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NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Do you have any suggestions for our Newsletter? You may mail news items or ideas to Las Americas Owners Association, ATTN. Susan Miera, PO Box 15456, Santa Fe, NM 87592-5456. Would you like to be on the mailing list? Just mail us your name and address. Owners of investment property are reminded to provide a copy of this newsletter to tenants.

Everyone is invited to attend the next Board meeting of the Las Americas Owners Association at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, January 26, 2010 in the Breakfast Room of Comfort Suites, 3348 Cerrillos Road. Quarterly Board Meetings are the fourth Tuesdays in January, April and July. The Annual Owners Meeting is the fourth Tuesday in October.

The annual meeting in October was very well attended. Every seat in the room was taken and people dragged in whatever furniture they could from the lobby. The rest crowded around the doorway to listen. Adding in the 27 proxy forms, the membership was well represented.

In addressing the request for input on the proposed new rules and regulations, it was stated that 11 letters were received. When you consider that there are only 84 properties in Las Americas, that's over one in eight households that took the time to meet with the Board's requirements and deliver their letter by US Mail within 30 days. To put this in perspective, it's like getting letters from over 16 million households sent to Congress on a national issue.

Besides being exceptionally well attended, the meeting was an especially long Association meeting, and much was discussed. Presentations were made by Officer Louis Montoya of the SFPD Crime Prevention Unit and Animal Services Officer Clyde Segura. The motion to adopt the proposed new rules and regulations was tabled. The two Board Members whose terms were expiring chose not to seek reelection. Three other Board Members resigned. New Board Members were elected. The current Board Members are, in alphabetical order, Eric LeMasters, Susan Miera, Anke Mihalas, Wilson Plowman, Sabrina Salvato and Martin Wright.

Many thanks to the departing Board Members for their hard work. Our gratitude to all the property owners for taking the time to act in their own best interests and in the interests of the neighborhood. Your positive participation in our community is always welcome.

Copies of Las Americas Owners Association documents and newsletters are available online. Point your browser to www.RealEstateInSantaFe.com/lasamericas/.

LAS AMERICAS HELP LINE

Residents are expected to be considerate and respectful neighbors. The Las Americas Owners Association encourages residents to resolve any differences by 1) discussing concerns with the other neighbor(s) involved and 2) coming to a satisfactory agreement with your neighbor(s). If you are still unsuccessful, individuals from the Board of Directors volunteer to assist with settlement of issues. For the months of January, February and March, you may contact Martin Wright at 473-0698.

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VOLUNTEER FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We are looking for a volunteer to fill a vacancy on the Board. No Director shall receive compensation for any service he or she may render to the Association in the capacity of Director. Here are some basic requirements to serve:

- Attend quarterly meetings
- Take turns on the Help Line
- Communicate civilly with owners and residents
- Commit to positive participation in our community
- Association dues cannot be delinquent

If you would like to be considered for an appointment as a Director, please attend the next board meeting on January 26 to express your interest.

GOOD WORKMANSHIP MESSAGE BOARD

Martin Wright says these are the people he calls when he wants to get the job done.

Amenity Electric - electrical repairs and renovations

505 429 1300

A Sullivan Plumbing - plumbing and heating service 505 280 4897

Aragon Enterprises - plaster and stucco: new construction, repairs or replacement

505 204 1470

Carpet Works - carpet cleaning with high-power custom equipment 505 473 3534

Dominguez CarpetOne - all types of flooring, wall and counter tiles for kitchen and baths 505 988 3022 or 866 820 1910

Xtreme Painting - interior / exterior painting and drywall repair 505 473 4764

Disclaimer: The GOOD WORKMANSHIP postings are based on suggestions made by individual residents. These are **not** recommendations made by Las Americas Owners Association.

(If you have the name of anyone who has done good work for you, please pass that name on to a Board member to add to the list in our next newsletter and to keep on file for future reference.)