



THE QUAIL CALL

A Community Newsletter – January 2021

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 working on 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, concerns or suggestions.

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

FROM OUR PRESIDENT, STEVE SCHLOSS

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As of this writing we are, yet again, locked down but this time it appears to be our last given the vaccine is finally here. Time to look back and see what's been accomplished in 2020 and look forward to 2021.

Our new board started and immediately stopped as the virus hit. We learned, along with everybody else, to use Zoom as a way to meet and communicate. We implemented a new "members forum" as part of our board meetings and as a way to get more involvement from our membership. We surveyed our membership and learned that our roads were the number one issue on everyone's minds...no surprise! But we also found that safety and security were important and we launched our installation of security cameras (to be fully operational by the

end of January). We found new ways to be an organization that provides added value and services - we introduced a new speaker series, we formed a phone tree during our fire crisis, added a supplier list to our website, and expanded our membership. At last count, 11 homes were sold in our Quail HOA and we welcomed all of them as new members. We made serious changes to our look and feel with a new logo, but more deeply, made changes to our Website and linkages, thanks to Rich Chew. Rich intended to retire last year but we kept him busy as a volunteer and I wanted to send a select shout out to him for his dedication and great work....the photos on our roster are his!!!

Looking forward to 2021, despite the road repair delays, we expect our roads to be actually overhauled as a result of intense pressure, found data, and a new county organization. We will expand our speaker series looking for relevant topics but also some fun subjects, perhaps cooking? Expanding our focus on safety, we have been investigating neighborhood watch programs where we can involve more of our membership. As the community opens up without fear of the virus, we are planning a number of events that can help bring our neighborhoods together for renewed connections and fun.

Our new board will see 3 members retire and several new ones join our group. Our many thanks to Paula Motley, Bettina Schwartz, and Dr. Eric Brown for their contributions...we will give them a formal send off in January.

We hope to finish the overhaul of our systems so we will have a fully automated and singular location that can track all of our HOA and property history in one place.

Lastly, I want to wish everybody a Happy New Year...

FROM ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW, LISA PROTSMAN architectural.review@quailhoa.org

- 🍂 The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) continues receiving Applications from homeowners embarking on remodels, landscape work, etc. This adds to the number of homes which have been updated over the months and years.....and they all look great! Good work!
- 🍂 It's that time of year to stay on top of leaves accumulating in the street and gutter area. Each street at Quail has, at most, only 2 storm drains! These drains catch not only rainwater but all of the leaves not raked up....and this can lead to a sealed off, clogged drain which can, potentially, flood a street. So I encourage you to rake the leaves making their way into your gutter area.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, BETTINA SCHWARTZ (outgoing), RAMSIN GANJI (incoming)
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A great big thank you to Bettina Schwartz for heading up our community affairs as she steps down from this post. We are pleased that Ramsin Ganji has agreed to step in and get things going again as Covid becomes a thing of our past. Plans are under way to re-kindle our speaker series with some exciting and informative speakers and, if you have a favorite past time or are willing to share your expertise, we would love to hear from you as a potential speaker. Of course, as soon as this shut down is over, we plan on a variety of events to get our community back together....stronger than ever!!!



GET READY TO PARTY, AND TO RECONNECT !

MEMBERSHIP, STEVE SCHLOSS (temporarily)

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The Quail HOA membership continues to grow, hoping to reach 100% this year !

- 🦋 Currently our membership is at 152 out of 163 properties, that's a 93% membership rate.
- 🦋 Please welcome the newest members to our Homeowners Association. They are:
 - Patti & Rick Stempel at 8017 River Place



REAL ESTATE REPORT

This information is as of late December 2020. Thank You, Mike and Jessica Canning for providing 😊

The Quail Lodge real estate market has weathered the COVID lockdowns very well with 11 sales in 2020 and 2 more currently in escrow and set to close in the next 3 weeks.

Across the Peninsula, but particularly the sunny Carmel Valley, we're seeing an influx of buyers from the Bay Area either looking to relocate permanently to make the most of the schools, serenity, and quality of life, or as part time homes serving as an easy alternative to quarantining in the Bay.

The top sale of the year was as 8021 River Place, which closed for \$2.3M and the lowest price was for 7027 Valley Knoll which closed for \$1.4M.

Although an imperfect measure, we're seeing \$/Sqft hover around \$650 and going as high as \$819.

Of the 11 sales this year, 2 were off market (8069 Lake Place and 7020 Valley Greens Circle #11) and 2 were Condos. There are just two active listings in Quail Lodge, 7010 Valley Greens Circle which backs up to the river and is priced, furnished, at \$2.595M and 8044 Poplar Lane which was just refreshed inside and with updated landscaping, priced at \$1.795M.

Over the past 3 weeks there has been a dip in demand, which is fairly standard for this area around the holidays. It's too soon to know what will happen in 2021, but given the tight inventory levels, it is expect to see a reduction in the total number of sales next year with prices firming.



FEATURED FLORA & FAUNA

In addition to the plants I've talked about in past Quail Calls, I've decided to add some fun information about our local animals. This month I'd like to bring to your attention the beautiful ducks and birds we are now seeing in our local ponds. If you have a set of binoculars and/or a spotting scope, spend some time visiting the ponds around the golf course to see what's come in to town! *Of course, we can't do this while golfers are playing but before and afterwards go out and do a little birdwatching....their beauty is bound to make you smile!*

Here are just a few I've seen so far.....



Male & Female Hooded Merganser



Snowy & Common Egret



Male & Female Bufflehead



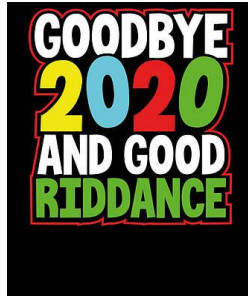
Male & Female Goldeneye



....and let's not forget our favorite, the American Coot. As pesky as they are, they are also a necessary food source for our hawks, eagles and bobcats !and if we're lucky, maybe Quail's coots will attract the gorgeous Peregrine Falcon I saw dining on one of its cousins at Pasadera Golf Club !!!

...let me know if you ever see this beauty here at Quail





Time for a new year,,,

for a new attitude,,,

for continued good health

**The Quail HOA Board wishes everyone
a very HAPPY & HEALTHY 2021!**

Lisa Protsman