



THE QUAIL CALL

A Community Newsletter – April 2020

Welcome to **The Quail Home Owners Association's Newsletter, The Quail Call**. The purpose of the newsletter is to inform you of what the **Quail HOA** is doing to maintain and improve the quality of our neighborhood as well as other pieces of information, reminders, etc. We hope you find this newsletter informative and helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact the HOA Board if you have any questions or concerns.

Our website has many useful documents, we encourage you to take a look; its address is www.quailhoa.org . If you wish to login to view the Homeowner's Directory and/or HOA Meeting Minutes, the password is: quailhoa



Well,,, there is much to talk about since the January Quail Call, this is a lengthy Newsletter!

A NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS BEEN VOTED IN !

The following residents are filling the following positions:

PRESIDENT:	Steve Schloss
VICE PRESIDENT:	Lisa Protsman
TREASURER:	T.J. Protsman
SECRETARY:	Paula Motley
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW (ARC):	Lisa Protsman
ARC COMMITTEE MEMBER:	Lisa Dwelle
MEMBERSHIP:	Steve Schloss, (temporarily)
MEMBERS AT LARGE:	Larry Somerton, Eric Brown, Ramsin Ganji
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:	Bettina Schwartz

This new Board is working hard restructuring a few areas as well as staying busy tending to various projects. Please see below for updates from a few of these Board Members.

As we all deal with this terrible virus and home confinement, I trust everybody is staying safe and being as careful as possible.

While it has made it more difficult for the new HOA board to meet and work on projects, we have met virtually using *Zoom* to provide updates and keep things moving forward. Having just formed a new board, we have spent time reworking our various jobs and responsibilities, in some cases streamlining jobs but also spreading work out over different people.

We now have a board of 9 people and have identified a number of projects for 2020. One such project is to create a new, consolidated system that can easily (online) track all home addresses with historical information (remodel requests, ownership changes, etc.), membership data, as well as linkages to our Quickbooks and website, all of which were manually managed causing significant time and effort.

Given the current Shelter in Place order, our board has also worked on community outreach efforts to help anybody that might need extra assistance. In parallel, we have begun researching the cost and viability of installing security cameras on Valley Green Drive.

The single largest project is working with the county on getting our roads properly fixed and maintained. As of this writing, the long awaited Engineering Report has been completed and received by the county which is in review by their staff. We have asked for, and anticipate receiving, this report as soon as it's ready. The county has indicated that, given the current Shelter in Place order, any town-hall meetings to present this report will have to be delayed and communication to this affect will be sent to all of the affected property owners.

Thanks to Maggie Case for spearheading our membership drive as she retires into the sunset! To date we have signed up 140 members (total possible = 163). More are coming in day by day and we are contacting those that have yet to sign up to see if we can reach 100% membership this year. A lofty goal but we feel by adding more value to the membership we can entice those last remaining home owners to climb on board!!!



- 🦋 Thankfully, we've had a fair amount of rainfall, our properties are sufficiently soaked through and **Spring has Sprung** !! With this late rainfall, it won't be necessary to turn on your outdoor irrigation for quite some time,,,,,save that water for all of the handwashing you'll continue doing!
- 🦋 With plants and trees blooming, debris continues to accumulate in the street gutters. Everyone does an outstanding job keeping their gutters clean, please keep up the good work! We just had a **street cleaner** come through our neighborhoods and plan on having another in months to come. We'll keep you posted so that trash bins, parked cars, etc. can be cleared from the street.
- 🦋 It looks like **trash and recycling bins** are being brought to the curb for pickup well before Thursday morning. Bringing these bins to the curb on Wednesday is reasonable but no earlier, if possible. And, of course, please remove your emptied bins from the curbside later in the day on Thursday afternoon.
- 🦋 A number of residents have completed or are in the process of home/landscape improvement projects. When these projects are approved by the Architectural Review Committee, the homeowner receives a **Remodel Reminders** document which is being included in this Newsletter on the following page. If you have not embarked on any kind of home or landscape project for quite some time, then you would not be aware of this document. It contains a lot of helpful information I thought you may be interested in reading, just as an FYI.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:

- Needless to say, the Board hopes everyone is safe and well during this very trying time. Walking our neighborhood streets is a wonderful way to break up the day; fresh air, sunshine and little exercise goes a long way toward maintaining mental fitness. Don't forget to distance from others and to wear protective equipment. If anything, our dogs are enjoying all of these extra daily walks!!! And while walking our dogs, let's continue to be respectful of others' properties by picking up the dog's "waste".....this is becoming a bit of an issue here in our neighborhoods.
- If you are concerned about residents continuing with construction or landscape projects, this is something the Quail HOA Board is **not** in a position to oversee. Visiting the following website will provide you with helpful information.
 - <https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/Home/Components/News/News/6199/1336>





Homeowners AT QUAIL. INC.

REMINDERS TO OBSERVE DURING WORK ON YOUR HOME OR PROPERTY:

Construction/Landscaping/Painting projects are busy and exciting times! Below are reminders which are stated in Quail's 'Rules & Guidelines', to be mindful of while work is taking place on your property.

- 🦋 Regular work hours are: 7am – 6pm. Crews may arrive at 7am but all work and noise producing equipment **cannot** begin until 8am.
- 🦋 As debris accumulates, it is not permissible to store it on the property other than putting it into a dumpster to be hauled away periodically.
- 🦋 At the end of each day, and before contractors/workers leave the premises, the job site should be cleaned up.
- 🦋 If you are renting a porta-potty, please place it out of sight, as best you can, so it isn't visible from the street.
- 🦋 Business signs from any contractors or subcontractors are not allowed to be placed anywhere on the structure or property for advertising purposes.
- 🦋 If excessive, loud noise from machinery/tools is created, please notify your neighbors.
- 🦋 Loud music heard outside the property is not allowed. If it is played inside the house, please close windows/doors so it is contained inside the house.
- 🦋 Existing landscaping, which is visible from the street or golf course, is required to be maintained (weed control, overgrowth of plants, etc.), even if it will be replaced following your remodel.
- 🦋 If the sidewalk in front of your house is damaged (broken, uplifted, etc.) during the remodel process, the Quail HOA asks that you replace/repair the damaged sections to maintain a level of safety for pedestrians.
- 🦋 **And most important,, no work is to be done on the house or property anytime on**
 - ❖ **any Sunday throughout the year**
 - ❖ **on the following holidays which MAY fall on a weekday:**
 - **New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day,**
 - **The following holidays also apply, however, work may be done UP UNTIL 4:00pm and no later: Passover (typically near Easter), Yom Kippur (typically in September), Hannukah (typically in December), ,)**

Since there are so many projects being worked on throughout Quail, this allows your neighbors to enjoy every Sunday and special holidays, noise free, and the streets without workers' trucks parked around the property.

IT IS ENTIRELY UP TO YOU, THE HOMEOWNER, TO NOTIFY ALL OF YOUR CONTRACTORS OF THESE DATES. PLEASE DON'T ASSUME THEY WILL KNOW, YOU MAY WANT TO POST A SIGN AT THE JOBSITE SO THEY ARE FULLY INFORMED. IF WORK IS BEING DONE WHEN NOT ALLOWED, THE QUAIL HOA BOARD WILL ASK THEM TO LEAVE THE JOB SITE.

Bettina is our new Community Affairs Director for the Quail Homeowners Association. Once the Shelter in Place is lifted, we will resume our popular neighborhood get-togethers to reconnect with neighbors, to interact with our new Board members....and to bring into our lives some light-hearted fun!!!and to eat and drink, too! Be on the lookout for your Invitation if we are able to resume these parties.

These events take place at a member's home, if you are ever interested in hosting a party at yours, please contact me at community.affairs@quailhoa.org.

Please mark your calendars.....

Tentatively, our first planned event will take place on **Sunday, July 12, 5:30 – 8:30pm**. This will be a **Hawaiian Luau** so please wear appropriate festive clothing.

What a fun and festive way to celebrate !

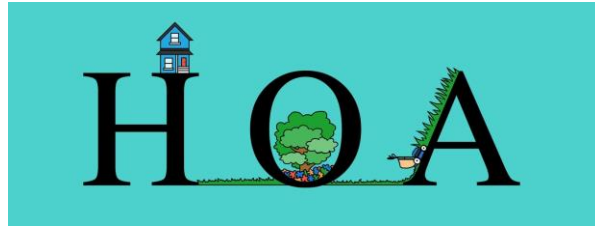


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The next event we hope to have will take place on **Friday, October 30th, 5:30 – 8:30pm**. With this being the day before Halloween, feel free to dress up in your **Halloween Best** (but you certainly don't have to!). This gathering will take place at Eileen & Steve Schloss' house.



- 🐦 Homeowner membership is at 140, 86% membership. *Very nice!*
- 🐦 The Board's goal is to reach 100% membership. If you have a neighbor who isn't an HOA Member but would like to join, please suggest they visit our website at www.quailhoa.org. In the "About Us" drop down window there is a link to "Join Us". Or they may call any Board member who would be happy to assist.



FEATURED PLANTS-OF-THE-MONTH

This is the time of year our gardens often need a little pick-me-up. Some plants have outgrown themselves, others have been a source of food for those pesky, underground critters and perhaps some have not survived the winter season.

There are so many shrubs, deciduous or evergreen, which offer interesting, colorful foliage. Green foliated plants are plentiful and just as beautiful but when you incorporate colored or variegated foliage, you add an extra dimension to your landscape.

Cotinus coggygria “**Royal Purple:**”, also known as Smoke Tree, is deciduous and one of the first bloomers in Spring. Its leaves are a rich, burgundy color which last until winter. During the summer its insignificant flowers develop billowy “hairs” which appear as a puff of light pink smoke. Plant in full sun. The beauty of this plant is that you can trim it down to any size you desire or shape it into a small scaled tree.... and its purple branches add interest to flower bouquets.



Coprosma, also known as Mirror Plant, is another one to try. This shrub is evergreen, providing color all year round. There are many varieties; some with green and white foliage, others with colorful foliage. It enjoys full sun and moderate water.



(my favorite), Tequila Sunrise



Marble Queen

...that's about all we have!!! Please remain safe and healthy,
hoping to see you all soon. Lisa Protsman