

LAKESHORE Homes Association

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September 2014

ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION



What's Up

2014's Autumn Lights Festival will illuminate the Gardens at Lake Merritt the nights of Friday & Saturday October 17 & 18. The Oakland Autumn Lights Festival is a fabulously creative two-night fundraiser held inside the beautiful Gardens at Lake Merritt, the seven-acre oasis of themed gardens nestled at the north end of Lakeside Park in Oakland. <http://gardensatlakemerritt.org/>

The Board will vote on the enclosed draft Fine Policy Thursday October 30, 2014 at 6:30. Meeting in the LHA office. Please see the enclosed President's letter for more information.

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Annual Meeting & Election Meeting

Guest Speaker - Chip Johnson

November 19, 2014

5:30 Election Meeting (counting of ballots)

7:00 Social

7:30 Annual Meeting with Guest Speaker

Crocker Elementary School 525 Midcrest Road

Guest Speaker Chip Johnson has written a twice-weekly column for The San Francisco Chronicle, focusing on Oakland and the East Bay, since 1997. A graduate of San Francisco State University, Chip has worked as a staff writer for the Albuquerque Tribune, the Oakland Tribune, the Los Angeles Times and the St. Paul Pioneer Press.

In 2008 he was honored by the Bay Area Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists for his dogged persistence in uncovering corruption, negligence and gross mismanagement in Oakland city government.

With family and friends spread across the city, he is a proud Oakland resident.

LHA Balloting - It Only Takes 3 Sips

Ballots and voting instructions will be mailed to all LHA homeowners next week. It only takes as much time as savoring 3 sips of your coffee. Please vote and return by November 19th. We really want to reach our quorum of 352 ballots this time. Lick a stamp and mail or put through the slot in the LHA office door. Don't wait!

Election Meeting - November 19th at 5:30 p.m.

Ballots for election of Directors and two changes to Bylaws will be verified and counted during the Election Meeting. A Notary Public will oversee the process and certify the outcomes. Homeowners may bring their completed ballots and/or proxy holder ballots, properly sealed in both envelopes, to this meeting and given to the Notary at 5:30. Once counting begins no additional ballots will be accepted.

Results will be announced at the Annual Meeting that follows.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Ranked Choice Voting for Oakland's November 4 Election

Election Day is coming soon (November 4th) and Oakland again is using Ranked-Choice Voting. Since this is a relatively new concept to many of us, we may be mystified as we try to vote. Here we share excerpts from the Alameda County Registrar of Voters explanation of how the system works.

Ranked-Choice Voting or Instant Run-Off Voting, allows voters to rank up to 3 candidates, in order of preference, when marking their ballots. Ranked-choice voting eliminates run-off elections. Oakland elects its Mayor, City Council members, City Attorney, City Auditor, and School Directors using Ranked-Choice Voting.

How are Ranked-Choice votes counted?

With Ranked-Choice Voting, a candidate will be elected if s/he receives a simple majority (50%+1) of the first-choice votes cast for that office. If no candidate receives a majority of the first-choice votes cast, an elimination process begins. The candidate who received the fewest first-choice votes is eliminated. Next, each vote cast for that candidate will be transferred to the voter's next-ranked choice among the remaining candidates. This elimination process will continue until one candidate receives a majority and is deemed the winner.

Balloting

The ballot has 3 identical columns side-by-side listing all the candidates in each. This format allows a voter to select a first-choice candidate in the 1st column, a second-choice candidate in the 2nd column, and a third-choice candidate in the 3rd column.

A voter may – but is not required to – rank three choices for each office.

Ranking a candidate more than once does not benefit the candidate. If you rank the same candidate as first, second and third choice, it is the same as if the voter leaves the second or third choice blank.

If a voter gives more than one candidate the same ranking, the vote cannot be counted.

Questions about ranked-choice voting? Call the Alameda County Registrar of Voters Office at (510) 272-6933.

	1 st Choice	2 nd Choice	3 rd Choice
For Mayor			
JOHN ADAMS	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
THOMAS JEFFERSON	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ABRAHAM LINCOLN	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
GEORGE WASHINGTON	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
write-in	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

A Mock Ballot

ASSOCIATION UPDATES

National Night Out again a big success!



Alma Place having fun

All over Oakland, a similar scene played out August 5th for National Night Out, a national block party that encourages neighbors to throw an outdoor party and get to know one another in an effort to reduce crime. This year, Oakland residents hosted 625 National Night Out gatherings. Our own included a number of pot lucks and perhaps a cocktail party. By whatever venue, it seems clear that everyone enjoyed the camaraderie, the chance to network with each other and share tasty food.

We joined a nationwide effort that now involves over 37,800,000 people and 16,124 communities from all 50 states, U.S. Territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide.

The best deterrent to crime has always been neighbors watching out for each other.

Security Workshop was...

September 23rd's Security Workshop provided LHA members the opportunity to discuss the possibilities of small groups of neighbors hiring private security patrol. On hand for information and specifics were Frank Bowden of ANI Private Security and Limor Margalit of Bay Alarm. For those interested in private patrol but missed this evening, please contact the LHA office if you and your block would like more information.

Earthquake Preparedness Workshop October 22 at 7 p.m.

LHA will host an informational event about earthquake and disaster preparedness supplies. Learn how to be ready for the next big one. Get info to build your own emergency kit and protect your loved ones. (LHA office 907 Underhills)

LHA hosts its nearly-annual **Newcomer / Old-timers Party** Saturday, November 8. The conversations among the celebrants always prove entertaining and enlightening. Invitations will be mailed to those who moved here in the last year or so and to those who have lived here for more than 35 years. "Old-timer," by the way, is how long you've lived here, not your age!



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PG&E Substation Project

Traffic rerouting on Grosvenor Place and Park Boulevard for PG&E substation upgrade project expected to happen in early 2015. Look for dates and information in the late November LHA mailing.

DON'T POST SIGNS on light poles, sign posts, street trees, traffic signs, or power or telephone poles. It's against City law and LHA rules. And the tape permanently mars the pole/post. Posted signs may be taken down by staff before the date of your event or the missing pet is found and you will be fined.

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Committees (meetings at LHA office 7:30 p.m.)

Neighborhood Preservation	1 st Wednesday
Parks	2 nd Wednesday
Board of Directors	3 rd Wednesday
Membership	4 th Wednesday

Board of Directors

Board President	Joshua Morgan
Vice President	Chris Metcalfe
Vice President	Jack Backus
Secretary	Mary Merrick
Treasurer	Peter Turner

Staff (office hours 10 – 1 M – F)

Claudia Skapik and Patty Montmorency