes isolating entire neighborhoods like Oak Hills. All it would take is one good size earthquake to damage Hwy 156 and we are locked in! During such disasters, neighbors may need to rely upon each other and their own resources for several days before help arrives. Are you prepared?

Here is a simple five-point Preparedness Plan:

Step 1: Have an emergency communication plan. Share emergency contact information. Designate a person in another state as an emergency contact for family members. Exchange this information with neighbors. Utilize local Ham Radio Operators in the neighborhood. They can send/receive messages when cell phones and land line phones are down.

Step 2: Water Supply for 5 Days. Store one gallon of water per person per day for 5 days. For a family of four, you will need 20 gallons. Refresh water every 6 months. Keep water in a dark, cool place.

Step 3: Food Supply for 5 Days. Store food not requiring cooking or refrigeration. Store food in cans (with manual opener), not in glass jars. Rotate food supply at least once a year. Have means to heat water or food.

Step 4: Purchase or build a first aid kit including Medication items such as: Antibiotic Ointment, Aspirin Tablets, Ipecac, Pepto Bismol, Prescription Medications. Also include Dressing items such as: Adhesive tape (2 inch wide roll), Steril Bandages (2 inch or 4 inch roll), Large Bandages (triangular), Bandage Strips, Cotton-tipped Swabs, Rubbing Alcohol, Steril Absorbent Cotton, Ace Bandages and Gauze Pads. Other miscellaneous items such as scissors, tweezers, needles, latex gloves and sunscreen are beneficial.

Step 5: A portable 72-hour kit in case of evacuation. This would be a grab-n-go bag containing such items as: Small bottles of water, Non-perishable packaged or canned food, Shoes, Raingear, Extra Clothing, Gloves, Blanket, Sleeping Bag and Tent, First Aid Items, Extra pair of glasses, Battery Powered Radio, List of vital contact information, Face Masks, Trash Bags, and Cash. These are just some sample items that may be included in your 72-hour kit.

For more information on Emergency Preparedness, visit the following web sites: redcross.org, oes.ca.gov, providentliving.org and fema.gov.