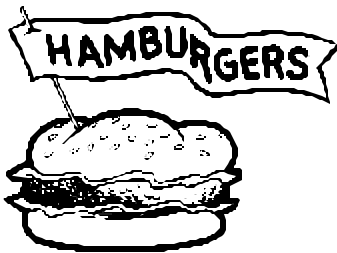


## A.H.P.O.A. 2003 Summer Newsletter

# Audubon Hills Community Picnic



Put **Sunday, September 7, 2003** from **2pm—5pm**, on your calendar, in pen, now! That way, it's an appointment you can't change! It's definitely one you don't want to miss. We've gotten a lot of promises to attend, so we'll be looking for you this year!! We purposely changed the

picnic to a Sunday because, after all, Sunday is supposed to be a day of rest, so rest. We'll cook for you!

This is purely a neighbor friendly, kid friendly, & chore friendly day. We designed it that way, so you can't help but want to go! All you have to do is choose a meal and pay for it now. We'll do the rest. Come ON! You know you've been curious, and have wanted to go. We promise not to bite, debate, vote, or be BORING!!! There's only room for pleasantness and fun. REALLY.

Each year, more and more singles, couples, and families come. Last year 48 people came. Everyone has a great time, which IS the point of the day. Again, we'll have the jumping balloon and games to keep the kids entertained.

If you have any questions or need a ride to dinner, e-mail us or give us a call at 647-8878. The picnic is a day for everyone, so we hope everyone will give it a chance!

Please fill in the form on page 5, and send it back to us by August 21, so we can prepare and purchase all the items for our day. Again we'll have hamburgers or a boneless chicken breast, salads, soda's, and homemade ice cream!

We can't wait to see you!



### **AHCSO Officer's**

Chairman -Mike Fennessy

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644-3855

Co-Chair -Craig Tarzia

644-4807

Treasurer -Ernie Woods

644-0971

### Directors

Jim McCarthy

647-8878

Victor House

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### **AHPOA Officer's**

Chairman -Jim McCarthy

Co-Chair -Kim McCarthy

ahpoa@techrace.com

647-8878

Secretary/Treasurer

Sue Collier 644-8878

Neighborhood Watch-

Jim Wells

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Directors-

Steve Bates

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Don Murray

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# Audubon Hills Community Meeting Minutes - June 21st.

Audubon Hills Property Owner Association Meeting Minutes  
**June 21, 2003**-Called to order 9:20am

Officers: James McCarthy, President; Kimberly McCarthy, vice-president; Suzanne Collier, Secretary-Treasurer; Jim Wells, Neighborhood Watch; Don Murray, Director; Steve Bates, Director.

Dedications- There are two people that have been instrumental to the creation and development of Audubon Hills. In an effort to express our appreciation AND continue the beautification of Audubon Hills, two benches have been dedicated to Merrill Adams and Walter Haefeale.

Merrill's plaque reads: Merrill Adams 1906 – 2000 The father of AUDUBON HILLS  
Walter's plaque reads: Dedicated to Walter Haefeale For his hand in creating AUDUBON HILLS

All in attendance were pleased with the benches, and Walter was quite surprised, which was our intention! Soon, the benches will be placed in cement, on Audubon Drive, at the big curve (4 corners) and in front of the Haefeale's home. Perfect resting spots, while on a walk.

Elections-The positions vice president and a director's position were up for election.

\*\*Ernie Woods motioned to retain Kim McCarthy and Steve Bates for their respective positions. All were in favor.

Appreciation-Whitey Atchley expressed his appreciation to the current board, for all their efforts.

Financial Statement-Sue Collier has been wonderful keeping up with all the records for our accounts. The start of the treasurer's report is \$5108.79 and ending is \$6291.96. We've had a record this year, of paid dues, which is really appreciated.

Neighborhood Watch-Police don't inform NW, so each officer has to communicate with the commander, to make NW work. Being an officer isn't time consuming, but merely a person to help contact a few neighbors in the event of an emergency.

"Operation Identification" is a program that is encouraged by law enforcement and supported by NW. This program basic principal is to engrave all items of value you own. Engraving or markings of any kind reduce the value of that particular item for resale. If you property is found by law enforcement, they know where to find the owner. We would like to purchase a heavy-duty engraver, to loan out, so all neighbors can mark their items.

\*\*Whitey Atchley made a motion to purchase an engraver for loan to neighbors. All in favor, passed.

NW stickers vs. License plate frames-there were a lot of discussion on this topic. We need to order new stickers, but wanted to give neighbors the option. Most people didn't want bumper stickers on their cars, some like the idea of license plate frames, some liked stickers. All agreed a non-descript sticker would be best (doesn't say Audubon Hills), because it could be dangerous for law enforcement and the like that live in here. They don't want to be found! All agreed, a sticker with a bird would be sufficient enough, and we didn't need license plate frames. The purpose of the stickers is so we know that the person on the street lives here.

\*\*Motion was made to purchase both static cling AND outside window stickers (for dark back windows). All in favor, passed.

New neighborhood watch areas have been established, and we are currently looking for volunteer captains. Please sign up for your area, on the table, and we will contact you with a meeting for Neighborhood

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Watch orientation. If you've been a captain before, and still wish to be, please sign up. We are not assuming previous positions held are still desired.

Emergency Exit Maps-We are looking at updating the maps. We don't want a free for all scramble, in the event of our entrance being blocked. We need to keep these emergency exits clear, which has not been done in some time. Sheriff and Fire will need to be notified, but not responsible for their upkeep. We plan on returning to the owners of adjacent properties, and re-requesting their permission to pass in the event of an emergency. So far, most owners have been in agreement to allow passage through their property. Keep in mind, fire will make every effort to make our front exit passable, but a back up plan is always a smart idea.

CSD-Slash from roadside clearing is the property owner's responsibility. The owners were supposed to clear back on their property in the first place, so their job has been cut in half!

Property Tax-Owners get a tax reduction for owner occupied dwellings. It's called a "Homeowners Exemption". Take a look at your tax bill to see if it's on there. If your home has been a vacation home, and is now your permanent dwelling, you probably don't have the discount. Be sure to ask the tax collector about various discounts for seniors.

Street Signs-In the event of a fire, all of our street signs would burn. This makes it incredibly difficult for the fire department, paramedics, or sheriff to find our streets if there is an emergency in your home. Mark Stanley also said that heavy smoke would also impair sight of the signs, because the signs are not reflective. We would like to purchase quality, stylish, fire resistance street signs for Audubon Hills. No purchases would be made, until all members vote on the one they feel best fits our neighborhood and safety.

\*\*A motion is made to purchase new charming metal/reflective street signs for all the streets in Audubon Hills. All in favor, passed.

Bus Stop Maintenance-Volunteers are needed to pressure wash and paint the bus stop. It was originally made and finished in 1989, during the Loma Prieta Quake. Please sign up on the form on the table, call, or e-mail us.

Bylaws- Discussed updated bylaws to clearly state our purpose and election schedule. Motion made by Ernie Woods to approve new bylaws, all were in favor.

Speeders-Once again, speeders have been of issue. This isn't any different that it has since Audubon Drive has been paved. The safety difference is that there are more people living in here, and at the rate some neighbor's, their friends, and delivery drive, it's only a matter of time before someone gets hurt. We can't keep ignoring the problem, only to take action after something happens. Speed bumps or dips don't work, because of snow clearing issue's appeal to younger drivers to "peel out" on them, and who wants to be the first person with a speed bump in front of their house? All the noise of construction and delivery trucks would drive them nuts.

\*\*A motion was made to have CSD review this problem and see if they can come up with any solutions. It's a road maintenance issue, so they should handle it. All in favor, passed.

Gate-This issue needs to be put to rest. A gate will not be feasible for Audubon Hills. There isn't enough room to provide a place to stop while the gate is opening. Traffic can't wait on North Canyon and the slope on Audubon Drive before North Canyon is too icy and steep to stop on in the winter. The county will not permit us to put one in.

Video Camera-After the recent crime wave, the discussion of video cameras was on everybody's mind. Mark Stanley mentioned the continued maintenance on these items is relentless. Most agreed that this was something that probably wouldn't get done. Some ideas were shared, and we are currently exploring those solutions to our break-in issues. We have to be the eyes and ears of our community. A good neighborhood watch program isn't nose, it's crime prevention. Let's work together on this.

Meeting adjourned 10:45am

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# www.audubonhills.org AND www.ahpoa.org

We have a new website for Audubon Hills, it's:

**www.audubonhills.org**

Coming soon we'll have:

**www.ahpoa.org**

This change will come over the next month, as we are changing some of our web-pages to make them more user friendly. Either web-address will link to the same website.

Why two names? How many of you spell Audubon right? I'll give you a hint, less than half! Most forget the "u", somewhere in the name or a vowel is replaced by another vowel that sounds the same. As we all know, the English language is not always as it sounds, so we're making it easier on you.



AHPOA (which stands for Audubon Hills Property Association), tends to be easier to remember and spell!! We understand that, so we put the issue to rest, by using both. That way, established neighbors, perspective buyers, and new neighbors can look up our community in any fashion they deem the easiest.

So, remember to bookmark the new address. The website has several interesting facts and a lot local information to offer.

## Newspapers

The crime in Audubon Hills takes many forms. Some from outside sources, some from inside. We have been alerted by several neighbors of periodic thefts of their newspapers. Specifically, but not limited to, the Sunday paper.

Just as a reminder, this is not "borrowing", this is not "using", this is THEFT. Not only is it a nuisance, it's illegal. Are we going to call the newspaper cops, to punish to the fullest extent of the law? Probably not. But please keep in mind that people don't take kindly to others helping themselves to items that don't belong to them. Just because it has not been picked it up yet, does not mean it is not going to be picked up by it's rightful owner, ON THEIR OWN TIME. Please, if you want a paper, don't pick up someone else's, go buy one. It's not neighborly and it's not right. We can see about getting a newspaper box somewhere in Audubon, if anyone is interested. That will allow those of us without a subscription, to get a paper close by. Please let us know.



**Please return this form, by August 21,  
with your payment and meal order,  
for the September 7 picnic.  
to P.O. Box 631, Camino, CA 95709  
Thank You.**

Our old fashioned family picnic and BBQ will include hamburgers or a boneless chicken breast, salads, soda's, and homemade ice cream! Pay now and show up, at Camino School, on Sunday, September 7 for a meal that will be cooked just for you! To help us help you, please let us know if you are coming, so we know how many fixins to purchase. Thank you.

**Picnic: Sunday, September 7, 2pm—5pm (see below)**

We will attend the picnic and we will need Totals

\_\_\_\_\_ # of Hamburger dinners at **\$5 each**.....\$\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # of Chicken dinners at **\$5 each**.....\$\_\_\_\_\_

We will attend the picnic, but well bring our own dinner.....\$ 0

\_\_\_\_\_ # attending

**Property Owners Information Update**

**TOTAL ENCLOSED...\$\_\_\_\_\_**

Name(s)\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail\_\_\_\_\_

A.H. Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_

## Items of Interest

There are some items of interest to look at, on the meeting minutes on pages 2-3.

- Two benches, for our community, where dedicated to Merrill Adams and Walter Haefele, and both should be set in concrete before fall.
- We are designing and ordering new Neighborhood Watch stickers, for our vehicles.
- New Neighborhood Watch Area's and Maps have been established. We will be calling for volunteers in area's that don't have watch captains.
- We are establishing rights of way, and clearance of our Emergency Exits and hope to have new maps out shortly.
- To help emergency personnel find our homes, we will be purchasing new reflective street signs. Please see section on this.
- Speeders
- Video camera and front gate issues where discussed.

Audubon Hills Property  
Owners Association

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Check out our  
**NEW** Website:  
[www.audubonhills.org](http://www.audubonhills.org)

## Neighborhood & Community Dates To Remember:

### Saturday's

Placerville Farmers Market

### August 18

Camino School Starts

### August 30

Apple Hill Season Opens

### September 7

AHPOA Community Picnic-@ Camino School- sign up page 5

### September 13

6th Annual El Dorado County Harvest Fair, Logging Days and Wine Festival

### November 2

Apple Hill Harvest Run

