

# LAKESHORE

## Homes Association

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November 2014

### **LHA Balloting Results to be announced**

Results of the November 19<sup>th</sup> balloting (and any future elections/ballots) will be announced at the Annual Meeting that night and posted November 20<sup>th</sup> in the display box by the front door of the LHA office and on our website on the News & Events tab: <http://lakeshorehomes.net/news-events>.

### **Calling All Talent!** *By President Joshua Morgan*

Neighbors, as many of you may know, my partner and I are expecting twins in February. We are very excited about our growing family, and luckily, we will have lots of family support in the way of grandmas and grandpas who can't wait to help us care for our bundles of joy. As a result, we have been keeping our eyes open for a property that would allow us to construct a separate in-law cottage. I am both excited and sad to let you know that we have found just such a place in Orinda, so we will unfortunately be leaving our beloved Lakeshore Homes Association.

As you know, when you vote for directors, those elected directors decide roles based on talent and ability. We had already determined that next year Peter Turner would be your new President due to my pending family commitments, but unfortunately we found our dream property after the ballots were printed and mailed out. Luckily, our house will not be sold until after the election. Once it is sold, the Board will be looking for a volunteer willing to replace the role that I will be vacating as Treasurer. If you are a homeowner in LHA and interested in or have a strong background in Finance, and willing to serve the Association in that capacity through the 2015 calendar year, please reach out to Claudia at the LHA office and let her know.

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In addition, we are looking to hire paid part-time staff in our Lakeshore Homes Association office. Currently, we have a staff of two and the office is open 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Monday – Friday. In an aging Association, it appears that the demands on our staff only continue to increase, so we are looking for someone who can work alongside the existing staff and support them in their roles interfacing with our members, the City, and infrastructure utilities; providing administrative support; assisting members with Association-related questions; and myriad other functions. If you own a home in the Association and are interested in some part-time work, and this feels interesting to you, please contact Claudia at the LHA office. She can tell you more about the role and determine whether or not it's something that would be a good fit.

*We look forward to hearing from all our talented members who are willing to serve!*

**2015's \$170 LHA annual assessment** will be invoiced in early January. Look for it in your mailbox or inbox.

## **Updated policies for Blight, Nuisance, and Fines** *by President Joshua Morgan*

Lakeshore Homes Association policies on Blight, Nuisance, and Fines had not been modernized for quite some time, and we frequently found homeowners confused by some of the language. So, it was time for us to bring our policies up-to-date. It is difficult to make sure everyone is always on the same page with these policies, yet they are a critical aspect of maintaining a beautiful and harmonious neighborhood that continues to be a gem and a destination within Oakland.

The purpose of this update is to provide more clarity and take every effort in making sure we all have a common understanding. The Board of Directors, with input and ideas from you, the homeowners, and advice from our legal counsel, approved the new language that

- provides much greater clarity for our homeowners,
- brings our policies more closely in line with that of the current policies established by the City of Oakland,
- brings us up-to-date with the latest Davis-Stirling (California law regarding HOAs) policies, and
- establishes a level of fines that accomplishes the goal of encouraging homeowners to do the right thing in getting prior LHA approval for projects.

The document is in the 2014 Annual Disclosure Statement, included in this mailing.

Go paperless! Sign up for **email correspondence from LHA**. Newsletters, invoices, disclosure packet – all come to your inbox. Download (print) the Email Authorization / Indemnification Form from our website (<http://lakeshorehomes.net/administration/forms-procedures>). Fill it out and mail/bring to the office or scan and email.

## **Check out the LHA website** (<http://lakeshorehomes.net>)

There is history of the area and of the Association, old photos, links to Oakland area service providers and activities, answers to questions, and

- Calendar of events
- Our governing documents and a summary of what a homeowner needs to know
- What the Board of Directors and the Standing Committees do
- Applications for Tree Removal and Changes to Property
- Neighborhood Preservation Committee's Working Description and Explanations for making changes to the exterior of your property
- LHA CARES information form
- Emergency and home security checklists, hints, tools, including for your pets
- Photographs of LHA celebrations and of the neighborhood
- Strategic plan for our parks and open spaces
- How you can volunteer and participate in our neighborhood and with the Association