

Paradise Cay Homeowner's Association
October 2012 Bulletin
By Ron Hast, President

Residents of Paradise Cay are presently receiving State of California Fire Prevention Fee Billing. This mandated assessment is believed by many to not apply to our region, including our local fire department and other agencies. Resident activist Trip Ames initiated the request to our District III Supervisor Kate Sears' office to move forward on behalf of all Paradise Cay property owners with evidence and determination to exempt us from this payment obligation. There are deadlines, penalties and fines tied to this demand, and the issue is presently unresolved. It is advised that each property owner pay attention to the notice and billing, and we will notify our membership of any further information or changes.

Street and Home Safety... This is to clarify the jurisdiction of police management here in Paradise Cay. The ***County Sheriff is in charge*** of any activity on private property. They are not responsible for streets or conduct on the streets. Their office is in Sausalito, and phone is 332-5422.

California Highway Patrol... In charge of any accident or motor vehicle issues including citations on the streets of Paradise Cay. ***The Sheriff is NOT involved*** with issuance of citations. The local office is in Corte Madera – 53 San Clemente Dr., Phone is 924-1100. Some residents often park on the wrong side of the street for convenience. Citation #22502A prohibits wrong side parking.

Our association has been alerted by neighbor complaints of certain residents having been identified driving at high speed, ignoring stop signs, and dangerously: One woman in a car, and one young man on a motorcycle. In the course of following through, the Highway Patrol office acknowledged their responsibility, and pledged to post patrol officers in the Cay to observe and issue citations for infractions. An officer must observe a violation in order to issue citations.

We forewarn all drivers for the sake of safety for all residents, and especially pedestrians and children and others on bicycles. All too often we observe cars arriving and departing the Cay paying no attention to STOP SIGNS. There are SEVEN boulevard stops in close proximity to the intersection of Antilles, Martinique and Trinidad that are often ignored! Please beware!!

Public News Media... We call attention to the dialogue that continues to appear in the news. Our District Supervisor Kate Sears responded to our statement in The Ark, 9-26-12 issue: “Paradise Cay repaving part of extensive plans countywide” – “For many years, securing adequate funding for road maintenance has been a challenge for cities and counties throughout California. These issues are not unique to Paradise Cay or Marin County. Addressing the problem countywide, the board of supervisors has been conferring

with its Department of Public Works staff in planning a public workshop on roads infrastructure, to be held this fall. It will provide background on road maintenance challenges and steps taken to date, but will focus primarily on seeking opportunities to continue addressing deferred maintenance. The public is encouraged to attend. – The causes of the road maintenance problem are clear: years of inflation, rising oil prices, state budget impacts and, more recently, the economic downturn. In response, the county has been providing funding beyond the roughly \$10 million average annual road maintenance budget. In 2006, the board of supervisors initiated a five-year, \$25 million program to address deferred roads infrastructure. That program resulted in more than 100 miles, or 25 percent, of county roads receiving some sort of surface treatment. Supervisors recently authorized a second \$25 million plan, accelerated to a three year program. Ensuring geographic equity and the most expeditious use of funds, these programs are making a difference. More work, of course, is needed. – County staff has spent many hours advising Paradise Cay representatives on the road-surfacing program. We remain open to continuing that communication and, once again, offer to participate in a community meeting on the project. --- Kate Sears, Supervisor / Bob Beaumont, Dept. of Public Works Director.

PARADISE CAY ANSWER: To appear in The Ark – Thursday, October 4th...

On Thu, Sep 27, 2012 at 10:57 AM, Ron Hast wrote:

Our Third District Marin Supervisor Kate Sears is off course with the same sermon about their woes and responsibility with our street replacement. We are aware that Ms. Sears suddenly took charge by appointment of our district, and inherited skilled aides that for years sent comfort letters to constituents ending in "stay in touch, we want to hear from you." We have plenty of examples on file. She offers to "hold a public workshop this fall" on the street issues they face -- which relates to our problem of waiting twenty years since the County declared our streets unsafe. In the meantime, The Board has authorized installation of new bicycle paths, planned paving around the Civic Center and other popular projects. We ask anyone to look Department of Public Works Department Bob Beaumont square in the eyes and ask what he thinks about installing new bicycle paths within eyeshot of streets that are dangerous and not repaired. He is a gentleman and is forthcoming. There is nothing that Kate Sears and/or her aides could tell us of any consequence in a workshop, other than her thoughts posted in her letter to The Ark. Of course we would diplomatically offer each one of them FOUR minutes by timer, and our board of directors would be reverently seated with yellow pad and sharpened pencil paying attention. We have gone through twenty years of excuses. That's enough, PERIOD! If anyone is curious about the condition of our streets, drive down either side of Antilles Way to the intersection. This is where all of the students from about 250 homes leave and return by busses for school. Look at the streets. Must we wait for one stumbling or bicycle accident with a compound fracture or head injury to get the attention of the responsible agency, Marin County, to take action? Rest assured our homeowners association has kept careful records on all the correspondence and excuses -- and will gladly provide evidence of inept management and willing negligence and liability on the part of Marin County. Signed, Ron Hast, President - Paradise Cay Homeowner's Association - 4 Saint Lucia Place - Tiburon, CA - 94920 [415-435-7722](tel:415-435-7722) or 1 (800) Ron-Hast