

CHPOA

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Corona Highlands Property Owners Association NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to 2008! Join CHPOA Now!

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR
CHPOA MEMBERSHIP FOR 2008!

MEMBERSHIP! MEMBERSHIP! MEMBERSHIP!

It's more important than ever to be a part of the CHPOA. It's easier than ever now too. You can re-new for 2008 via Paypal at www.coronahighlands.org for a nominal processing fee. It's very convenient—no checks needed, no mailing necessary, and it's safe and secure. Dues are \$85.00 this year. Please sign up today!



BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Private Access to the beach
- Enforcement of CC&R's
- Neighborhood Directory

If you would still like to re-new the old-fashioned way, please complete the form BELOW and mail to: **CHPOA • P.O. Box 415 • Corona del Mar, CA 92625.**

ANNUAL JANUARY 2008 GENERAL CHPOA RESIDENTS MEETING JANUARY 22 2008, 6:30 P.M.

Please join us at 409 Cabrillo Terrace for the 2008 Annual Meeting.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: (If you don't live onsite) _____

e-Mail: _____ @ _____

Phone: _____



Dear Neighbor;
Now that it's really cold, I notice that the fires in that my neighbors are burning smell really bad. It's wreaking havoc with my asthma and sinuses. Is there a nice way to ask them to burn wood that isn't quite so smell?

—B.F. De Sola Terrace

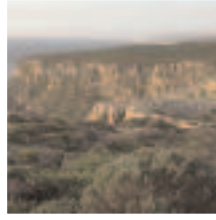
I know what you mean—Sometimes it feels like I'm in the middle of a forest fire with the way the fire-wood smells.

Fires definitely look pretty and these days, it's fairly easy to avoid burning real wood. You can buy gas logs and use those—they look very realistic these days. There are also extended burning logs, which really burn, but aren't wood; however, they burn like wood without the smell.

If you feel comfortable, ask your neighbor not to burn wood if it really bothers you. Don't forget to say 'please'.

And lastly, if you are one of those folks who loves a fire in the fire-place (and who doesn't?), see the other side of this newsletter about the health hazzards of wood burning.

If you have any questions for the 'Ask Your Neighbor' column please submit them to kerry@onefishdesign.net



JANUARY 2008 BOARD MEETING

Please join us January 15, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at 409 Cabrillo Terrace for our regular CHPOA Board Meeting.

TIDBITS

ARCHITECTURAL PLANS

Please, prior to the development of your architectural plans, contact Mike Tyre at 760-0556 to determine how to best fit within the current guidelines.

For new construction, go to:

www.city.newport-beach.ca.us/PLN/Planning.html

and see exactly what has been proposed/approved and where the permit process is going on any particular construction project.

We're still looking for volunteers for the Architectural Committee too, please **contact Scott Tomlinson at 759-9375 to help.**

Corona Del Mar Library

Beginning October 2, 2007, there will be story time in the library on Tuesdays at 10:30 am. A great idea for small kids and your attendance will help to keep the library open.

Construction Hours

Just a reminder, construction hours are Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., Saturday 8:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m., and Sundays and Holidays-off!

Membership Beach Keys

If you are a member of the CHPOA, you are entitled to use the private entrance to the beach. Lost key replacements are \$75. E-mail Doug Daniels at doug2222@earthlink.net or call 760-0412.

Vacation

Call the Newport Beach Police Department and signup for a "Vacation Check" **949-644-3717**. Also, you can stop your mail and newspaper delivery, or have a trusted friend or neighbor pick up your mail/newspapers while you are away.

Neighborhood Watch Crime Report

We're still seeing a lot of car break-ins and residential burglaries. Please be vigilant about taking your valuables out of your cars. Report any suspicious behavior immediately.

Emergency: 911 • Non-emergency: 949-644-3717

IT'S DEFINITELY COLD— LET'S TALK ABOUT BURNING WOOD IN THE FIREPLACE.

Smoke may smell good, but it's not good for you. If you are healthy, you are not usually at major risk from smoke. Still, it's a good idea to avoid breathing smoke if you can help it.

Smoke is made up of a complex mixture of gases and fine particles produced when wood and other organic matter burn. The biggest health threat from smoke comes from fine particles (also called particulate matter or PM). These microscopic particles can get into your eyes and respiratory system, where they can cause health problems such as burning eyes, runny nose, and illnesses such as bronchitis. Fine particles also can aggravate chronic heart and lung diseases—and are linked to premature deaths in people with these chronic conditions.

Some people are more susceptible than others:

- If you have heart or lung disease, such as congestive heart failure, angina, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, emphysema or asthma, you may experience health effects earlier and at lower smoke levels than healthy people.
- Older adults are more likely to be affected by smoke, possibly because they are more likely to have chronic heart or lung diseases than younger people.
- Children also are more susceptible to smoke for several reasons: their respiratory systems are still developing; they breathe more air (and air pollution) per pound of body weight than adults; and they're more likely to be active outdoors.

How to tell if smoke is affecting you:

Smoke can irritate the eyes and airways, causing coughing, a scratchy throat, irritated sinuses, headaches, stinging eyes, or a runny nose. If you have heart or lung disease, smoke might make your symptoms worse.

According to the EPA: Wood smoke is waste. Any smoke that escapes from your wood stove unburned is wasted fuel that will stick in your chimney as creosote or be released as air pollution. An old or poorly installed wood stove can result in higher maintenance costs, greater risk of smoke in your home, and more environmental pollution. It could cause a house fire.

Source: <http://www.epa.gov/woodstoves/healtheffects.html>