

The Greenbelt



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Keep our streets safe by paying attention to the 30 mph

speed limit. It is there for many reasons — pedestrians, kids, bicyclists, animals — most of all do it for LOVE. You live in Oak Hills because you love it. You love the weather, the quiet, the surrounding beauty, the recreation area and your neighbors. Let's not ruin our bit of paradise with tragedy because we forget about our speed on the road. It is up to each of us.

There have been several reports of vehicles repeatedly speeding on Charter Oak Blvd. You can report reckless and speeding drivers to the CHP at 1-800-TELLCHP (1-800-835-5247). It's up to you to be a proactive citizen. Only action will gain results!

If Receiving 40 Cents Per Mile Reimbursement for Travel Costs Sounds Good To You, Then Read On.

By Cynthia Suverkrop

Oak Hills is an underserved, isolated community that falls outside of the Monterey-Salinas Transit service area. That means that we have to get into our car and drive at least a couple of miles to get just about anything done: grocery shopping, seeing the doctor, filling prescriptions, going to church or the post office, or just visiting friends. With people like us in mind, the voters of Monterey County approved a program to help the underserved by initiating a county-wide 1/8 penny sales tax for public transit needs. The Measure Q tax brings in

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- July Board Meeting—Jul 10 (Prunedale Library)
- August Board Meeting—Aug 14 (Prunedale Library)

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FIRE PREVENTION

As of the writing of this article, the Greenbelt mowing is currently underway.

Cal-Fire is also here clearing dead trees, fallen limbs, and creating a fire break behind the homes that back up to the Greenbelt.



If you are able to clear the dry grass and weeds at least 20 feet behind your fence, it will improve the fire safety of your property and save the association money. Your help is sincerely appreciated.



\$7 million per year, and with it, provides our county's seniors, veterans and the disabled with reimbursement for travel expenses. Qualifying participants are compensated 40 cents per mile for up to 250 miles per month.

There are three different ways you can qualify for the Transportation Reimbursement Incentive Program (TRIPs). You only need to meet any one of the following criteria:

- Be 65 years or older and live in an isolated and underserved community in Monterey County outside MST service area
- Be a veteran who lives in an isolated and underserved community in Monterey County outside MST service area
- Be a person with a disability who lives in an isolated and underserved community outside MST service area

Applicants will have to fill out a form, provide proof of residence, age, veteran status, and disability, and be willing to complete and submit a monthly trip log. If you are interested in finding out more about TRIPs and get an application, contact Monterey Salinas Transit—Mobility Department, 831-264-5886. You can also contact the office by email at: mobility@mst.org

PICKLE BALL

By: Randy Hall

I have recently been authorized by the Oak Hills Association Board to paint Pickle Ball lines on one of the tennis courts. One can still play tennis on that court, it just has extra lines. I have been playing pickle ball for the last year and a half, sometimes on our home court.

For those who haven't heard of Pickle Ball I will tell you a little about it. It's a game similar to tennis but played on a smaller court, about the size of a badminton court. Instead of a tennis ball and racket, a wiffle ball and a hard paddle like a large ping-pong paddle is used. It's an easy game to learn, you can pick it up in about 20 minutes. Because the ball moves slower and the court is smaller. it's easier to play for us older folks. You can play singles but most people play doubles.

It seems everyone is curious as to how they got the name Pickle Ball. I think it's a cute story. In 1965 on Bainbridge Island in Washington state, a guy named Joel Prichard and a couple of friends made a new game up for their kids. They had originally wanted to play badminton but they couldn't find any badminton birdies so instead

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they used a wiffle ball. The badminton rackets didn't work with the wiffle ball so they made paddles of plywood. The badminton net was too high so they lowered it.

Joel's wife, Joan, says that the name came from her saying that the game reminded her of "crew" where the pickle boat crew were oarsmen chosen from the leftovers of other crew boats. They did have a dog named pickles but that came a couple years later.

Pickle Ball has been gaining a lot of popularity in the last few years. There are public tennis courts with extra lines painted for Pickle Ball in Monterey and in Carmel. Meadow Brook and Spanish Bay Tennis Clubs also have courts. I'm sure there are other courts around that have pickle ball that I don't know about. For the hard-core players they have state competitions

A COUPLE OF SECONDS COULD COST A LOT

We all want to be the friendly neighbor and hold the door open for individuals walking up to the pool as we enter. Or, quite often, as we are leaving the pool facility, we are distracted by making sure we've gathered all our belongings, or making sure our children are with us, or talking on the phone as we exit; all the while failing to notice that the door didn't close behind us and in those couple of seconds several unauthorized individuals just walked in.

Those couple of seconds could cost you a lot.



Now suppose that those unauthorized individuals end up causing hundreds of dollars or more in damage to the facility. Guess who gets to pay for that? You do, because the camera's will show that you let them in. Knowingly or not.

Protect your investment.....Please take a couple of extra seconds to ensure the door is CLOSED so unauthorized access is not given to people who could potential cause damage for which YOU will ultimately be responsible.

You should also know that lending your key to anyone outside of your immediate family/household is against the Rules for Use and could result in removing your access to the facility.

HAVE A SAFE 4TH OF JULY



WANTED !!! BOARD MEMBERS

The Board is down to six (6) out of a total nine (9) members. Nobody was nominated in April/May so there was no election at the Annual Meeting. We still have three (3) open positions.

The Board of Directors is the governing body for the Oak Hills Homeowners Association. It is responsible for the decision-making, enforcement of rules, Bylaws, and Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions, and fiscal responsibility necessary to maintain the established quality and appearance of our common interest development. Board members serve a three-year term, after which they may seek re-election.

If you are interested in being appointed to the board, please submit your request by email to: office@oakhillshoa.org. Please include a brief Bio and why you would like to become a board member.

Board of Directors

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BE ON THE LOOKOUT

A redesigned and new look for the Oak Hills Homeowners Association website is coming soon.

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This is when you combine both traditional and holistic medicine
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Follow up visit cash 65 Insurance PPO/VISA/MC

Greenbelt Advertising Policy

Oak Hills HOA is open to advertising for all members and non-members. Advertising rates are based on size of print and/or graphics. Proceeds of paid advertising is to be used to offset the production and postage costs of OHHA publications

Greenbelt Advertising Rates:

(All advertising will run as space permits)

- \$50 per 6 issues business card size art and print ready
- \$50 per one issue quarter page ad art and print ready
- \$75 per one issue for half page ad art and print ready
- \$100 per one issue full page pre-folded insert (provided by advertiser)

ADVERTISING SPACE AVAILABLE

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