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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On May 4, 2011 Randall Martinez was elected President of the FHPOA Board replacing Faye Hill.

Our association has nearly 1,400 homes, and we are guided by a volunteer board that shares a common concern for our wonderful neighborhood. We are dedicated to maintaining and protecting the quality of life that we all enjoy and are accustomed to in Friendly Hills.

The Friendly Hills Property Owners Association (FHPOA) Board carries out its responsibilities by weighing in on a variety of issues that often require coordinating with representatives from City Hall on matters such as traffic, noise abatement, construction permits and code enforcement. We also responsibly maintain several open space areas for the benefit of our community, such as sitting parks and walkways. In 2010, we initiated a concerted effort to share our member's collective concerns regarding the potential for increased oil drilling in our beloved hills. We effectively challenged City Hall and the Matrix Oil Company regarding the use of Colima, Mar Vista and Lodosa roads for access to the oil. We also held numerous town hall-type meetings on the oil-drilling subject. We plan to continue to make the extra effort to ensure that our members are informed regarding this very controversial matter. Other matters we are monitoring include developments involving the former Board Ford and McAllister Cadillac sites. We are also keeping our eyes on the former Stats property, which will hopefully be the site of a speciality market by the end of the year. The potential for electronic signage installed at the Whittier Area Community Church is another issue we continue to monitor.

We have a newsletter that is published quarterly called "The Friendly Hiller", and a website, www.friendlyhillspoa.net where you can email anyone on the FHPOA Board. Recently we started a Facebook Page, so please look us up! The FHPOA Board meets on the first Wednesday of each month (we are dark in August & December) at 7pm at the Friendly Hills country club. All meetings are open to our members.

These services are only possible through the funds generated by the annual membership fee of only \$45.00.

Regards,

Randall D. Martinez



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OIL REPORT

Taken directly from the City of Whittier's website

The project would consist of wells, oil processing, natural gas plant, oil and natural gas pipelines, and oil truck loading facilities to be located within portions of the 1,290-acre City owned Whittier Main Field, now part of the Authority Habitat Preserve. Oil and gas production and procession facilities will be physically located at one consolidated site within the Whittier Main Oil Field. A crude oil pipeline and a natural gas pipeline would be installed within Colima Road.

The proposed Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been prepared and is available for public review and comment in the Planning Division, Whittier City Hall, 13230 Penn Street, Whittier, CA 90602. A copy is also available for review at the following locations: Whittier Central Library, 7344 S. Washington Avenue, Whittier, and Whittwood Branch Library, 10537 Santa Gertrudes Avenue, Whittier.

The 45-day review period for this document began on June 6, 2011 and expires on July 21, 2011. Public hearings on the Draft EIR and the project before the City Planning Commission and City Council will be scheduled and noticed separately.

Please address your response to Jeff Adams, Planning Services Manager at the address shown above, or you may email him at jadams@cityofwhittier.org

Proponents of the project state that Whittier could use the money, although exactly how much money the City would get is unclear, as the County owns the land, and the City owns the mineral rights. As of this writing, a deal between the City and the County has not been struck. Opponents object to the project stating, it is dangerously close to residents, there will be noise and air pollution, our property values will plummet, and it will take away from our precious recreational area, which we have preserved.

The FHPOA Board would like to hear your views. Please send your comments to: FHPOA, P.O. Box 1018, Whittier, CA 90609 or email: info@friendlyhillspoa.net.

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FHPOA AGAINST WATER RATE INCREASE



Board member, Roy Fewell addressed the City Council on behalf of the FHPOA Board on June 14, 2011. Fewell cited "rate increase fatigue" as the reason for the FHPOA's opposition to an increase of the size that was proposed. Fewell noted that the FHPOA Board fear that the City's proposed rate increase will be used to justify future rate increases proposed by Suburban Water, the private system that serves Friendly Hills. Mayor Cathy Warner cited the fact that the Council had received only 19 petitions in opposition to the increase. The Council approved the 19% water rate increase on a four to one vote with Council Member Viniateri as the lone vote in opposition.

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15847 Arbela Drive

David and Emily Johnson were looking for a new home while Emily was pregnant with their first child, when their realtor introduced them to Friendly Hills. A mere thirty-two years, and three children later, the couple are still living in their beautiful home. A maid's quarters and a bar were added, bringing the total square footage to 5,179. Each room has been remodeled, and Emily is constantly redecorating and adding her touch throughout. The unique landscaping with 75 feet of curb appeal makes this home a Beautification winner!



15847 Arbela Drive
Johnson Family



14827 La Cuarta Street
Moorman Family

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Gabe and Joan Moorman lived in Arkansas prior to moving to northwest Whittier. With two children, schools were a very important reason for wanting to find a home in a good school district. In 1986 their realtor, Wesley Kruse helped find them their charming adobe ranch home in Friendly Hills. Interior work started with the kitchen, including floor heating. Gabe and Joan have created several incredible gardens in both the front and backyards of the home. This spring, the home was featured in the Rio Hondo symphony Garden Tour this year.

Congratulations to the Johnson and Moorman families!



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Board Members

The FHPOA Board is comprised of men and women who volunteer their time to better the neighborhood we live in. The Board has fourteen of the fifteen positions filled. We are fortunate to have so many well-qualified professional people that serve.

As with many volunteer associations, people come and go. Recently, two members stepped down from their positions on the FHPOA Board. Arsen Malkasian, who lives on La Sierra Avenue served on the Architectural Committee for ten plus years. He worked countless hours with homeowners and the city while on the board. His wife Gina and four daughters will be glad to have him home. David Belinowiz lived on Portada Drive, but recently moved to La Habra, was a board member and trusted Treasurer for at least 6 years. He worked many weekends and weeknights for our Association. Both these men have been exceptional board members. We thank them for their dedication and energy given to our community of Friendly Hills.

Fortunately, we have found two men that are willing to step up to the plate and fill the vacancies created by Arsen and David.

First, let me introduce to you John Esprio. John and his wife Melissa moved from Montebello to Lodosa Drive in Friendly Hills area just over a year ago. They fell in love with the community, the beautiful landscaping. John became a board member to give back to the community. Although time is precious, John felt that if he could contribute in some way, he could help make a difference and continue the great tradition and reputation the FHPOA has successfully maintained. John is in the education management business, specifically career education that caters to adult learners. He and Melissa, who is a Registered Nurse have four children. The oldest two have flown from the nest, while their youngest two Erika, and Johnathan are still at home.



WHAT DO I DO?

Lt. Carlos Solorza

With summer upon us I thought it would be appropriate to offer some tips on how can protect your home while away on vacation.

Below are some tips to remember when planning your trip:

- Have good locks on all doors and windows.
- Ask a neighbor to watch your home.
- Never leave keys hidden outside.
- Stop all deliveries or have someone pick them up.
- Use automatic timers on lights and radios.
- Ask a neighbor to park in your driveway.
- Turn your telephone ringer down so it cannot be heard ringing from outside.
- If you will be gone for an extended period of time, make sure arrangements are made to have your lawns maintained.

The Whittier Police Department is also working on another tool to help protect your home. We are currently working on implementing a vacation check program. In this program, residents that are going on vacation can fill out a form requesting checks of their home while they are away. The Department would then utilize police volunteers to conduct checks of your home.

We are still in the process of working out the details of the program and hope to have it in place by the start of summer. Taking these simple steps can help protect your home and give you peace of mind so that you can enjoy your vacation!

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Annual Meeting Highlights

Once again, Whittier Area Community Church hosted our Annual Meeting. Pastor Bill Ankerberg and his ever so talented staff were on hand to lend us a hand. Many thanks to WACC.

The evening started with delicious samples donated by the following stores and restaurants, **Trader Joes, Ralphs, Dream Dinners, Famous Joes Mexican Food, Olive Garden, Carino's and Roadhouse Grill. Smart and Final** donated the paper goods. We are ever so grateful to these fine establishments for their generosity.

The interest in civic affairs is still alive and well in Friendly Hills as witnessed by the outstanding turnout for the Annual Meeting in April. Past President, Faye Hill introduced all the Board Members to the audience. She recognized Past President, Allan Nakken for his many years of dedication while serving on the Board and presented him with a gift of gratitude from the Board.

Guest speakers, Mayor Greg Nordbak, and Police Chief Jeff Piper did excellent jobs with their presentations. They both answered questions from the audience, which for those in attendance proved to be quite informative.

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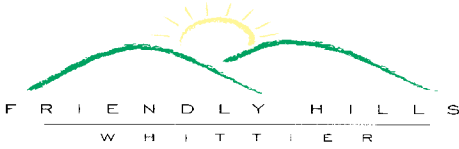
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