



LAKE SHORE Homes Association

Incorporated 1917

August 2014

Important Dates and Upcoming Opportunities

What's Up

What Does LHA Do For You? Since 1917...

Maintains 5 pocket parks & 4 open spaces.
Preserving neighborhood look and appeal.
Focus for community safety - home security, public safety, emergency prep & response.
Liaison with City of Oakland - traffic safety, city services, tree care. Create archives of neighborhood history.
Pollard 400+ sycamore trees.

Oakland Museum of CA Makers & Tasters Series

Local beer brewers, coffee roasters, organic farmers, and authors. Talks, demos, tastings. First & last Friday each month - 6 to 8 p.m. All this is part of every Friday@OMCA 5-9 p.m. with live music & kids' art projects.



SECURITY WORKSHOP Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. LHA office (907 Underhills Road). Learn about **private security patrols** for residential neighborhoods. Bay Alarm, ANI Private Security & Patrol, and Premier Protective Services are invited to speak about their services so that you or groups of homes may decide if this has potential for you/them.

Wednesday, October 22, 2014 is our **EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP**. 7:00 p.m. LHA office (907 Underhills). LHA is hosting an informational event about earthquake preparedness supplies. Guidelines for how to be ready for the next big one will be shared. Learn how to build your own emergency kit.

More information can be found on our website lakeshorehomes.net about the 2 workshops.

LHA's Annual and Election Meetings will be Wednesday evening, November 19, 2014. Time TBD. Crocker Elementary School (expected).

Nominations for 2015 directors are due by September 15th. Let the office know if you wish to run.

LHA Nominating Committee announces Slate for 2015 Directors

The Nominating Committee (the Board) has approved the nominees for directors it is putting forward for 2015 directors. Others wishing to run may do so by telling the office staff by September 15th.

Slate: Chris Metcalfe, Joshua Morgan, Peter Turner, Jack Backus, Ron Shapiro

Election Process for 2015 Directors

Highlights of the upcoming election and the process:

- Ballot - to be completed and returned
- Double envelope method (like the last election) - outer, return envelope and inner, unmarked envelope
- Unopened outer envelopes counted at Election Meeting November 19th
- If quorum reached, envelopes opened and ballots counted
- If no quorum reached, those present vote whether to postpone election meeting to get more ballots or to end election and present directors remain for 2015

LHA will use member volunteers and a paid, non-member notary at the Election Meeting for counting, opening, and certifying, as allowed by California law. An inspector of elections is not required and is not being hired. Election process details will be distributed to members in early October.

CORRECTION: OPD emergency "911" from your mobile is 777-3211.
Our apologies for transposing 2 digits in the last newsletter.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

PG&E Substation Project Progresses

by Tamar Sarkissian, PG&E Corporate Relations

Residents of Lakeshore Homes Association (LHA) may notice Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) working on its local substation soon. The company will be replacing and upgrading the existing infrastructure. These improvements will increase electric capacity and improve reliability for businesses and residents in the city of Oakland. PG&E is upgrading the substation to keep pace with the region's rapid growth and increased demand from residents.

Crews will be replacing the 12 kilovolt switchgear, among other improvements. The project is expected to begin late summer and continue through spring of 2016. With an estimated cost of more than \$7 million, these improvements will improve reliability for more than 50,000 customers in the area, including hospitals and fire and police stations.

"PG&E looks forward to working with the community as we improve Substation X. These enhancements will ensure our facility is providing our customers the safest, most reliable and affordable service possible," said Bernardo Cortes, PG&E senior customer outreach specialist. "We look forward to collaborating with the LHA, listening to your needs, and most of all, being a good neighbor to our customers."

The substation, known as Station X, is located at 3701 Park Boulevard Way in the heart of Oakland's Lakeshore Highlands neighborhood. In addition to upgrading the substation, PG&E will also be providing a \$25,000 grant for landscaping enhancements on the Substation's north residential side.

Customers experienced the fewest service interruptions and shortest duration of power outages in company history last year. PG&E customers have seen a 40 percent improvement in the average duration of service disruptions and a 27 percent improvement in the number of customer interruptions since 2006.

PG&E continues to make significant progress in electric reliability that benefits customers throughout its service area, investing nearly \$2.3 billion in electric infrastructure last year. The company is currently upgrading substations throughout its service area with state-of-the-art equipment, which will result in further improvements to electric reliability.

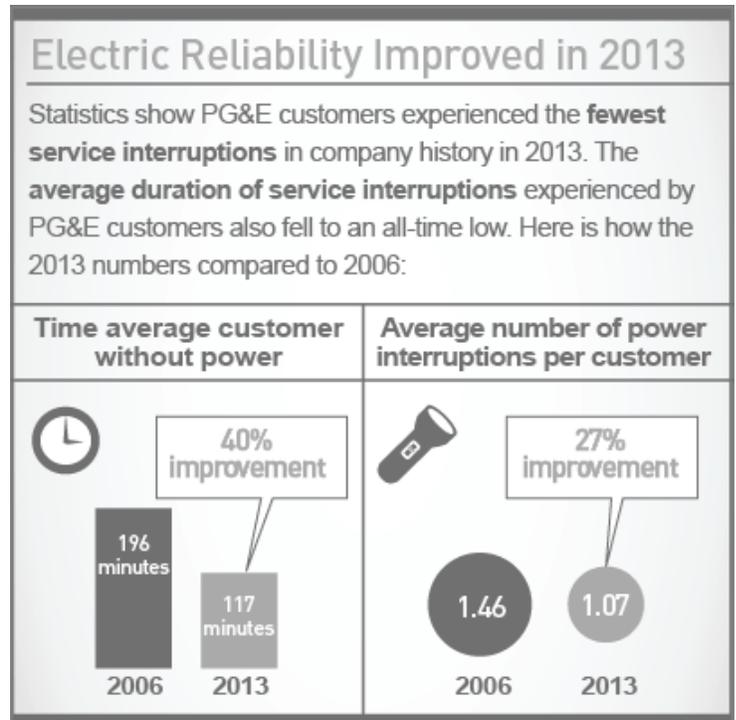
Tentative project construction schedule:

Circuit Reroute	Mid September 2014 – December 2014
Vault Construction	January 2015 – April 2015
Switchgear Testing	May 2015 – October 2015
Energize Circuits	November 2015 – December 2015
Post EDRO Construction	January 2016 – April 2016

Please be advised this is a tentative schedule and can change due to weather and other unforeseen issues.

Please contact Bernardo Cortes, PG&E senior customer outreach specialist, with any questions or concerns at:
Desk: 925-459-7306 Cell: 415-328-0206 Email: BGC9@pge.com

From LHA, PG&E and the City: Look for explanation of and estimated timing of traffic rerouting on Park Blvd. and Grosvenor Place in LHA's late September newsletter and on our website.



ASSOCIATION UPDATES

Water Conservation and You

by Mary Merrick, chair Membership Communications Committee

As we all know this is one of the driest years on record. Starting in August the State of California and EBMUD are requiring restricted use of water in our homes. Forty percent of our water use is outdoors, and the following guidelines now are mandatory. Failure to comply can result in a ticket or water shut off.

- Water outdoor landscape a maximum of 2x/week.
- Water outdoors in way that prevents runoff in gutters, patios, walkways, driveways or streets. EBMUD recommends limiting the frequency of irrigation.
- Use a hose with a shut-off nozzle if you wash your vehicle at home.
- Use only recirculated, and preferably recycled water in fountains.
- Refrain from using potable water to wash sidewalks and driveways. If you must wash hard surfaces for sanitary reasons, use a hose with a shut-off nozzle.

The goal is to reduce use by ten percent. Here are several ways help:

- **Slow your flow.** Use EBMUD's WaterSmart Home Survey Kit to evaluate your home's water use and find leaks and inefficient fixtures.
- **Find and fix leaks.** Toilet and irrigation systems contain some of the biggest and sneakiest leaks.
- **Watch your watering.** Summer water use can double or triple. The best way to save water in the summer is to cut back outdoor watering. When you turn on your irrigation system, look for signs of leaks, overspray and run-off. Remember your lawn needs water only two days a week, and shrubs and trees only one day this time of year.
- **Upgrade appliances and plumbing fixtures** to more water efficient models. EBMUD currently offers water conservation rebates to customers for toilets and washing machines.
- **Convert your thirsty lawn** to a sustainable landscape and upgrade your irrigation equipment to efficient drip systems and self-adjusting controllers. Rebates are available for single- and multi-family residences and commercial customers.

Additionally we can reduce indoor use by:

- ✓ Turn *off tap* while brushing teeth, shaving, and washing hands.
- ✓ Run dishwashers and washing machines with *full loads* only.
- ✓ Take *shorter* showers.

If we all do our part we can get results and get through this dry period.

Petiquette 101 - Scoop your poop!

According to the Animal Humane Society, "No excuses: few things sour dog-to-human relations more than poop left where others can step in it." No one enjoys maneuvering through unsightly piles of dog waste when out in their yard.

You, the dog walker, are 100% responsible for your pet's behavior in public.

You, the dog owner, are responsible for ensuring that everyone, kids included, who walks your dog is trained. Bring extra bags. Carry a pooper scooper if you wish. Bring water bottle to wash away soft poop you can't pick up.

Canine diseases and parasites are shed in feces, putting other dogs and children at risk. Pick up feces using a plastic bag, and knot the top to control odor and flies before disposing of it in a waste receptacle. Train your dog to urinate in gutters or on nonliving vertical surfaces, such as lampposts or hydrants. Avoid trees, flowerbeds, and lawns.



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ASSOCIATION UPDATES

Jack's a director, Gerry steps down

Jack Backus joined the Board of Directors this month, as approved by the directors, and will serve as chair of Neighborhood Preservation Committee. He has been an active member of this committee, sharing his architecture and business owner experience. Jack replaces Gerry Montmorency, who resigned as a director.

Noticed LHA's browner lawns in our parks? We, too, are conserving water.

Brown is the color of lawns this summer, not the light poles

The light poles in our neighborhood are being painted. The primer is brown. Final coat will be a dark black-ish green.

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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