



# BERNARDO SANTA FE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER •••AUGUST 2011•••

## Gate Code Changed!



In order to protect the security of our community, the gate code has been changed in July. Prior detailed notification was mailed to each residence within the community. Montclair has also updated their gate code at the same time.

Please do not give out the new gate code. Guests and vendors could utilize the directory or phone the to gain access into the gates. All previous codes will be deactivated starting **August 31, 2011**.

If you have any questions about the gate codes and the gate directory, please contact AMG.

## Annual Meeting & Election



meeting room.

The annual meeting and election is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Westfield Shopping Center

Thank you very much to Ed Lehman for stepping up to fulfill the other candidacy. Ed's name has been added to the ballot to be mailed out to the homeowners who have not voted yet. We now have two candidates running for two open positions!

## Association Website



Did you know the Bernardo Santa Fe Homeowners' Association has a community website? Just go online and log onto [bsfhoa.org](http://bsfhoa.org) and take a look around. You will find a lot of useful information from obtaining architectural and landscaping forms to downloading a copy of the latest meeting minutes and community handbook. Not to mention, you can see what social events the Bernardo Santa Fe community has going on. In addition, you can learn about the Board of Directors by simply accessing their profiles. Go take a look!



## Parking Rules

We ask that all residents park their vehicles **inside** of the garages, with only one vehicle parked on the street. Only a few designated lots may park ONE vehicle on the driveway, please contact management if you are unsure of what lots are allowed to have a vehicle parked on the driveway.

It has been observed some residents utilize the garages to store large items, which is against the Association's rules. Storage items inside of the garage shall be organized or removed to allow maximum number of vehicles parked inside of the garage. This is the most common parking violation that members of the Bernardo Santa Fe Community are not abiding by.

**Remember parking violations are subject to Association fines.** Please report parking violations to management along with vehicle information, dates and times of the violation. Photographs are encouraged.



## Basketball Backboards

Please be reminded to store away any portable or moveable basketball backboards or hoops out of sight from the public street.

The Association's architectural standards and procedures have the specific information on the use and storage of the basketball backboards/ hoops. Please refer to page 18 in the Homeowner Information Handbook, under (j.) Basketball Backboards. If you need another copy of the handbook, please contact AMG to obtain a copy.



## Del Lago Gate Flowers

You may have noticed some ivy geraniums were planted in the small planter at the Del Lago gate. The rest of the planters at the Del Lago gate are also being cleaned up to give a better curb appeal. We hope you are enjoying the new flowers!

## Carbon Monoxide Detector Required



The state law requires installation of carbon monoxide detectors similar to the law requiring smoke detectors. All existing single family homes intended for human occupancy must be outfitted with carbon monoxide detection devices on or before July 1, 2011. All multi-family residential units are to have carbon monoxide detector devices installed before January 1, 2013.

## Important City Numbers

### **Escondido Police Department**

Non-Emergency  
(760) 839-4722

### **City Code Enforcement Division**

(760) 839-4650

### **Graffiti Hotline**

(760) 839-4633

### **Animal Control**

(760) 888-2275

## Architectural Application



Please be reminded that you must submit an architectural application **prior to** making any exterior change including, but not limited to, painting, landscaping, adding sidewalks, etc. Please allow up to

45 days to process your application, therefore plan ahead and submit in plenty of time.

Your architectural application submittal should include required information, including neighbors' signatures, including those most impacted which presumably are those on either side of your home and across the street. Specifications and details of your planned change are essential in processing your application without delay. Please refer to the architectural standards and procedures in your handbook for more detailed requirements.

If you have any questions about the submittal process, please contact Vanessa Reeves, Assistant Community Manager at ext. 108 or via e-mail [cs@sdamg.net](mailto:cs@sdamg.net). A copy of the architectural application can be obtained from the Bernardo Santa Fe website.

## ASSESSMENT PAYMENTS



AMG will help homeowners process assessment payments electronically or by credit card. Simply contact AMG at [amg@sdamg.net](mailto:amg@sdamg.net) for more information.

## **Your Board of Directors**

**Dan Conner - President**  
**Jerry Buck - Vice President**  
**Jerry Potts- Secretary**  
**Edward Lehman - Treasurer**  
**Bill Key- Member-at-Large**

## **Next Meeting**



The next meeting is the Annual Meeting and Election and it will be held on **Tuesday, September 27, 2011, at 7:00p.m.** at the Westfield Mall Meeting Room.

All Members and Residents are encouraged to attend!  
 We look forward to seeing you there!

## **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT**

**Association Management Group**  
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[Please reference "Bernardo Santa Fe" in the subject line of emails.]

The Management team assigned to Bernardo Santa Fe is:

**Sandy Stites - Community Manager**  
**Vanessa Reeves- Customer Service (Ext. 108)**  
**Dolores Abundis - Accounting Associate (Ext. 111)**



**BERNARDO SANTA FE**  
Homeowners' Association



**Fertilizers, Herbicides, Insecticides & Rodent Poison**



**B**eware when applying fertilizers, herbicides and insecticides to your soil and in your home. The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) considers that certain chemicals found in such home and garden products, like prodiamine, or pendimethalin are possible human carcinogens. The World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has raised the same concerns and considers 2,4-D and MCPP possible human carcinogens, as well. The EPA also considers glyphosate moderately toxic. Fourteen states have banned, limited or plan to pass laws that phase out phosphorus in fertilizers because of the damage it causes to waterways.

**Y**ou are a mammal, so any herbicide, fertilizer, insecticide, or rodent poison that states that it is harmful to animals and particularly to mammals, will be harmful to you. Know that any toxic chemicals placed in and around your home or in your garden do not dissipate into the unknown.

These toxic chemicals stay in the environment in your garden and in your home and can harm you, your loved ones, your pets, your neighbors, your vegetable garden and the environment.

**J**ust as we expect the oil companies and natural gas companies to be responsible of their practices, we also must act responsibly in our homes and gardens. We are humans, part of nature and not invincible.

**R**emember, regardless of all the protective gear you may wear when applying these products, they stay in your environment and when you return to your home or garden, without the protective gear, you and your family will be exposed to their toxic effects.

**Y**ou have alternatives to these dangerous products as there are many non-toxic alternatives available. There are many sources on line that provide excellent information regarding non-toxic alternatives such as:

<http://prime.peta.org/2011/06/pesticide>

and

<http://prime.peta.org/2010/11/simple-safe-and-cruelty-free-house-cleaners>

**Examples of some non-toxic alternatives**

**Rabbits:** Sprinkle chili pepper around plants (it must be reapplied if it gets wet).



Install oven racks around plants. Rabbits tend to dislike their texture and the way that they feel on their feet. Other natural rabbit repellents include bellflowers, astilbes, asters, yarrows, cranesbills, hostas, lavender, sage, and other textured or thorny plants.

**Mice:** Use mint plants, especially peppermint plants! Mice really dislike peppermint and will avoid any areas where it grows.

**Ants:** Put out cucumber peels or slices (bitter ones are best)— ants won't cross them. You can also try keeping ants away with coffee grounds, garlic, soap and water, or a string soaked in cayenne pepper, citrus oil, clove oil, or lemon juice. Place, sprinkle, or spray these items wherever you don't want ants to go.



**All-Purpose Cleaner:**

Mix vinegar and salt together for a good surface cleaner.

Pour some baking soda and vinegar on a damp sponge. It will clean and deodorize all kitchen and bathroom surfaces.

**Spread this information so that we can all work together to help save our environment in a responsible way.**



## You Love Your Dog But Did You Know...

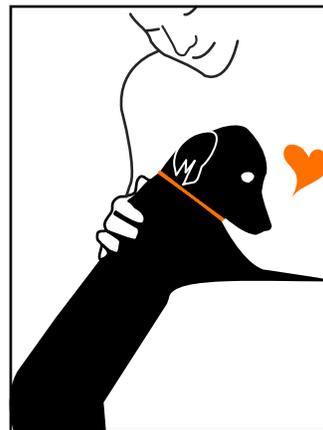
**California has begun this year alerting motorists in the DMV Manual to not leave an animal in a hot vehicle as doing so is illegal and can result in fines and jail time.**

### Key Facts About Dogs & Cars

- The dashboard, steering wheel and seats of a car when heated give off longwave radiation creating a green house effect by rapidly raising the temperature of the air inside a car.
- On a 73°F day, the temperature inside a parked car can reach 120°F in minutes, even in the shade.
- On a 90°F day, the interior of a vehicle can reach 160°F in minutes.
- A dog cools itself by panting and sweating through its paw pads. It does not sweat like humans. It needs cool air to cool off its body.
- Leaving the car windows open in a parked car does not cool off the car or the dog inside the car.

Leaving Fluffy in the car for “just a minute” in warm or hot weather can not only be extremely unbearable to the dog, but it can cause heatstroke, brain damage, and even death.

**If you see a dog in a car and in distress,** take down the car’s color, model, make, and license-plate number, have the owner paged



inside nearby stores, and call the local humane authorities or the police. Have someone keep an eye on the dog. If police are unresponsive or too slow and the dog’s life appears to be in imminent danger, find a witness (or several)

who will back your assessment, then take steps to remove the suffering animal. Call the humane authorities or the police again and let them know that you have removed the dog.

**Please spread this information to help our animals.**