

Welcome...

...to Leona and Tony, new owners of the house on space 36 and new members of our association.

Consider these

Sing in the shower
Dance around your house
Go for a walk around our park and don't forget the glen
Join one of our committees
Play ping pong with a neighbor

Some gardens to enjoy...

The hanging plants in Richard's carport (sp. 45)
ALL the succulents in Shirley's garden, and notice the BIG metal cactus (sp. 27)
Bonsai around Dennis' garden (sp. 90)
An abundance of milkweed for the monarchs (sp. 11)
More later or...you can find them on your own.
Have a nice walk!

Thanks!

Bob (sp. 64) locked the clubhouse at night for quite a while; Phil (sp. 32) did too.
Nina (sp. 30) and Chris (sp. 20) now unlock it in the morning; Pete (sp. 10), Jean-Anne, (sp. 4), Porter (sp. 61) and Wayne (sp. 73) lock it at night.



Please report if you know differently!
Wayne (sp. 73) is sometimes responsible when you find that your trash bin(s) have found their way from the street back to your carport...seemingly on their own!
Chris (sp. 22) helps with party setups and decorations.

Thanks to all the volunteers on the Emergency Committee. Some

visit each of us annually and work with us to keep us safe in case of an emergency.



Less plastic...

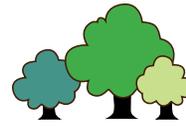
...would help our planet. Remember the Great Pacific Garbage Patch out in the ocean? What do you do to use less plastic? Help by sharing your ideas with other readers in our park via the Nooz.

GreenWaste sends a quarterly newsletter, ZeroWaste, to County customers, that's us, and it has good recycling tips.

Reuse plastic bags: turn them inside out, wipe them off, let dry, put in your reusable grocery bag for your next trip to the market. They can last a long time; we don't need new ones very often. Make the old plastic last, or avoid it, and skip the new plastic.

Recycle plastic food storage containers and switch to glass jars, previously purchased full of something edible but now empty - an excellent substitute to use in the fridge or freezer. Jean-Anne (sp. 4) uses pint/quart canning jars in the freezer and doesn't fill them past the "curve", leaving at least an inch at the top, less for smaller jars: frozen items expand and will break the glass.

Even when old and washed, plastic leaves a residue and gets into our water sources and the Patch.



KSQD Radio

Once again, our Mathilde (sp. 71) is in the news, on page 1 of the Jan. 12th Sentinel! She's board treasurer for the new 90.7 FM radio station and saying "It is the interaction with the community that actually makes for good programming."



Mathilde will again host segments "First Person Singular" and "Exploring Santa Cruz". Tune in, starting in February.

Resident birds

We have all kinds, more than 30 different ones at last count. Some of us don't see some of them because they live in parts of the park where they are most comfortable. Some birds like living in the trees and forest and you see them at the east end of our park, around the clubhouse and glen and the creek. Others like



open areas and frequent the upper part of our park. Some migrate and are only here for some parts of the year. Which ones do you see? Watch for a list of our birds...coming.

Monthly quiz!

What's our speed limit?
Quiz your visitors!

Take the bus...

...to downtown Santa Cruz or to 41st Ave. It takes 10-15 minutes, you don't have to park. It costs \$2 if you're over 18 (we are) or \$1 with a photo discount card. The bus picks you up or delivers you right next to our park approximately on the hour. Go to <http://www.scmted.com/en> for more information such as routes and time tables. Leave your car at home!

Monarch butterflies

They arrive in October, having flown from the Rockies, and they go back in March. They're here to rest, hibernate, be in a warmer climate and entertain us! When it's time for a monarch caterpillar to form a chrysalis, s/he usually finds a somewhat sturdy site, away from the milkweed, and hangs from it, forming a "J" and then the chrysalis, but not usually on the plant where it was eating the leaves. Mostly we don't see where they go. Milkweed is the only plant where these caterpillars lay their eggs and eat the leaves/blossoms/seed pods. Enjoy them while they're visiting. In March we should cut back our milkweed to encourage the monarchs to fly home. More on that next month.



Walking with a dog...

...means teaching it to avoid gardens that prefer wildlife only! Let visitors know too.

Clubhouse heat

The clubhouse boiler replacement work will be in process from February 11th to 20th. During that time there will be neither heat nor hot water in the clubhouse. There may be construction noise...so just a heads up for meetings in the clubhouse during those dates.

Our Annual General Meeting
Clubhouse, Sat. Feb. 9th, 2pm.
See you there.

Monthly Park Fees: Due on the 5th business day of the month.

Board Meetings: 4th Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm, clubhouse

Finance Committee: 3rd Wednesday of the month, 5:00pm, clubhouse

AC/MC Meeting: 1st Monday of the month, 5:00pm, clubhouse

Garden Committee: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 4:30pm, clubhouse

Handmade: 3rd Tuesday of the month 1:30 - 4:00 pm at the clubhouse

Bookmobile: Every other Tuesday 2:30-3:00pm, outside Clubhouse

Emergency Assistance: Requiring Police, Sheriff, Fire Dept, Ambulance : 911

Any other urgent assistance: Call Joyce (sp. 9) or Ray (sp. 3)