

Westlake Island Mainsheet

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"WHAT'S IN A NAME?"

By Lou Abramson

I'm probably one of those few people who actually use my boat on a frequent basis. After all, we live on a lake and have boats for that very purpose. The good news for me is that I get the whole lake to myself. Of course, on warm summer nights, especially weekends, many of you are out there enjoying yourselves but in a bumper car sort of way.

While I'm out there floating around, daydreaming the time away, I notice all the different names that were given to our lake boats. There are some real neat ones. The question is, why do people name their boats what they do? Well, I don't have a clue, except for mine.

Our boat is the Nauti-Two. How did we come up with that name? Well, we thought it should be nautical. After all, it is a boat and there are two of us. Trying to be different isn't easy and at the time we purchased the boat, they wanted the name right away so it could be delivered with the name already on it. Who knows what we would have come up with given enough time to think of another name. Well, the name suits us, so we're happy.

What I'm going to do now is guess what people were thinking when they named their boat. Or perhaps just an opinion. Now, I may be completely wrong, but who cares. This is just for fun. So, if I mention your boat name and my absolutely lunatic thinking is way off, please consider this to be a fun article and in no way intended to be anything other than humor; a little crazy humor but still, humor.

Here are some names that I have noticed while daydreaming as I went by, possibly having a glass of wine at the time. Well, maybe even a little looped, as they say.

Boat Name

My reasoning for the boat name

It's Five PM Somewhere

They didn't have a clue what time it was but knew it was Five PM somewhere. What if it was only 4:30 PM? Does that mean they have to wait until 5:00 PM to use the boat?

Extortion

No comment on this one

Neptune's Lady

They must have been thinking of cremation at the time

Too Soon Old Too Smart Late

They had to be over 60 to think of that one

Second Mate

I wonder if a second spouse came up with that name?

Beefeater

Hmm..... I'm going with, they're vegetarians

Goose on the Loose

Maybe too much Grey Goose made them loose had something to do with the name

Grandpa's Dumb Boat

The grandchildren must have thought of that one. A winner for sure.

Mandama & PA Kramer

I wonder how the KRAMERS came up with the name Kramer? Well, dah.....

Wonderful Wonderful

Do you think, just maybe, they liked Lawrence Welk?

Party Girl

I don't know who she is or what she was thinking but I'm game

My Binki

Their grandchild must have chosen that one

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They were thinking, "Did you see my third martini anywhere? However, that's not the way it came out."

The Butler did it

Butlers always get the blame. I'm going with Mrs. Scarlett, in the dining room with the lead pipe.

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There are so many cute and sometimes serious boat names on the Westlake boats. It took some serious thinking on our neighbor's part to come up with most of the boat names. Some of you had really put some thought into it. Then on the other hand, some must have said, "Let's just throw a name on there, whatever it is." It's the dozen or more boats without names that intrigue me. They must want us to keep guessing who they are. I've got to think outside the box for this one. Send me an email (us@loujudy.com) and let me know how you chose your boat's name and I'll include it in the next issue of the Mainsheet.

Of course, the boat names are meaningless if you don't take your boat out for a spin at least once a year and there are many of you that don't. How come?

(ed. Note – Lou and his wife Judy have lived on the Island since 1994) ★

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Alan Jeffery

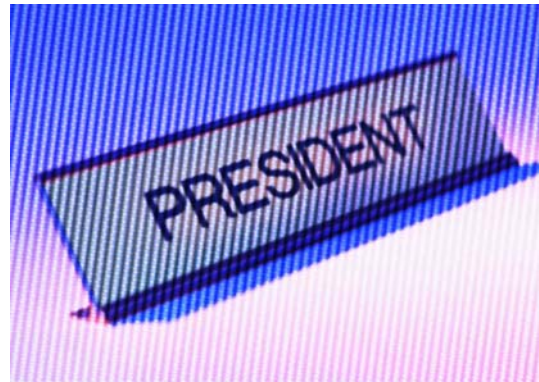
Where did the year go? It's already Fall and approaching the Holiday Season. This time of year, when all the Liquid Amber trees change colors, is arguably one of the most beautiful on the Island. To enhance the Holiday Season your Board has once again engaged Mobile Illumination to decorate the Island entrance and the La Venta median. Look for the lights to be installed by Thanksgiving.

A favorite Holiday event, the annual Parade of Lights, is scheduled for Sunday, December 6th. Everyone is encouraged to decorate your boat and enter the parade. Don't forget to mark your calendar for Thursday, December 10th at 6:00 pm. This is the date for the Annual Island Homeowners Holiday buffet and party, a perfect opportunity to greet (or meet) many of your neighbors and enjoy a glass of wine and a great buffet dinner. The festivities are sponsored by your Property Owners Association and will be held once again at the Westlake Yacht Club. Please see the announcement elsewhere in this issue for more information.

By now I'm sure all of you have noticed the recent enhancements to our Island. The bollard lights on the LaVenta median have been replaced (and new lights added to the median near Oakshore) with new lights in keeping with the style of the bridge lights and sign posts throughout the Island. We have also added a new sign at the Guard House which will assist you in knowing which guards are on duty. Finally we have installed new opening mechanisms for the gates which will cause the gates to automatically open whenever a power failure occurs. This will prevent the guards from having to manually unbolt the control arm and physically

open the gates prior to residents being able to enter or leave the Island.

In closing, on behalf of all your Board of Directors and Committee members, I want to wish you all a Very Happy Holiday Season and a Peaceful, Prosperous and Healthy New Year. ★



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HOLIDAY GIFT FUND FOR OUR GUARDS

Several years ago we initiated a holiday gift fund for our guards, which was an overwhelming success. Due to residents' generous voluntary donations, the guards receive a *significant* holiday bonus each year. The amounts are based upon seniority, full-time versus part-time and a performance evaluation of each employee. In addition to their check, they receive a holiday card along with a list announcing the names of who contributed to the fund.

The Emmons Company will continue to administer the collection on behalf of our residents. If you wish to participate, you may send your check made payable to the Westlake Island Property Owners' Association in the enclosed self-addressed envelope to The Emmons Company, P.O. Box 5098, Westlake Village, CA 91359-5098. Please indicate on your check that it is to be applied to the Island Security Holiday Fund. We hope you will continue to make this a special holiday season again this year for our Security force. ★

ISLAND SECURITY

As the holiday season approaches Island Security would like to wish all of you a very safe and happy holiday season. Island Security will once again be collecting toys for tots for the US Marine Corps. The Marines ask that the toys please be unwrapped. Drop-off boxes will be available after thanksgiving at the Guardhouse.

As fall and winter approaches you might take a few minutes to check your wiper blades, battery and tires for proper inflation before the wet weather catches you off guard.

Just a reminder that street cleaning is

always 9 - 11A.M. on Friday even if there is a Holiday during the week. Trash pickup is moved to Saturdays after a holiday.

Please try to have your holiday guest list submitted to security at least 24 hours prior to the event, as this will expedite your guest's entry. Thank you in advance.

Just a reminder to RV owners that 36 hours is the maximum time limit that your RV may be on the Island for cleaning, loading or unloading or any other reason.★



ANIMAL REGULATIONS

By Larry Schalk, Chair

Thanks to his efficiency and animal sensitivity, our Emmons Company association manager, Jeff Friedman had a third "Poop Bag" dispenser installed on the greenbelt between Eastwind and LaVenta. The second dispenser can be found in the greenbelt area closest to Freshwind and the other one is closest to Westwind in the greenbelt area.....again thanks to Jeff for these convenient sanitation venues.

If you have any unresolved animal issues such as barking dogs, stray cats or screeching parrots you may want to contact Animal Control at the Agoura shelter, (818) 991-0071. Or you might want to pick up their complaint form which our Guard House maintains copies. ★

BEAUTIFICATION REPORT

By JoAn Gumbert – Beautification Chair

A lot has been accomplished on Westlake Island during the 1st three quarters of the year. The flowers made it through the freezes and the hot spells, the Board had lights installed in the median strips and the lighting was rewired so that during the holiday season we will not have to worry about torn electric lines caused by our cars. It will be much safer and much more aesthetically pleasing.

American Nurseries offered to redo the bare spots in the median but we chose to hold off and add to the winter planting. There was too much construction to have delicate flowers survive.

We will arrange to have the Holiday Lights in place before Thanksgiving and leave them up awhile after the holidays.

Please don't forget to e-mail your ideas and/or suggestions regarding Island beautification to me at isleesq@sbcglobal.net.★



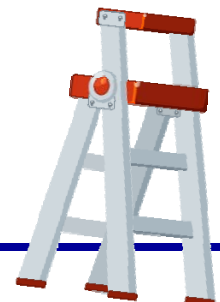
MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Dick Barone

What was the deciding factor in your decision to reside on Westlake Island? Was it the tranquility, the aesthetic beauty or, perhaps, the complete security being surrounded by water and 24-hour guarded protection for you and your family? It's more than likely all of these reasons and more. Many of you have recently moved to the island and have rebuilt or remodeled beautiful new homes that have added to the property values in our neighborhood; and many of you have lived here for long periods of time and have also done the same.

The Maintenance Committee and Board of Directors have been proud of the actions most of you have taken in response to notices in regard to maintenance issues. This has helped keep our community looking good. That is...except in a very few cases where we experience complete and utter inertia. "I'm not moving it", "I'm not painting it", "I'm not cleaning it up"! While we are often frustrated by these responses, we will continue to personally contact and send persuading letters to these very select few in hopes that they see the light and join us in our endeavors.

I'm from Detroit and, on a visit a few years ago; I drove by the beautiful neighborhood in which I grew up. I was shocked to see how rundown and horrible it looked. Gradual deterioration can happen anywhere. On my watch, and the watch of your entire board, we are working to prevent this condition occurring in our neighborhood. We're also asking ALL of our neighbors to please help us do so.★



ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT

By Al Hallden, Chair

Westlake Island is a beautiful place to live and we can all be proud of the efforts of Island residents to maintain that standard of community living. The recorded CC&R's on Westlake Island charge the Architectural committee with the responsibility to review and recommend approval for new homes and alterations to existing homes. If you plan to modify any part of your property that is visible from a neighboring property, the street or the lake, you must submit an Architectural Application with appropriate fees. (Architectural Rules and Applications are available on-line at www.westlakeisland.com, the guard house or The Emmons Co. at One Boardwalk, Suite 102, Thousand Oaks, Ca 91360).

Plan Ahead: Once you decide you would like to make a change, you should review the Architectural Rules. If the change requires an Application, it should be submitted at least one week prior to the next committee meeting (1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month). You should allow 30 days from that meeting for approval or comment. *Do not schedule your contractors before approval.* Be aware that you may be subject to a fine for making a change without an approved application in accordance with the Architectural Rules. If you have any questions about the rules, fees, or application, Architectural Committee members are available for assistance (see below).

Application: A legible, clear description of what you would like to do greatly assists the committee in assessing the change. Although a professional quality sketch is desired, a clear description and sketch with dimensions will often suffice for simple changes. Photographs are

also recommended. Once approved, any changes to your project require a revised written approval.

Painting: One of the most frequent projects is repainting the exterior of your house. If you are repainting in the same colors, "repaint exterior in existing colors" is an acceptable description accompanied by color samples or as an alternate, a photo of the house. If you are changing the colors, paint samples with the application and paint swatches on the house are required. Please note which colors are planned for the walls and the trim.

Termites: Termites are one of our "unwelcome" visitors to the Island. Exterior work to repair termite damage (or dry rot) to the original condition requires an application, but the fees will be waived unless repainting/staining is required. "Tenting" your house to get rid of termites does not require an application, but you should notify your immediate neighbors.

Project Completion: Your neighbors will appreciate your diligent efforts to maintain a clean, safe construction site and to complete the project on a timely schedule. Unsightly construction debris and weeks without visible progress represent the two major areas of complaint. Once completed, remember to file a Notice of Completion, to recover your application deposit.

Assistance: All of the Architectural Committee members are volunteers (some have real jobs), but are available to assist you in the approval process. Call Pam Zegers (805-413-1170) at The Emmons Co. and leave your name, address and phone number and a committee member will contact you.

Thank you for your cooperation and efforts in maintaining the beauty and serenity of Westlake Island. ★

HOSPITALITY REPORT

Penny Singer, Chair

The "Westlake Island Board" and "Hospitality Chair", Penny Singer welcomes new homeowners to "Westlake Island".

Hugh and Lynn Cassar
32156 Oakshore Drive
William and Pamela Devanney, Jr.
3953 Freshwind Circle
Jerry and Linda Freedman
2448 Oakshore Drive
Michael and Janice Meisel
2644 Oakshore Drive
Carl and Tracy Torres
1525 LaVenta Drive
Kevin and Sharon Weiser
3943 Freshwind Circle
Donald and Carolyn Zimring
1351 Bluesail Circle

I hope all of you enjoyed your "Hospitality Basket" and found the information helpful in your move to our wonderful and beautiful "Westlake Island". Please feel free to contact me if you need assistance or have any questions regarding "Westlake Island". You can also try going to www.westlakeisland.com.

Welcome to "Westlake Island"
Hospitality Chair, Penny Singer ★



NEIGHBORLY WAY

By Rose Jeffery, Chair (805) 496-0316
Rose@amjins.com



LaVenta Drive – **Jerome Molitor** passed away in September, 2009. Our condolences to his family and friends.

Mariner Circle – **Elliot Nestle** passed away on May 21, 2009. Our condolences to his wife, Sylvia, their family and friends.

Flag Disposal Program – Our Island flag disposal program was well utilized by our island residents this year. Over 30 old tattered and frayed flags were brought to the guard gate in June for proper disposal in a respectful manner. ★

Household Battery Collection Program

Are you aware that batteries can no longer be thrown away in the trash! Take your used batteries to your city hall in Westlake Village or Thousand Oaks for safe disposal. Used batteries can also be dropped off at the Goebel Senior Center and the Thousand Oaks Library during normal business hours. ★

Water Efficiency

Water conservation is key to ensuring on-going water availability. Our water companies are asking us to conserve water now. Outside water use can account for a major portion of your water bill. Please ensure that your sprinklers are in proper working condition spraying in the right direction for the appropriate time. If the water is running off the sidewalk and into the street, the timing needs to be reduced. Check the frequency of your watering as our seasons change. For more information regarding water saving ideas check out your water companies web sites. LA residents Las Virgenes Water District www.lvmwd.com. Ventura residents California Water Company www.calwater.com. or go to www.bewaterwise.com. ★

LAKE MANAGER'S REPORT FOR THE ISLAND

By Carl Koenig, Lake Manager

LAKE LEVEL....from -8 to +2

This summer had been a challenge due a significant decrease in runoff into our lake. The lake level had dropped to a -8 inches below the crest of the dam by October 6th.

On the positive side, we had pumped a +28 inches of well water into our lake..... (without our wells, we would have been down -36 inches from the crest of the dam).

The 1.4 inches of rain on 10/13, in conjunction with 26 miles of surrounding runoff, transformed our -8 inches, to an amazing +2 inches over the dam within 24 hours.

WELLS 1 & 2

We began extracting well water for the season on 7/11, with only short downtimes for routine well maintenance defined as oil changes, bearing lubrication and resetting elaborate high amperage control devices. My daily well pumping data for the last 3+ months will be evaluated vs well water static recovery levels this winter.

After this evaluation, the 1/2 ton, 5 stage pump in well #1 may be lowered from the 200 feet below the surface, to 260 feet below the surface should the need arise.

GOLF COURSE WATER

Under the PYJ/WLMA agreement, the Golf Course stopped taking water on August 28th and resumed extracting water on Sunday 10/18.

SEVEN DAY PER WEEK SERVICE CONTINUES

We are rotating two crews to continue our 7 day a week cleaning operations. This includes:

>The removal of algae, microcystis and weeds improves the aesthetic appearance

of the lake.

>The removing decaying material before it submerges lessens the reduction of dissolved oxygen, thus increasing the health of the ecosystem.

Homeowners could help lessen the amount of material in the lake by directing their gardeners to avoid constantly blowing material into the lake.

TRIUNFO UNDERWATER DAM ENCOUNTERS

The underwater dam, across from Oak-shore adjacent to the Triunfo Bridge has had numerous boat encounters, resulting in costly accumulated boat damage.

The installation of flickering solar lights, on top of the 5 buoys appears to have reduced the quantity of boats that needed to be removed by our Patrol Boats and work boats.

LATE NIGHT MISCREANTS

The lake closes at 11PM which affords a level of security demanded by the residents of The Island.

Our normal Lake Patrol ends in the summer at 11PM, when the lake has been cleared of boats.

I keep a Patrol Boat near my home in Northshore which allows for a more rapid interception and removal of late night violators of the 11PM rule. ★



JOINT BOARD

By Linda Vandaveer

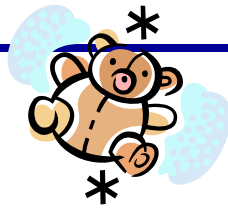
The Joint Board is an association of the various homeowner groups within Westlake Village. The group meets every other month for the purpose of sharing relevant information about the community as well as serving as a forum to understand community concerns, as needed. This article is a summary of the July 23 and October 29, 2009 meetings. The Mayor or a City Council Member provided the information.

City of Westlake Village: Crime is down 10-12%. Call the city if you see anything unusual. At city expense, the \$18 million freeway retrofit project at Lindero Canyon is underway. Cities are required to maintain and retrofit all bridges in their cities, including their freeways. Mayor Bob Slavin and others went to Sacramento to request, and did obtain, a \$7 million grant for the freeway bridge project. There will be additional on and off ramp lanes and the overpass itself will be widened. Opus West, purchaser of planning area C, located just north of the 101 and east of Lindero Canyon, the site of the proposed and rejected Lowe's site, has filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy due to the economy. The bank doesn't want the property. No action at this time. The cities of Westlake Village and Agoura Hills have merged bids for street resurfacing thus saving the city \$6 million. The Community Park project on Thousand Oaks Blvd. west of Lindero Canyon has begun. This is a city/YMCA/homeowners joint venture. A YMCA 5 acre flat pad will be used for community teams, jogging and exercise areas, and possibly a therapy pool. A 19 acre flat pad will be graded, with no immediate plans for development. Landscaping projects have begun for Lindero Canyon and Triunfo Canyon, focusing on reducing/eliminating water run off. There is currently no activity at

the old hospital site, due in part to the small lot size and high price. A vineyard has been planted at the old gas station site on the corner of the Westlake Inn. Zinfandel and other grape varieties have been planted. There will be walkways, a kiosk, and gathering spots. All the old soil has been excavated and trucked to New Jersey, at their request.

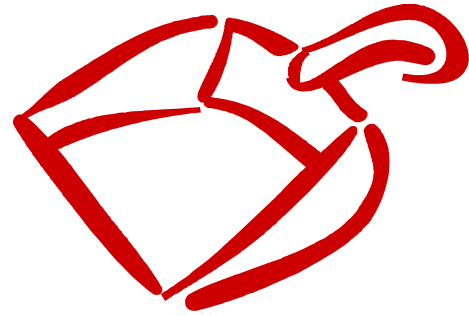
Thousand Oaks: Water use restriction is at Level 1, limiting lawn watering to 3 times per week, down to twice weekly beginning November first. Outdoors accounts for 70% of residential water usage; compliance with water use restrictions is vital. Fix leaks within 24 hours. The \$228 million city budget is balanced and in good shape. Home Depot has a 20 year lease on the old K-Mart site, but their proposal as presented has been rejected by City Council. This is a C1 zone, and Home Depot typically goes in a C3 zone. The proposed Costco at Wendy Drive is currently off. The city is getting 5 new Dial-A-Ride vehicles. The city is getting stimulus money from the government, and will use it to put solar panels in City Hall and at the Newbury Park Library, where it will reportedly generate 50-70% of the needed energy at the site. A random sample survey of 400 residents was very positive. The city is hosting the final phase of Tour California on 5/23/2010; a tune up for the Tour de France bicycle race. 100,000 people are expected to come, spend money, and be a boon to local revenues. Nate and Al's Restaurant is opening at The Lakes on 10-31-09. ★





TOYS FOR TOTS TIME AGAIN

(Another Opportunity to Shop for Fun, Adorable Toys)



The Conejo Valley Association of Realtors in conjunction with the United States Marine Corp is collecting toys again. Jim and I have arranged for a box to be placed at the front gate for your contributions. There is also a box on the visitor's side so when your friends come to visit you might suggest that they drop a toy in too. We have been doing this for over ten years now and we are always so very proud of your generosity. Please leave unwrapped toys at the gate and we will see to it that they get to some very appreciative little ones. Don't forget about the teenagers. They like getting gifts too. We want to wish each of you a very Happy Holiday Season.



All the Best to You,

Mary Kay and Jim Donahoe
Prudential California Realty

805 495 1515



ISLAND CLEAN-UP DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2010
8AM – 12 NOON

CORNER OF OAKSHORE & LAVENTA

Again in 2010, the Homeowners Association will have the City of Thousand Oaks deliver two (up from 1 last year) large dumpsters for our trash and unusable items.

A local charity will be on site to collect useable donations and will give tax deductible receipts.

Island Security will be lending their truck along with volunteer labor to help pickup heavy items of trash or donations at your residence.

You have plenty of time to plan for this popular event so start cleaning out your garage and attic now.

Each homeowner who is able to remove enough "stuff" from their garage to park a car, will be placed in a drawing with other similar residents for a \$100 gift certificate from Boccaccios restaurant. ★

ANNUAL ISLAND HOLIDAY PARTY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2008

6 PM

WESTLAKE YACHT CLUB

HORS D'OEUVRES & BUFFET

*Please RSVP to Guard House by
December 5TH*

HOLIDAY ATTIRE

BON APPETIT!

*We need a volunteer photographer to capture this event for the Island archives.
If interested please contact Larry Schalk at (805) 495-7243*