

NEWSLETTER AND BALLOT, FEBRUARY 2015

Creston Improvement Association

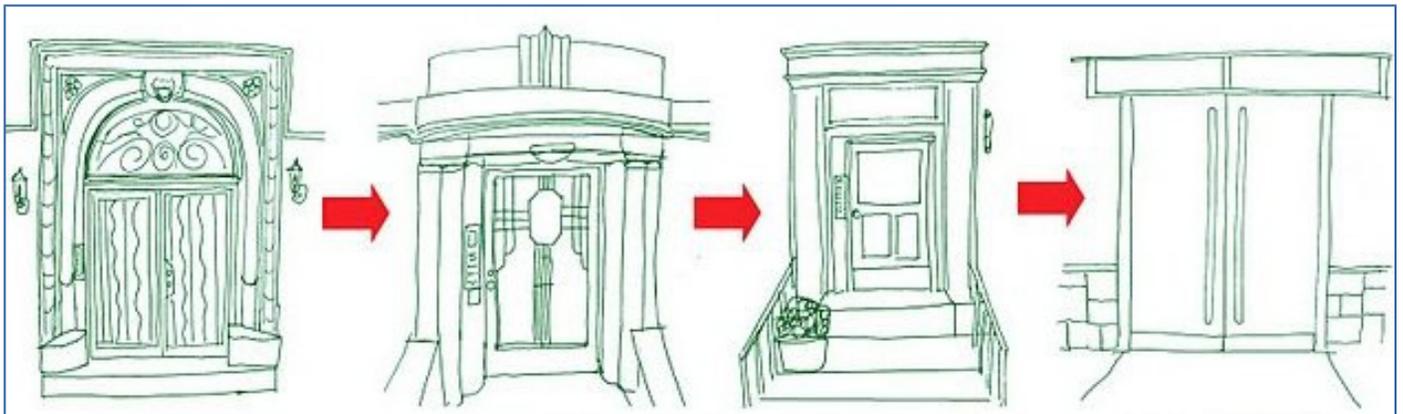
Attached is our ballot to elect our new officers. Please complete it and submit your vote to either Pat Musachia or Kitty Wilson as noted below. An e-mail ballot will be sent out soon to those who receive our e-mails. If you don't get them, contact Pat Musachia at pamusachia@gmail.com to get them in the future.

E-MAIL COMMUNICATIONS (message from Pat):

I had some problems in January with my e-mail. Please let me know if you are having problems getting messages from me. I can receive messages at my old g.musachia@sbcglobal.net and my new one at pamusachia@gmail.com. I am in the process of transitioning between the two.

PROGRESSIVE PARTY:

It was a big success! About 25 neighbors attended and enjoyed both the food and the company of each other. We spent longer at each home than we expected because people were have such a great time. There were original families and families who had recently moved into the neighborhood. What a great way to get to know each other! We are hoping to have another one in the spring.



COYOTE SIGHTINGS

One of the neighbors who lives on the creek has had several coyote sightings recently. They along with bobcats, deer, skunks, raccoons, opossums and others have been found in our backyards in the past. In most cases they will leave us alone, but they might harm our cats and small dogs. So it's best to keep them inside (if you can) at night.

CANDIDATES FOR 2015 OFFICERS:

President: Lesley Reid

I have lived on Hartman for 19 years with husband, Cam and daughters Carly (attending UCLA) and Shannon (sophomore at Monta Vista). I taught in Los Altos School District for 10 years and now I mostly substitute. I also teach swim lessons all spring and summer, and do landscape design for fun. I was very involved at Kennedy Middle School (started a bike to school program) and Stevens Creek (head of the Direct Donation Drive). I am now getting more involved at MV, leading their Job Shadow program. Cam is the President of the Athletic Boosters Club at MV. You might spot me around the neighborhood walking Grizzly, our hyper terrier/basenji mix.

Vice President: Manju Rao

My wife, Vartika Agarwal, and I moved to Creston neighborhood in October, 2012. Our daughter Tanmayi (4th grader) and son Satvik (2nd grader) go to Steven's Creek Elementary. We have moved all over - from India -> US (several states) -> India (2 years) -> and now are back in the bay area. I have had a long career in program management working across several continents. I now work for Hortonworks in Hadoop technology. Prior to that I was with Yahoo! in the Cloud Computing organization and even before that Vartika and I spent 8 years at Motorola in mid-west (close to Chicago). I am a fan of North Indian classical music and in my free time I play tabla. I also enjoy traveling and movies. I am excited to be part of the Creston community and looking forward to another term in the Creston board.

Treasurer: Al Holstein

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My wife, Jan, and I have lived on Creston almost 38 years. We raised two daughters here. One daughter is a mom, with two daughters and lives in Rocklin. The other teaches art and art history AP in Long Beach. I retired from Syntex/Roche Palo Alto in 2010 as an analytical chemist and QA manager. Woodworking is a hobby for me working out of my garage. I have also done contract and consulting work with pharmaceutical companies at the product development registration stages.

Secretary: Jack Truher.

I just completed a 3 hour introduction to Emergency Preparedness, sponsored by the Los Altos Community Foundation. The Block Action Team intro is repeated 3 or 4 times a year.

Folks are pretty satisfied with the general neighborhood ambiance, attitude, atmosphere, climate, flavor, halo, karma, mood, spirit. There will be exceptions. Please note the simple things we can all do to sweeten the environment: **How to Build Community** features some habits for good-neighbor courtesy.

<http://www.lostaltosbat.org> -and- <http://www.creston-ca.org/gov/sccSecurityNotes-x/>

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2015 Membership Ballot



Instructions:

- Each household is entitled to one vote for each adult in the household with a maximum of two votes per household. (An e-mail version will be sent out if you prefer to vote that way.)
- Indicate your vote(s) below and return completed ballot immediately with your 2014 Association dues (if not paid yet) to Pat Musachia 22180 Alderney Court or Kitty Wilson at 22433 Ainsworth.
- Make \$10 dues checks payable to Creston Improvement Association. When paying dues, indicate your address if not already shown on the check.

Ballot #1 Board of Directors Officers

President Lesley Reid	___ Yes	___ No
Vice President Manju Rao	___ Yes	___ No
Secretary Jack Truher	___ Yes	___ No
Treasurer Al Holstein	___ Yes	___ No

Ballot #2 Board of Directors Officers

President Lesley Reid	___ Yes	___ No
Vice President Manju Rao	___ Yes	___ No
Secretary Jack Truher	___ Yes	___ No
Treasurer Al Holstein	___ Yes	___ No



HOW TO BUILD COMMUNITY

TURN OFF YOUR TV
LEAVE YOUR HOUSE
KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS ♡ GREET PEOPLE
LOOK UP WHEN YOU'RE WALKING
SIT ON YOUR STOOP ✂ PLANT FLOWERS
USE YOUR LIBRARY ✂ PLAY TOGETHER
BUY FROM LOCAL MERCHANTS
SHARE WHAT YOU HAVE ★ HELP A LOST DOG
TAKE CHILDREN TO THE PARK ★ HONOR ELDERS
SUPPORT NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS
FIX IT EVEN IF YOU DIDN'T BREAK IT
HAVE POT LUCKS 🛠 GARDEN TOGETHER
PICK UP LITTER ♻ READ STORIES ALOUD
DANCE IN THE STREET
TALK TO THE MAIL CARRIER
LISTEN TO THE BIRDS 🐦 PUT UP A SWING
HELP CARRY SOMETHING HEAVY
BARTER FOR YOUR GOODS
START A TRADITION 🌻 ASK A QUESTION
HIRE YOUNG PEOPLE FOR ODD JOBS
ORGANIZE A BLOCK PARTY
BAKE EXTRA AND SHARE
ASK FOR HELP WHEN YOU NEED IT
OPEN YOUR SHADES 🪴 SING TOGETHER
SHARE YOUR SKILLS
TAKE BACK THE NIGHT 🌙
TURN UP THE MUSIC 🎵 TURN DOWN THE MUSIC
LISTEN BEFORE YOU REACT TO ANGER
MEDIATE A CONFLICT 🍃 SEEK TO UNDERSTAND
LEARN FROM NEW AND UNCOMFORTABLE ANGLES
KNOW THAT NO ONE IS SILENT THOUGH
MANY ARE NOT HEARD
WORK TO CHANGE THIS