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# SUMMERLAND SPLASH

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Summerland Citizens Association

Jan/Feb 2010

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## Greetings from the SCA Board

*Barbara McClain, SCA Secretary and Summerland Splash Editor*

The New Year is off to a great start. Our area has received some much needed rain and with it the hope of a beautiful spring. The 2010 SCA Board is also hopeful that you will continue to participate in the coming year and encourage your neighbors to also support the efforts of this association to maintain Summerland as the place to live, work and play.

Many community members attended the SCA holiday open house held on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Bill and Nancy Kimsey for the use of their retail space which was festively decorated with poinsettias, greens and dozens of votive candles. Participants mingled while enjoying potluck appetizers, desserts, wine, soft drinks and cider. It was a great opportunity to visit with neighbors and make new acquaintances. Flower arrangements donated by Fabulous Floral and an Amara Spa package were raffled off to benefit Summerland Beautiful. Thanks, too, to our District Supervisor Salud Carbajal and his assistant Jeremy Tittle for stopping by for a visit.

## SCA 2009 Accomplishments

At their January meeting, the SCA Board took stock of accomplishments in 2009 and began planning goals for 2010. Residents in attendance participated in a thoughtful and lively discussion. During 2009, the SCA addressed a variety of items, including:

- Updated the SCA Bylaws
- Established monthly meetings with First District Supervisor Carbajal
- Developed a community graffiti removal policy
- Increased business memberships and establishing a business sub-committee
- Provided input to Cal-Trans 101 Widening Project
- Maintained and increased utilization of Greenwell Preserve
- Addressed numerous traffic and safety issues
- Provided input regarding relocation of the Summerland Fire Station
- Updated the SCA liability coverage

One item from the 2009 goals – developing a community emergency preparedness plan – remained unaddressed at year end. In addition, items such as ongoing maintenance for Greenwell Preserve, the landscaping and watering of Lillie Avenue, input regarding the completion of Phase 2 & 3 of Lillie Avenue improvements, preservation of open space opportunities, preserving/replacing the community mural and underground utilities remain topics of interest.

Further discussion of goals for 2010 is planned at the February SCA meeting and the community is invited to attend and participate in shaping the focus of our Board and volunteers efforts in 2010.

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## Summerland Beautiful Committee

*Betty Franklin, Chair*

In January, the Summerland Beautiful Committee reviewed its accomplishments in 2009. Significant activities included:

- A successful Flag Fund drive resulted in donations of \$4,050, which was used to purchase U.S. flags and hardware to hang on new streetlight posts along Lillie Avenue
- Fund raising raffle at the “Celebrate Summerland” event and holiday poinsettia sales resulted in \$3,520, almost enough to fund landscaping and maintenance expenses for the year
- Initiation of the six-month “A Taste of Summerland” promotion to increase awareness and support of our local eateries, which, in turn, support Summerland Beautiful
- Expansion of litter patrols to include residents in Summerland Heights, the Summerland Cottages and on Finney Avenue.

In 2010, the Committee will continue its fund raising efforts with another “Celebrate Summerland” raffle and holiday poinsettia sales. Volunteers are needed for both, including someone who is willing to coordinate the poinsettia sales for November/December.

A community clean up day is also planned for April, perhaps in coordination with garage sales throughout town. Those with ideas in this regard are welcome to send them to [summerlandbeautiful@gmail.com](mailto:summerlandbeautiful@gmail.com).

## Board of Architectural Review (BAR) Committee

*Jeff O'Neil, Chair*

At the last two meetings, the BAR was primarily been focusing on the ongoing discussions with the gas station owners regarding the oversized, non-functioning chimney and their plans to remove the canopy and add more lighting.

## Greenwell Preserve Committee

*Dave Hill, Chair*

The -Greenwell Preserve Committee met on February 4<sup>th</sup> and made plans for the coming year. A proposed maintenance schedule was discussed, and funding sources, including lighting district funds, if available, were considered. The California Conservation Corps will be utilized again this year to do the work, and a volunteer day will be scheduled in the spring, as well.

Officers re-elected were Dave Hill, Chairman and Treasurer, and Mary Holzhauer, Secretary. Additional Committee members are Ron McClain, Jeff O'Neil, Sarah Hall, and Fran Davis. Other goals discussed were to develop a current brochure, formalize an advisory committee and review our mission statement.

## Summerland Business Committee

*Theresa Borgatello-Carlson, Chair*

At a recent Summerland Business Committee meeting, attendees present agreed on the following organizational assignments: Chair - Theresa Borgatello-Carlson, owner of Bellezza Vita; Vice-Chair – Deirdre Gerry, manager of Just Folk; and Treasurer – Jeff Melnik, owner of Summerland Beach Café.

The Committee is in the process of recruiting a volunteer for the secretary position. In addition, the Committee is finalizing their mission statement and meeting schedule. At their February meeting, the Committee will establish sub-groups to begin working on the 2010 ‘Celebrate Summerland’ event as part of their goals planning for the year.

## TIME TO RENEW YOUR SCA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

If you are a Summerland resident, property owner or business owner, we encourage you to join the Summerland Citizens Association (SCA). An annual membership includes the opportunity to participate in electing or holding a position on the SCA Board, bi-monthly publications of the *Summerland Splash*, as well as notification related to pertinent issues and events in Summerland.

Annual membership dues are as follows:

- ❖ Individual \$25
- ❖ Family/Business \$40

It's that time of year! Reminder notices will soon be sent to current association members. The Board would like to encourage you to renew your membership by completing the membership application distributed with this edition of the *Splash* and mailing it with your check payable to Summerland Citizens Association to P.O. Box 508, Summerland, CA. 93067.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### A TASTE OF SUMMERLAND – TUESDAY, FEB 9<sup>TH</sup>

PLACE: CAFÉ LUNA  
TIME: ALL DAY (7 AM– 4 PM)

### SUMMERLAND BEAUTIFUL – TUESDAY, FEB 9<sup>TH</sup>

PLACE: CAFÉ LUNA  
TIME: 12:00 PM

### SCA BOARD MEETING – WEDNESDAY, FEB 10<sup>TH</sup>

PLACE: SUMMERLAND CHURCH  
TIME: 7:00 PM

### BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

PLACE: SUMMERLAND CHURCH  
DATE/TIME: CHECK POST OFFICE BULLETIN BOARD

### SCA BOARD MEETING – WEDNESDAY, MAR 10<sup>TH</sup>

PLACE: SUMMERLAND CHURCH  
TIME: 7:00 PM

### SUMMERLAND BEAUTIFUL – TUESDAY, MAR 16<sup>TH</sup>

PLACE: GREENWELL PRESERVE  
TIME: 4:00 PM

## Summerland Memorial Park

For the past year, the Summerland Beautiful Committee deliberated on how best to acknowledge those in our community who make monetary donations to annually replace the flag that flies on the WWI monument, which is designated as a Santa Barbara County historical landmark by the Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission.

First and foremost, the committee sought a solution that would be in keeping with the overall design of the park and not detract from the significance of the monument. A sub-group was formed to research placement, design and the type of material to use. After much research and discussion with members of the Santa Barbara County Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission, the committee's chair Betty Franklin presented a concept for a large, flat-faced boulder on which bronze donor plaques would be placed. The Committee felt that this solution both preserved the integrity of the monument and complemented the landscaping, and it was unanimously approved.

Pat Scott and Mike Harrington of Stoneyard Building Materials in Santa Barbara generously offered to donate, prepare and deliver the lichen-covered 2,500 pound sandstone boulder, which was installed at the Park on January 13<sup>th</sup>, following the Summerland Beautiful Committee meeting. The Committee is exceedingly grateful to Stoneyard Building for their generosity to the Summerland community.

Bob Duncan, a Carpinteria resident and Korean War veteran, also attended the January meeting and later watched as the boulder was placed at the Park. Bob shared with the Committee his memories of first finding the WWI memorial at its original location at Wallace and Evans near the railroad tracks. In addition, Bob provided the Committee members with a SB-News-Press article by Sally Cappon published on September 24, 1998, which provided the monument's history and documented the move to its current location.

The article stated that the monument "was dedicated on September 21, 1918" at the Wallace and Evans location, which would have been the center of town when "Old Coast Highway ran along Wallace." When Highway 101 was built in 1952, the town's center shifted to Lillie Avenue. Sometime in the mid 70's, "the flagpole was moved to Summerland Memorial Park," while the monument (7 feet tall and weighing 10 tons) remained "half hidden in brush alongside the railroad tracks."

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## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

If it is community related and it's important to you, we want to hear about it. You can write to us anytime by sending an e-mail to [summerlandcitizens@gmail.com](mailto:summerlandcitizens@gmail.com) or a letter to P.O. Box 508, Summerland, CA 93067-0508. If it is one of those kinds of conversations that is better had one on one, do not hesitate to call any Board member. We want very much to keep an open dialogue with Summerland citizens.

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### SCA Committees:

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Bob Duncan decided to “reunite the monument with the flagpole.” He obtained approval from the SCA and then worked with Bill Stewart, a Santa Barbara attorney, the late philanthropist Pierre Claeysens and the county Historic Landmark Advisory Commission to make it happen. A plaque continues to mark the original site of the monument.

For many years now, Bob has maintained the monument, repainting the lettering every year and repairing or replacing flag as needed. With the assistance of Summerland resident Michael LoMonaco, lighting is maintained so that the flag can fly day and night.

Summerland Beautiful's former, long-time chair Barbara Godley designed the initial Summerland Memorial Park landscape plan with a red, white and blue blossoms color scheme. This setting, in the center of our community, reminds us of our servicemen “lest we forget.”

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