

# 1600 Hamilton Place Community Association HOA Newsletter

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## Meet Your Board Vice President - Scott Smithwick

Scott Smithwick is a licensed architect and was born and raised in Cupertino, where he graduated from Monta Vista High School. After attending architecture school at Philadelphia University, he moved back to his native California and began working for Cody Anderson Wasney (CAW) Architects in Palo Alto, where he also interned



summer and winter breaks. Since joining CAW full time in 2000, Scott has become an Associate in the firm and is responsible for overseeing much of the firm's educational and historic preservation work, including work at Stanford, UC Berkeley, Foothill College and UC Santa Cruz.

In addition to serving on the 1600 Hamilton Place Board of Directors, Scott joined the Board of Directors of Palo Alto Stanford Heritage (PAST) in 2006 and is cur-

rently serving as President. He also serves as editor-in-chief of the AIA Santa Clara Valley's Tracings monthly newsletter.

Scott lives with his wife Jana and will be celebrating 7 years of wonderful marriage this August. Jana is an artist with a Studio Art degree from Santa Clara University. She is a native of Sunnyvale and a graduate of

The Kings Academy and has worked as a custom art framer for University Art and Aaron Brothers for a number of years before moving on to other things. They attend Peninsula Bible Church Willow Glen.

Scott enjoys spending time with Jana, family and friends, loves the outdoors and enjoys reading, golf and photography. He is also a life long sports fan always rooting on the home teams - 49ers, Giants and Sharks!

## Community Management Services

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**408-371-1715 (voicemail)**

## Next Board Meeting/Open Forum

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 14, 2011 in the Clubhouse.**

**The Open Forum starts at 6:30 pm** and is the time set aside for homeowners to address the Board of Directors. The Board Meeting starts promptly following the Open Forum. An agenda for the meeting is posted by the Clubhouse entry doors and mailboxes four days prior to the meeting date. Come join us!

## Landscape Committee Meeting

Co-Chairs Maryalice Heim/Sheba Solomon

The next Landscape Committee meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 15, 2011, at 7:00 pm in the Clubhouse.** Please submit any landscaping requests, in writing, for the committee's consideration.

## Security Update

Unfortunately, there were a few burglaries in the complex over the past month. The burglaries occurred during the day when the resident was not home. There have been no reports about any burglaries in the other two complexes making up Hamilton Place, the Cottages and the Corners. SJPD confirms that there have been recent daytime burglaries on nearby Stokes Avenue as well.

**What can you do?** Start thinking like a burglar! Look around your unit through the eyes of a burglar. A sliding patio door is hidden behind your fence and can be jimmed or pried up off the track. There are many ways to secure the door, including stop bars and frame pins.

Burglars are most likely not going to risk making noise by breaking glass. Instead, they'll look for a quieter way to gain entrance, an unlocked window or a garage door left open make it easy for a quick burglar. They only need a few minutes to riffle through your belongings. They're looking for smaller items such as jewelry,

electronics and memorabilia. They're not going to risk being seen carrying your large screen TV out the front door.

People pursuing a career in residential burglaries know their craft and have an alibi ready if you catch them inside your patio or looking through a window. They'll tell you anything to try to allay your fear and make a graceful escape. They'll tell you they are looking for their friend or that they just needed a drink of water from your hose and didn't want to bother anybody. Don't believe them, tell them to leave and close/lock your door. **Make some noise!**

Many neighbors have a security system with a panic alarm which can be activated to sound an alarm and contact a central command center. If your car is parked close, you can activate its alarm to make noise. Burglars don't like noise.

**If you see something happening, call 911 or 277-8911.**

**To report something after the fact, call 311 or 277-8900.**

## HOA BIZ - What's Happening around Hamilton Place

- **Annual Resident Ice Cream Social** - Sunday, May 22nd, is the date for the Annual Social at the Clubhouse from 1pm to 4pm. Flyers have been posted at the five mailbox kiosk bulletin boards throughout the complex. Board members and other Association volunteers will be there to welcome residents and help serve refreshments. Please join your neighbors and have some fun.
- **Recommended Service Provider Listing** - Check out the new Service Provider listing on the HOA website. It's a compilation of vendors and contractors recommended by the Board or a resident of the complex. The listing is open for additions. If you have someone to recommend, provide the appropriate information to Ken at [ksweezey@msn.com](mailto:ksweezey@msn.com).
- **Bugbusters Service Available** - This is the time of the year when small black ants come out of their nests to look for moisture and food. Harold from Bugbusters will take care of them **at no cost to you**. When you see a pile of ants on a sidewalk or driveway, call him at 408-262-1968. Once they multiply, it's only a matter of time before they get into your house.
- **CMS eBills** - Contact Rosie Bernal at Community Management at 408-559-1977 x137 or [rbernal@communitymanagement.com](mailto:rbernal@communitymanagement.com) to get your monthly statement and Newsletter (in color) emailed to you.
- **Welcome Wagon** - Kim & Bill on Greenwich, Sylvia & Jeff on Huxley, Linda & Camryn on Foxhall and Danica on Foxhall. Welcome to the 1600 Hamilton Place neighborhood!

## Monthly Parking Summary - April 2011

WARNING Ticket - Resident in Guest Space - 8
FINAL WARNING Ticket - Resident in Guest Space - 1
TOW Ticket - Resident in Guest Space - 1
WARNING Ticket - Resident over 24 hours in Open Space - 6
FINAL WARNING Ticket - Resident over 24 hours in Open Space - 1
TOW Ticket - Resident over 24 hours in Open Space - 0
WARNING Ticket - Expired DMV Tags - 1
FINAL WARNING Ticket - Expired DMV Tags - 1
TOW Ticket - Expired DMV Tags - 0

With the cost of a TOW over \$300, homeowners are encouraged to know the Association parking rules and to follow them. HOA parking rules can be found on the mailbox bulletin boards and at [www.1600hamiltonplace.org](http://www.1600hamiltonplace.org).

## Landscape Committee Report

The Board of Directors provides a budget to the Committee which determines the guidelines that the Committee must adhere to in planning for landscaping maintenance and upgrade projects.

- At this time, the spring irrigation check is being completed by Medallion's irrigation technician. This check is done semi-annually, in the fall and spring. Based on the fall check, Medallion recommended repairs and upgrades which were approved by the Board and completed last month. Medallion will be issuing a spring report, based on this inspection, including additional recommendations for repairs and upgrades. If you see an area where water is puddling, please let CMS Customer Service know.
- Medallion is currently working on pruning hedges, as well as cleaning up the liquid amber spikeballs. They will continue to drop into May until the trees are fully leafed out. After the cleaning has been completed, the complex will be mulched to retain moisture and improve appearance.
- Maryalice will be contacting Lewis Trees to do the spring walk-through. Based on the walk-through, as well as the planned schedule of work for the trees in our complex, they formulate a tree-trimming and removal plan for the year.

## Exterior Changes to your Unit

Please remember that the governing documents for the Hamilton Place Community Association require that all changes to the exterior appearance of your unit must have prior approval from the Board of Directors. This means that anytime you want to change the design of your entry or patio areas, you must first provide a written request for approval to the Board describing, in detail, the proposed changes. Failure to do so may result in the Board requiring that you change the modification, at your expense. The reason for this rule is to maintain the overall appearance of the complex as originally intended by the developer.

The CC&Rs stipulate that all doors and windows are the responsibility of the unit owners. Please make sure you have approval from the Board prior to installing new windows, doors and exterior light fixtures. In addition, the exterior of all window coverings must be white or off-white. The architectural guidelines and the change application are available on the HOA website at [www.1600hamiltonplace.org](http://www.1600hamiltonplace.org).

## Springtime Patio Cleanup

When you cleanup your patio landscaping, please hold your green waste until the regular City pickup on Wednesday. Instead of putting it out early where we all have to look at it, many residents hold their green waste on their patio until Tuesday. Help keep our neighborhood looking good!



## Pool and Spa Health Concerns

The pools have been heated since May 1st and it's time for the annual reminder of keeping our pools and spa safe and healthy for everyone.

- Parents, you can help to keep the pool clean. Make regular bathroom breaks a part of your kid's time at the pool. Teach children not to pee in the pool. Also, check swim diapers often. Waiting to hear "I have to go" may mean that it's too late. Please change diapers in the bathroom and not at poolside.
  - To avoid getting sick from recreational water illnesses, teach your children not to swallow pool water and to avoid getting water in their mouths.
  - To keep germs, dirt and sweat out of the water and protect the health of other swimmers, please shower before using the pool. Parents, please teach your children to wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water after using the pool restrooms. Never allow your kids in the pool when they have diarrhea.
- The Board is currently developing renovation plans for the restrooms in our two pools. In addition, an outdoor shower similar to the one at the Foxhall pool will be installed at the Huxley pool.

**Be safe and have fun - its almost SUMMER!**

## Hamilton Place Street Sweeping - 5/19 & 6/16

The 3rd Thursday of every month is the scheduled sweeping date by the City for the Hamilton Place loop (usually between 10-11 am). Signs will be posted on bulletin boards.