# HARBOUR VISTA NEWS

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PET OF THE MONTH

# MEET "DONNA" by <u>Diane Pannone</u>

Donna is a beautiful 2 year old American Staffordshire Terrier (Am Staff). She was adopted by her human family when the was 8 weeks old and came to live with them at Harbour Vista.







She is a beautiful fawn color with a white star on her chest. She weighs about 50 lbs now. She likes to go for walks in the wetlands and at the beach or running alongside her owner for a bike ride. Her favorite food is chicken. She also likes to chase and try to catch flies.

She is very friendly towards peoples and loves to give kisses when she is greeted.

According to the American Kennel Club the Am Staff is a people oriented dog that thrives when they are a part of a family and given a job to do. Although friendly the breed is loyal to their own family.

# Dinning Around Harbour Vista

A Little Mexican Place by <u>Mary Williams</u>

El Chile Frito is very small with only 7 tables. Chips and salsa were given, gratis. Salsa was freshly made and had a

small kick to it. Spicy salsa was offered but we declined.

> Chicken Mole A Chile Relleno was ordered, it came with red sauce, also a plate of

Enchiladas Ranchero. Both had good flavor. I ordered the Chicken Mole and was quite happy with it. Chicken was tender and the mole was



good. I do not think they make the mole themselves because it is a time consuming sauce and only one dish on the menu featured it.

# **Thicker Version**

All plates came with refried beans and rice. Just standard rice and the beans were a little too loose for my taste. I like a thicker version of refried beans. **Coca Cola Bottle in Mexico** 

They do have Coca Cola by the bottle and it is bottled in Mexico which gives it a whole (continued on next page)

# CLEVER PLACE FOR REAL ESTATE SIGN

You may have noticed the "For Rent" sign displayed on the top of a parked car on Green. It seems a property owner in Harbour Vista has



one of their condos available for rent. This owner first placed a sign on the grass area just outside of the Lago gate. The sign was gone by the next day. So, they next placed another sign in front of the City sign post near the Lago Gate. That sign also disappeared the next day.



So, knowing they needed to have a sign that the public driving or walking by the complex could see from the street, they came up with another way to display the sign.

### Car Parked with Sign

They parked their car on Green with the sign attached to the car's roof! The sign is very (continued on next page)

# July HOA Meeting

## DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS DROP New Board Seated

**Community Manager Resigned** There were 14 community members, all 5 Board Members and the Action Community Manager in attendance. The Board elected Gayle Poytner to serve as President, Ron Rolewicz as Vice President, Cheryl Boyd as Secretary, new Board Member Mike Peduzzi as Treasuer and new Board Member Adele Shiffman as Member at Large.

## Manager Resigned

It was announced that Taylor DeLauder had resigned his position as Community Manager. He has accepted a position as a Commercial Property Manager.

#### **Community Forum**

A homeowner asked about his request for the approval from the Board to install a screen door on his front door. He said he had filled out and returned the forms for the Architectural Review but has heard nothing further. He started the process 3 months ago and still is waiting to be able to install the screen door. Action took his phone number and said she would follow up with him.

#### Delinquency Rate

A resident asked about the current delinquency rate. Action said there are currently 16 delinquent accounts. Some are Banks and others are homeowners who are delinquent in paying their monthly HOA dues. This is an improvement of the HOA delinquency rate and takes it down to under the 15% that Lenders like to see for approval of loans.

#### **Staples and Nails**

Another resident pointed out that there are staples and nails sticking up on the hand rails on the stairs in her building and they need to be removed so people using the stairs don't hurt themselves when they use the handrails. The Board didn't respond as to what they might do about this request.

#### Loose Wooden Bridges

There was discussion about the condition of the wooden bridges in the complex. An owner explained that he found numerous boards on the bridges loose with no screws holding them down. He and another homeowner purchased deck screws and volunteered to screw down many of the loose boards. However more boards are loose and need attention. It was suggested the Board ask volunteers to check all the bridges and do any additional work needed.

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See note 1. (continued on next page) (HOA Meeting continue)

**Liens and Foreclosures** Three Liens were tabled. The Board approved recording the Foreclosure of Liens on a property.

New Business The Board stated that they were not satisfied with the service of the current pool janitorial company and had invited a representative from another ianitorial service to give them a proposal to include: coming twice a week during the summer on Mondays and Fridays to clean the restrooms, barbeque, pool areas, empty trash cans, clean elevators, clean hall ways on 2nd and 3rd floors, and the possible installation of doggie bag stations.

**Association Insurance Renewal** The Community Manager explained there was only one quote from the current insurance carrier (Farmers Insurance) for the HOA. The Insurance Brokerage firm Action requested quotes from said that because of the HOA's claims from the previous year no other companies wanted to submit a quote for coverage. However the quote from Farmers was a good quote and only had an increase in the premium of a little over \$1,700 for the year. The Board approved Farmers quote for coverage.

Water Damage Restoration The Board approved a Bid from Drymaster Restoration for the repair of a unit that had water damage from a leak in a water pipe.

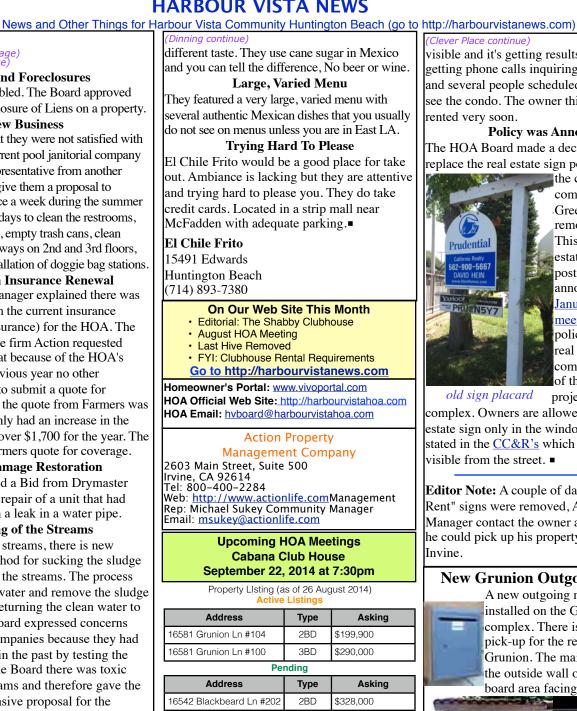
**Cleaning of the Streams** For cleaning of the streams, there is new equipment and method for sucking the sludge from the bottom of the streams. The process would recycle the water and remove the sludge from the streams, returning the clean water to the streams. The Board expressed concerns about one of the companies because they had mislead the Board in the past by testing the water and telling the Board there was toxic material in the streams and therefore gave the Board a very expensive proposal for the removal of the sludge. The Board asked Action to get more information and a proposal from the other company.

Next scheduled meeting August 25, 2014 Notes:

- 1. August 4, 2014: Action Community Manager Julie Carter placed a work Order to have the bridges in the complex inspected.
- 2. August 6, 2014: The Board of Directors is in the process of having the bridges evaluated and three competitive bids are being sought out. See: http://harbourvistahoa.com

#### **NEWS FLASH!! New Community Manager for HOA Michael Sukev**

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Address	туре	Asking
16581 Grunion Ln #104	2BD	\$199,900
16581 Grunion Ln #100	3BD	\$290,000
Pending		
Address	Туре	Asking
16542 Blackbeard Ln #202	2BD	\$328,000
4852 Cabana Dr #201	3BD	\$175,000
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Address	Туре	Asking
16512 Blackbeard Ln #101	3BD	\$200,000
Closed Sales		
Address	Туре	Sold For
Address 4861 Lago Dr #306	Type 1BD	<b>Sold For</b> \$182,862
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Note: An up green tick (1) means sold for more than asking price. A down red tick  $(\mathbf{\downarrow})$  means sold for less than asking price.

visible and it's getting results. They started getting phone calls inquiring about the condo, and several people scheduled appointments to see the condo. The owner thinks it will be rented verv soon.

#### **Policy was Announced**

The HOA Board made a decission to not replace the real estate sign posts that were at



the corners of the complex at Heil and Green when they were removed for dry rot. This was where real estate signs were posted. The Board announced at the January 2014 HOA meeting that a new policy would not allow real estate sign posts in common areas as part of the beautification project for the

old sign placard

complex. Owners are allowed to place one real estate sign only in the window of their unit as stated in the CC&R's which may or may not be visible from the street.

Editor Note: A couple of days after the "For Rent" signs were removed, Action Property Manager contact the owner and told him that he could pick up his property at their office in Invine.

# **New Grunion Outgoing Mailbox**

A new outgoing mailbox has been installed on the Grunion side of the complex. There is now daily mail pick-up for the residents on Grunion. The mailbox is located on the outside wall of the bulletin board area facing the parking lot.



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