



# AT Dockside

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Protecting property values and the quality of life in Ballena Bay – February - 2005

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## *President's Message*

*by Julie Wiard*

The New Year's Day Around the Island get together was a great success! Thank you to all who hosted and co-hosted! Each house had wonderful treats. It was also a wonderful treat to meet all the new neighbors. Happy New Year - we have a great year ahead of us to look forward to.

As I mentioned in the December Dockside, we will be forming a committee to review synthetic siding alternatives to reduce maintenance costs. If you are interested in helping on the committee, please contact me via email @ [jwiard@alamedanet.net](mailto:jwiard@alamedanet.net) or leave a message on my home phone, (510) 523-8702. We would like to form this committee as soon as possible.

## *Landscape*

Many of you may have noticed a few trees missing along Ballena Blvd at Tideway Drive. The one on 400 Tideway side fell during a storm and the two on the 300 Tideway side were taken down to prevent any injuries should they fall. Both were severely leaning. We are looking into options of trees to replace them. This is also the time of year when Sundance will be out and about trimming trees and shrubbery. This enables the plants grow more uniformly and strengthens the root system. I look forward to spring time when the plants start blooming again.

## *Waterside*

*By Rob Larsen*

Thanks to the work detail that helped pull the excess tires out of the water on Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup>. David Wiard supplied the vehicle for the big pull. Dick Bacigalupi manned the towboat. Tom Bliss helped with the stacking and the clean up. David Faustman was out for an innocent walk when he got roped into helping, welcome to the neighborhood. Everybody worked hard and received a good layer of mud. The tires should be picked up and hauled off by the recyclers by time you read this.

The dock ramps have had the non-skid coating applied (it really works), and the high tide roller attached to the bottoms. Next we will have the painters give them a coat of paint.

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We will be attaching plates to the top of the ramp hinges to prevent the ramps from separating from the landings at high tides.

The Aid to Navigation light and daymarker will be purchased and installed at the wave maze. This will fulfill the USCG requirements of our project.

And lastly we have our very own BCDC specialist, Shelly Bliss to close out our never ending Dock Project and have the City sign off on the final paperwork.

### ***Architectural and Landside***

*By Jim Nations*

While I presently have no active architectural issues to report on, I am looking for a few volunteers to serve on the Architectural committee. The main purpose of the committee is to review architectural applications of our homeowners and assist in presenting them to the Board. We meet on an "as needed" basis when fellow home owners have submitted plan changes to their homes that require architectural review. The time commitment is probably two hours every other month on the average.

Please give me a call if you are interested in helping out. 523-2294.

Landside, and the Board as a whole, is continuing to investigate ways in which to address the long term maintenance issues of the exteriors of our homes. We will keep you informed as we progress.

### ***Message From The Treasurer***

*By Jeff Frankel*

The BBTA website has been moved to a commercial hosting service from the old server under Jeff's desk. No change in how it is accessed:

[www.ballena.net](http://www.ballena.net)

It will be updated with new addresses and current information over the next month and the new directories will ready in 60-days or less. Please get any last-minute changes in contact or owner status to Jeff.





## *Neighborhood Communications*

*By Audrey Kramer*

### *Neighborhood Update:*

On a sad note, David Wild, one of our neighbors recently passed away.

### *“Being Neighborly”*

It is good to be a friend and a good neighbor...

Hand-to-hand,

Heart-to heart,

Spirit-to-spirit,

For friendship is the key that opens

The door to harmony,

The river of peace,

And the hope for the future.

It is good to have, and to be, a friend.

For true friendship brings to community

A sense of well-being and neighborly unity.

### *Monthly Board Meetings:*

As always, the board welcomes and encourages all homeowners to come to monthly board meetings. You may remain for the entire meeting; however, only the first portion of the meeting is open for homeowners to ask questions, express comments or make suggestions.

Please feel free to contact me or any other board member regarding any issues relating to the BBTA.

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## **Next Board Meeting** **Thursday, February 17, 7:30 PM** **At Ballena Bay Yacht Club**

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