



# AT Dockside

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

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## *President's Message*

*by Julie Wiard*

It's nice to see the wonderful spring weather peek its head around the corner. With spring, come the flowers, birds and more activity in the neighborhood as people take to their boats. I look forward to more anchor outs this year and getting to spend time with all the neighbors in a relaxed fun setting.

We have had another sad event in the neighborhood with the passing of Gordon Robinson a few weeks ago. It reminds me that life is very precious and we should all spend more quality time with our families, friends & neighbors. The Board's sympathies are with the Robinson family at this time. As I mentioned, spring is right around the corner, and as head of the landscape committee, I would like to enlist a few more volunteers. One of the projects on our plate is to evaluate the entrance to our community, where we now have 6 missing trees along Ballena Blvd. Please contact me if you are interested in helping out on the Landscape Committee. (510) 523-8702 or [jwiard@alamedanet.net](mailto:jwiard@alamedanet.net)

We are moving forward with the inspection & bids for the next set of buildings to be painted. You should be seeing this cycle of building maintenance & painting happening over the next few months. Two events that usually happen in the neighborhood are the Association Picnic and the Bill Mills Annual Salmon Tournament. We did not have either of these last year. I have co-chairs for the Salmon Tournament that have approached me, but still need a chair for the Association Picnic. For the Salmon Tournament, Brad Jones & David Wiard have teamed up to put on this very fun event. Let them know if you are interested in helping out or participating. The date is still to be decided. Until next time, have a wonderful month!

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### ***Waterside Message***

*By Rob Larsen*

Thanks to the Waterside Use Committee, we will be sending out the questionnaire this week. Please take a few minutes to look it over, fill it out and return it.

There are only a few ramps remaining that need the attachments to the hinge in order to prevent separation at high tide.

Both the Aid to Navigation light and the daymarker have arrived. The design and fabrication of the brackets are in the works.

The newly formed Waterside Use Committee would like to invite any homeowner (especially seasoned vets) who would like to participate by contributing their knowledge and expertise to the committee. If you would like to volunteer for the Waterside Committee please contact Rob Larsen or any of the other committee members listed below. All BBTA members are welcome!

***Current Committee Members are:*** Dick Bacigalupi, Shelley Bliss, Michael Britt, Rico Kramer, Rob Larsen (Committee Chairman), Chris Penn, Andy Schmidt & David Wiard

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

*By Jim Nations*

Nothing to report at this time.

### ***Treasurer Message***

*By Jeff Frankel*

Nothing to report at this time.



***Neighborhood Communications Message***

*By Audrey Kramer*

As Julie mentioned above...life is short and often unpredictable. We should all strive to live each day as though it is our last, and try to remember to take time out to smell the flowers and be kind to one another.

***A safety tip for homeowners to consider:*** A fellow neighbor mention that she wears her life vest every time she goes down on the docks. Though it might not seem necessary to most...our ramps are quite steep at low tide and the docks can be very slippery. Remember, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Happy and safe boating to everyone!

As always, all homeowners are welcome and encouraged to participate in monthly board meetings. Meetings are open for homeowners to ask questions, express concerns or make suggestions. Hope to see you at the next meeting!

Once again, 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, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM**  
**At Ballena Bay Yacht Club**

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