

# NOTICES

- 1) Please go to [www.greenbrae.org](http://www.greenbrae.org) and subscribe to receive occasional emails on topics of interest and safety for our community. We will send meeting announcements and other important information but will not flood you with e-mails. Your Board is in the process of revising the website to allow Greenbrae residents to create a user profile, which we hope will allow us to better communicate with residents.
- 2) Your Annual Clean-Up Coupon is included in this mailing. **It is valid during the last weekend in August and the last three weekends in September, for a total of one load and during one trip.** The specific, eight valid dates are on the coupon. Please read it carefully and abide by its terms. This is a value of about \$75.00. Please remember to place your property address on the coupon before bringing it to the booth at the dump.
- 3) If you have not sent in your Annual Voluntary Dues remittance, please do so now. We have included another remittance card and envelope in this mailing in case you have misplaced the last one. We are *not* asking for a second payment; please disregard the request if you have already sent yours in. Thanks!
- 4) Please save the date of September 25, 2011 for the Greenbrae Annual Picnic.
- 5) Your Board is always looking for volunteers. Please contact us at [info@greenbrae.org](mailto:info@greenbrae.org), call (415) 461-7338, or complete and return the Annual Voluntary Dues card to sign up.

Have a great summer!

Jack Valinoti  
GPOA President



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At the Annual Meeting of the GPOA, held Tuesday evening April 19, 2011 in the Bacich Elementary Library, the following Officers/Directors were nominated and elected to serve to the Spring of 2012:

Jack Valinoti, *President*  
Scott Sherman, *Director*  
Brendan Fogarty, *Director*  
David Sternberg, *Director*  
Ron Peluso, *Director*  
Brad Marsh, *Director*

Jack Valinoti began the meeting by thanking your Board members for volunteering to serve for another year and encouraging Greenbrae residents who want to get involved with the GPOA to contact the Board by filling out and returning the Voluntary Annual Dues Card, by phone, or by email to [info@greenbrae.org](mailto:info@greenbrae.org).

**Larkspur Mayor Larry Chu attended the meeting along with Councilmembers Len Rifkind and Dan Hilmer, City Manager Dan Schwarz, and Twin Cities Police Department Captain Jim Shirk. A summary of the speakers' key points is below.**

- 1) **City of Larkspur Finances:** Larkspur is in good financial shape compared to most cities, with a General Fund budget of approximately \$13.5 million. The City expects to have a balanced budget.
- 2) **New Police Station:** Captain Shirk handed out a project status report showing the Police Station is ahead of schedule for completion in the fall and on budget. The Piper Park access road is closed through August 19, 2011. The City is working with the Larkspur School District regarding parking and access to the community garden. Captain Shirk reminded Greenbrae residents to be vigilant in protecting their homes and personal property.
- 3) **Greenbrae Interchange:** The Transportation Authority of Marin is entering the environmental phase of the project. Greenbrae residents who want to take a closer look at the impacts and effects of the proposed options can find more information by going to the project page on the Transportation Authority of Marin's web site at <http://www.tam.ca.gov/index.aspx?page=164>.



- 4) **Road Repair of Bon Air and Doherty Bridges:** Earthquake retrofitting of the bridges is subject to environmental impact review. If Clapper Rails are found, construction may be limited to three months per year and construction time will increase from three years to five years.
- 5) **Ross Valley Sanitary District Proposed Rate Increase:** Greenbrae residents who want more information can educate themselves by visiting the websites for the Ross Valley Sanitary District (<http://www.rvsvd.org>) and The Broken Pipeline (<http://www.thebrokenpipeline.com>).
- 6) **Traffic Safety:** The City has been working with Greenbrae residents and has installed a solar powered speed monitor on Via La Cumbre. Your Board urges you to drive safely through our community, observe all traffic signs, and not use electronic devices when driving.
- 7) **Niven Property:** The property owner could not reach an agreement with two potential parties, but another is interested and doing due diligence.
- 8) **Volunteerism:** Mayor Chu thanked Board member David Sternberg for his work on the Larkspur General Plan Update and the Community Emergency Advisory Committee (CEAC). Your Board thanks Greenbrae resident Michael St. Clair for volunteering on the CEAC. Mayor Chu encouraged Greenbrae residents to become involved in the Larkspur City Council and other City committees.

**Katie Rice attended the meeting in Hal Brown's absence and presented the following:**

- 1) **Marin County Finances:** The County is in good fiscal health.
- 2) **Marin General Hospital Development:** This is an important project in the County.
- 3) **Ross Valley Sanitary District:** Hal Brown is concerned about the increase.

For more information on any County-related topic, contact Hal Brown's office at (415) 499-7331 or [hbrown@co.marin.ca.us](mailto:hbrown@co.marin.ca.us).

**The GPOA Board and the CSA 16 Advisory Committee reported:**

CSA 16 Chairman Ted Canon explained the origins of CSA 16 and asked your Board to consider soliciting property owners' input on increasing the \$150 annual assessment. Ted Canon and GPOA Landscaping Chairman Scott Sherman deserve a round of applause for redesigning the landscaping of the fountain at the La Cuesta entrance. The new entrance monument at the north end of Via La Cumbre also looks fantastic. Corte Elena and Corte Balboa were recently repaved, and the streets were widened and received new curbs. Landscaping and irrigation design continues for the middle island of Via La Cumbre, and for the islands on Corte Balboa and Corte Cayuga.



Greenbrae residents received Scott Sherman's Spring 2011 Landscaping Report by mail and can find it at [www.greenbrae.org](http://www.greenbrae.org). Residents are reminded not to trim, prune or alter any landscaping or irrigation in the community islands or medians. Landscaping and irrigation design continues for the middle island of Via La Cumbre, and for the islands on Corte Balboa and Corte Cayuga, and the Sir Francis Drake frontage between La Cuesta and Corte Morada Park. CSA 16 and the County are re-evaluating the scope of the contract with Gardeners' Guild to achieve a more manicured look to our community.

Greenbrae residents are reminded that your CCRs provide that no rubbish shall be stored or allowed to accumulate on any property, and that personal property of any character whatsoever must be stored within the interior of buildings. Your Board has received a number of complaints about property owners storing recreational vehicles, motorcycles, boats, old cars, construction materials, and garbage pails out in the open. Your Board urges residents to maintain the beauty of our community by properly storing these items within their garages or sheds..

David Sternberg and Ron Peluso of the GPOA's Architectural Design Review Committee informed us that the Committee continues to review and comment upon about 12-15 projects in 2010, in either Marin County or the City of Larkspur.

Former Board President Brendan Fogarty reported that as of 12/31/10, the GPOA had a yearly loss of \$2,436.31 versus a 2009 loss of \$11,179.76. Membership dues were up approximately \$1,600 in 2010. The picnic expense was again reduced, by about \$475, and overall expenses for 2010 were down about \$7,125. Total Liabilities & Equity as of 12/31/10 were \$38,275.09 versus \$40,676.40 as of 12/31/09, a decrease of -5.9%. A copy of the profit & loss statements and balance sheets may be requested at (415) 461-7338 or [info@greenbrae.org](mailto:info@greenbrae.org).

David Sternberg gave an excellent presentation on the work of the Larkspur General Plan Update Committee. Greenbrae residents seeking more information can go to: <http://www.ci.larkspur.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=152>

Michael St. Claire discussed the work of the Larkspur Community Emergency Advisory Committee and the "Get Ready Marin" emergency preparedness classes offered by the City of Larkspur. For more information go to: [www.getreadylarkspur.org](http://www.getreadylarkspur.org) or [www.getreadymarin.org](http://www.getreadymarin.org).

Kevin Coos gave a very informative presentation relating to the approximately \$500 million development of Marin General Hospital, which is at the environmental review stage. Greenbrae residents can find more information at: <http://marinhealthcaredistrict.lblarch.com/Marin/>.

Susan Van Liere and Deirdre Evershed have again volunteered to co-chair the Greenbrae Annual Picnic, which will be held on Sunday, September 25, 2011.

With the help of your Board, and CSA 16 Chairman Ted Canon, we have created a graffiti free corridor on Sir Francis Drake from Highway 101 to Manor Road. Thanks for your help in keeping Greenbrae graffiti free.

