



The Big Snow

SGANA

San Gabriel Area Neighborhood Association March 2007

WE'RE BAACK . . .

After a four month hiatus. Top news is that the October 2006 Annual Meeting produced a Board of Directors comprised of Mark Webb, Dan Jones, Pat Maher, Carol Driscoll and Steven Smith. At the subsequent January Board Meeting positions were decided as shown in the Board of Directors box elsewhere in this newsletter. Secondly we passed a recommendation to amend our Bylaws. The General Meeting announcement that was distributed in October detailed those suggestions. If anyone wants to see the revised Bylaws and does not have access to the SGANA website please contact Carol Driscoll. Thanks to Steven and Stacy for signing on.

SAFETY

Home invasions, bump locks, break-ins - it's not possible to go a day without reading or hearing how unsafe our neighborhoods are. So what can we do to protect ourselves and our properties? One option is to keep our properties well tended and well lit, and keep vehicles and valuables out of sight. Another is to keep an eye open for our neighbors and report anything that looks odd to the neighbor, to 242-COPS or 911 depending on the apparent urgency of the situation. Establish Emergency Call Lists in all the little sub-neighborhoods. There are models for this; ask any of your Board Members. Reactivate the Block Watch of years past. Watch for more on this topic in future communications.

COMING EVENTS

Great American Cleanup Day - Saturday, April 28. If you know of an area that needs some tender loving care please contact one of the Board Members.

On the corner of Morris and San Gabriel there is a very sad looking fire hydrant that could use a fresh coat of paint to restore it to its bright Dalmatian appearance. (The Fire Department says it's okay for us to do that.) If you have any artistic skills and are looking for a way to use them please contact me at 332-3038 or caroldriscoll01@Comcast.net



Neighborhood Yard Sale - late May or early June. SGANA will pay for the ad and this editor will put together a map of participating households if you let me know you will be joining in the fun. Just contact me at 332-8038 or caroldriscoll01@Comcast.net

SPRING IS HERE!

We had such a wet and snowy winter that it was quite an effort for many of us to dig out from under all that snow. And when we did, what did we find? Many homes found debris, leaves and other old plant matter, and trash. Most of us have cleaned up but there are still several homes in our neighborhood that need some care. A little bit of effort increases property values and keeps the crime rate low because it shows potential burglars that we care about our neighborhood.

Did you know there are many zoning violations owners can be cited and fined for? Here is a partial list: inoperable vehicles on property; vehicles parked on lawns; peeling paint on siding and trim; bushes and shrubs that grow more than 4 inches onto the sidewalk; litter; and weeds more than 4 inches high.

The city has some programs available for the elderly and disabled and there may be financial assistance available to qualifying homeowners for property maintenance. You can call the city info line at 311 to find out if you qualify for such assistance. There are also Scout troops and church groups that may help.

Let's show respect for ourselves, our neighbors, and our neighborhood by keeping our property neat, clean, and trimmed.

SGANA MISSION STATEMENT

To promote and protect the interests of the neighborhood residents. We do this by providing a link to city government activities, maximizing property values, and helping make the neighborhood a safe and enjoyable place for all of us to live.

Important Phone Numbers

Emergencies - Police, Fire, Medical	911
Police Non-Emergency (242-COPS)	242-2677
Foothills Command	332-5240
Crime Stoppers (843-STOP)	843-7867
City Infoline	311
City Government Website	www.cabq.gov
SGANA website	http://www.swcp.com/sgana



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Sales closed in the last 90 days in San Gabriel:

- 1288 square feet 3 bed 1 bath \$169,900
- 1640 square feet 3 bed 1 bath \$170,000
- 1540 square feet 3 bed 1 bath \$200,000
- 2111 square feet 4 bed 2 bath \$220,000
- 1900 square feet 3 bed 1 bath \$244,000
- 1900 square feet 4 bed 1 bath \$248,000
- 2025 square feet 4 bed 1 bath \$202,500

Sales for 2006 were only off 3.8% from the best year ever 2005.

For a free market analysis with no obligation please contact me.

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