



**West Campus Point Association**  
~~ Newsletter – July 21, 2016 ~~

**PARKING REMINDER**

Please do not park your vehicle along the cluster center coral tree circle. If you have workmen at your unit, tell them not to park there either. The combination of parking cars in front of a unit and also next to the center of the drive around could create a serious problem for emergency vehicles, as well as increasing the possibility of accidents for both residents and visitors. Parking regulations can be found on the WCP website. Thank you.

<http://westcampuspoint.net/parking>

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Friday, July 29, 3-5 p.m. at WCP 914.

All interested owners are welcome to attend.

**MEETING AGENDA INCLUDED**

Included with this newsletter please find the agenda for the July 29<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors meeting.

**LANDSCAPE WALK REMINDER**

Regular landscape walks with the gardening service are generally scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 10:30 am. Meet at the SW corner of Palm Plaza. NOTE: In August, due to vacation schedules, the walk-around will be Tuesday, August 2 at 10 a.m. Meet at the SW corner of Palm Plaza at the picnic table by the pool. Walks last 60-90 minutes.

Regular Tierra Verde Tree Service (Tierra Verde is responsible for tree and hedge trimming) Walks are scheduled for the third Thursday of each month at 11:00 am. Meet at the SW corner of Palm Plaza. Walks last 60-90 minutes.

All are welcome to join the landscape walks, but the committee has specific areas it will inspect. If you would like an area looked at, please contact Dave Russo in advance.

**WCP WEBSITE**

The website is a useful resource for residents.

<http://westcampuspoint.net/>

## **SAFETY ISSUES AT WCP**

**Close and Lock!** Residents are reminded to lock their cars and unit doors. There have been break-ins and thefts at WCP by people simply trying locks. One resident found a drunken young person sleeping in the back of the unlocked car. Although we are generally a safe community, we need to be aware that unlocked cars and unlocked unit doors, as well as open garage doors can be an invitation to theft. A number of years ago, a residents' kayak left on the lawn in front of their unit was stolen, so do not leave any valuables unattended.

You may install a peep hole in your front gate. It is a good idea if someone rings your doorbell to ascertain who is there. You can make a decision about whether or not to open your door.

**Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety at WCP.** Do not ride your bicycle on narrow sidewalks. On WCP sidewalks, please walk your bike. If you want to ride, please do that on the perimeter road.

## **MAINTENANCE ISSUES AT INDIVIDUAL UNITS**

If you need help or recommendation regarding work at your individual unit please feel free to contact Dave Russo at Bartlein & Company during normal business hours. Please do not contact Board members, about maintenance issues at your unit. Do not wait to go to the homeowner forum at regular board meetings. Feel free to post a request for suggestions for vendors on the WCP community list.

## **HOT WATER TANKS**

You may want to consider purchasing and installing water sensor alarms near your water heater. The sensor will

sound an alarm when water is present and is smaller than a standard smoke detector. Also consider a "smitty pan" for underneath your hot water tank. A recent WCP Announcement laid out some other things to consider. Check your condo owners' insurance to make sure your coverage is adequate to your needs. Check when you purchased your tank and the length of its warranty. Most ordinary tanks have a lifetime of only 6 or 9 years.

A homeowner recently had a malfunction in the water heater with the temperature-pressure valve set off. Hot water was flowing to an outlet on the back patio by the study, not into the house.

If you are away for a period of time, you may want to consider turning your water off to the tank or to the whole unit, or have someone check your home periodically for leaks.

Also, look for signs of water heater failure, most generally rust along the base of the heater or water at the base of the tank.

## **WEST CAMPUS ISSUES UPDATE**

**East Gate Update.** As of July 2016, the University has provided WCP with the new design for the east side gate. The east side entry is now blocked by bollards which will be replaced by a single-hinge metal gate. The replacement of the east gate has been a matter of discussion by the board with the university for over a year. Since the construction of WCP in 1986, the east entry for WCP has been blocked by bollards. In 1986, pushback from the local community that objected to the construction of faculty housing resulted

in that entry being closed to vehicle traffic, so that IV streets would not be used directly by West Campus Point residents.

The replacement of the bollards is a safety issue now for WCP, since the bollards are very heavy and the locks are not easily openable even in a non-emergency situation, particularly if only one person is attempting to open them.

In an emergency, having a second exit from WCP is essential to our community. The plan for a single hinge gate with a mechanical (i.e., non-electronic) lock, with WCP having copies of the key was so that the design was simple, it could be opened by one person easily in an emergency, and so that there would be local control. During a major emergency, WCP is not necessarily the top priority for fire, police, medical, or other emergency services. Although the bollards might be aesthetically pleasing in a non-emergency situation, in an emergency they block an escape route for residents.

The university is designing, fabricating, installing, and paying for the gate. There has been consultation with WCP and a set of questions has been sent to the university from WCP community input. The notification on the WCP Announcements list was the blanket notification of residents for the proposed construction. The board has received the university's clarification of its list of questions generated by community input.

The board is drafting the final application to the Architectural Review Board for approval, which will include formal notification of homeowners about the project.

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES INCLUDED**

Included with this month's newsletter please find copies of the Board minutes from the March, April & May 2016 meetings. There may have been an attachment issue in prior emails so they are being sent out again in case you may not have received a copy.

## **NO DOGS OFF LEASH**

Please remember that according to the CC&Rs, dogs must not be off leash at West Campus Point.

## **BACK ISSUES OF THE WCP NEWSLETTER**

New homeowners might want to consult back issues of the newsletter to get a better idea of ongoing issues at WCP. These can be found on the WCP website.

<http://westcampuspoint.net/newsletters>

## ***Items in previous WCP Newsletters:***

## **PLEASE REPORT ANY IRRIGATION CONCERNS**

If you have any concerns regarding the landscape irrigation or plantings please take a minute to let us know. Please call Dave Russo 569-1121 ext. 250 or email DaveR@Bartlein.com with any concerns.

## **MEETING ETIQUETTE EXPLAINED**

As you know, the Board has regular meetings and all owners are welcome. In order to be efficient, the Board has allotted a slot for owners to speak for a few minutes at the beginning of the meeting. This way, owners do not have to stay for the whole meeting. At that time, owners may address the Board

with their concerns. Once this part of the meeting is over, the Board will proceed with its agenda. And during this part of the meeting, only board members are allowed to speak. Non-board members may only do so when invited.

### **ASSOCIATION FEE PAYMENTS**

Please remember that your monthly assessments (fees) are due on the first of each month and delinquent on the 15th of the month. On the 15th a 10% late fee is assessed to units who have not paid their fees.

At this time, you may want to consider having your association fees paid automatically from your checking account. If you are interested in this free service, please call Bartlein & Company, Inc. at 569-1121.

### **DO YOU HAVE ANY LANDSCAPE QUESTIONS OR REQUESTS?**

Please do NOT speak to the MGM landscape crew or contact directly the business owner, Miguel Gutiérrez, about special requests. The company is paid by the HOA for HOA-directed work. By speaking to them directly, you put the owner and crew in an awkward position.

**If you have landscape issues you want to bring to the board's attention, contact Dave Russo, who will convey the request to the landscape site supervisors.**

### **WCP SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

#### **Life threatening emergency – call 911**

Note that cell phones calls are

sometimes routed through distant locations and do not necessarily give the emergency responders your location.

**24 Hour UCSB Police Line – 805-893-3446 (non-emergency)** Don't hesitate to call the police if you see or have experienced suspicious activity, such as car break-ins, intrusions into our pool and spa after hours, people rifling through our recycle bins. **See something, say something.**

**24 Hour WCP Emergency Line – Bartlein & Co. 805-569-1121.** The person on-call will attend to the emergency.

#### **Reverse 911 registration.**

You can register with the Santa Barbara Sheriff Department:  
<http://www.sbsheriff.org/reverse911a.html>

**Power outages. Remember that no toilets should be flushed nor any water allowed down the drains during a power outage!**

**Gas leaks.** IMMEDIATELY EVACUATE the area, and from a safe location, call SoCal Gas at 1-800-427-2200 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You can schedule an appointment with the Gas Company to inspect your gas appliances.

**Gas turnoff in an emergency,** such as an earthquake. Know how to turn off the gas meter, located at the side of your chimney. There are wrenches in each cluster's electricity/phone kiosk for this purpose if you do not have your own.

## West Campus Point List of Officers and Committees

### HOA board

Term beginning December 8, 2015

- Dorothy Gonzalez, President
- Kary O'Brien, 1st Vice President
- Sarah Cline, 2nd Vice President;
- Allison Moehlis, Secretary
- Anna Spickard, Treasurer

### Management Company

Bartlein & Company, Inc., Dave Russo,  
property manager

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### Architectural Review Board representatives

- Cynthia Kaplan (WCP)  
Tess Cruz (WCP)
- University members: Dennis  
Whelan, Chuck Haines, Jack Wolever.  
Coordinator for the board, Rosemary  
Peterson; assistant, Blake Cardoza

### Capital Improvements Committee

Cynthia Kaplan, Kate Metropolis

### Leak Remediation Loan Repayment Committee

Harold Marcuse, Gail Humphreys

### Solar Committee

Cathy Weinberger

### Landscape Maintenance

Dorothy Gonzalez

Sarah Cline

### Landscape Redesign Committee

Dominique Jullien, chair; Paul Spickard,  
Shane Jimerson, Stephan Kraemer, Gail  
Humphreys

### Tree Committee

Dominique Jullien, Paul Spickard, Sarah  
Cline

### Financial Reserve Study Committee

Tess Cruz, chair; Harold Marcuse, Anna  
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