

# Antares



COA Newsletter

November 2013

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Frank Hardalo ~ Vice President  
Steven Davison ~ Treasurer  
Alex Novokolsky ~ Secretary  
David Rubin ~ Director  
Francis Swarts ~ Director

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the shared recreation facility. We hope to see you there!



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## **HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Curtis Management will be closed on November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. If you have an emergency, please call the normal business number, 858/587-9844, follow the directions on the greeting and report your emergency to the answering service.



## **TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Curtis Management.....858/587-9844  
Police/Fire/Paramedics (emergency).....911  
Police (non-emergency).....858/484-3154  
Poison Control Center.....800/876-4766  
Rodent Pest Technologies.....888/583-9717  
Shared Facilities (Krista Hayes).....858/485-9811  
Summit Security.....619/294-3200  
Waste Management.....800/596-7444  
Western Towing.....619/297-8697

## **PET CORNER**

The number one complaint that the management company receives is that some pet owners are not cleaning up after their animals. Dog feces pose a health hazard, particularly to our young children who may be walking in the grass areas and certainly in their entryways or sidewalk areas. Rodents feed on dog feces and create a health hazard to the community. If your animal should defecate, it is your responsibility to plan for such an occurrence and carry a means to pick up your dog's waste. IT IS NOT THE GARDENING STAFF'S RESPONSIBILITY NOR IS IT FAIR TO THOSE WHO WISH TO ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITY WE HAVE TO SEE OR SMELL UNSIGHTLY DOG WASTE. ALL RESIDENTS IN ANTARES SHOULD BE ABLE TO WALK WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY BOTH DAY AND NIGHT WITHOUT HAVING TO STEP IN DOG WASTE.

Residents, please be PROACTIVE in reporting violators to our property manager at Curtis who will advise the Board of Directors so that action can be taken. A homeowner reporting a violation can be assured that upon request his/her anonymity can be kept confidential.



## **COMMUNITY WEBSITE**

The Antares website is full of useful information.

Visit: <http://curtismanagement.com>

Click on: "communities"

Click on: "Antares COA"

Click on: "Enter Protected Area"

Login Password: **bgqzsjz** (lowercase letters)

*Veterans Day*  
*Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>*



## **Are you ready for winter?**

- ✓ **Caulking:** Around windows, incoming pipes, bathtubs, etc.
- ✓ **Dryer Vents:** Lint build up in your dryer vent (leading to the outside of your home) can be a fire hazard. It's good practice to have your vent cleaned every six months.
- ✓ **Furnace Inspections:** Contact SDG&E at 800/411-7343 to schedule your free furnace inspection. Should they find that repairs are needed, this will need to be done by a vendor of your choice at your expense.
- ✓ **Gutter Cleaning:** The rainy season is quickly approaching and now is the time to tend to rain gutter maintenance on your home. Please have your rain gutters cleaned out and have any leaks repaired.
- ✓ **Landscaping:** The winter months bring storms and winds that can cause overgrown trees and bushes to break and possibly cause damage to your home or fence. Now is the time to check your landscaping to see if it is overgrown and in need of trimming.

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## **ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL**

**CC&R's, Article 7.1** The Board of Directors has architectural control over both the exclusive and non-exclusive use portions of the common area.

**CC&R's, Article 7.1.1** No changes or additions to the exterior of the living units (including the planting of trees, installation of antennas, satellite dishes, skylights, air conditioners, doors, screen doors, windows, sunshades, awnings, walls, fences, patio or deck covers, exterior painting, sports equipment, etc) may be made unless approved by the Board of Directors **PRIOR TO STARTING ANY WORK.**

**CC&R's, Article 7.1.2** No clothing or household fabrics or other unsightly articles shall be hung, dried or aired on any portion of the Property, including the interior of any Residence, so as to be visible from other Residences or the street.

**CC&R's, Article 7.1.3** No portion of the Property shall be used for the storage of building materials, or any other materials.

## **ASSOCIATION CRIME STOPPERS**

Everyone wants a safe place to call home, and our association strives to make all residents feel secure. It's up to everyone to pitch in to keep crime rates down. Thankfully, taking a few simple steps can go a long way in keeping theft, vandalism and other felonies and misdemeanors out of the association.

**Know Your Neighbors.** Not just the neighbors on your block, but also the neighbors from all parts of the association. At the very least, you'll get a better idea of who actually lives (who belongs) here.

**Leave The Light On.** A good way to deter felons from breaking into your home is to make sure your front porch light stays on all night, even when you're out of town. Not only does it signal that someone's home, it also makes it harder for vandals to hide among the shadows.

**Lock Up.** If you want to keep unwanted guests out, don't make your home inviting. Even when you're around, it's best to keep all gates, doors and garages locked at all times. It's also a good idea to keep your windows closed and locked when possible, especially if they're on the ground floor.

**Put On Your Walking Shoes.** Taking a stroll around the association isn't just good exercise. You can casually patrol the community for anything suspicious or usual, as well as swap notes about criminal activity in the area with other neighbors who are out and about. Also, when more residents regularly walk around the association, it can help scare off hooligans who are afraid of getting caught in the act.

**Clean It Up.** Picking up litter, removing graffiti and keeping trees, bushes and lawns trimmed not only makes the association look better, but also sends the message that our residents are diligent about keeping the neighborhood a respectable place to live. This can help discourage troublemakers from hanging around our community and encourage responsible and involved people to move to the association.

**See Something, Say Something.** If you notice a crime or a suspicious activity, regardless of how small the incident may seem, notify the police immediately. Of course, only call 911 if it is an emergency; otherwise, contact the police on their non-emergency line.

We all have a responsibility to our community to help keep it safe, and incorporating a few of these tips can go a long way. Do your part to make our association a place you're happy to call home.



*Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.*