

Jim Macemon

We moved to GVH in 1996 and two of our three boys (all in their 30s now) graduated from Poway High. I am an engineering executive in the medical device industry and work with engineers, scientists and manufacturing teams to create new devices to improve patient care. Many GVHA residents wave as they pass me on Orchard Gate Road walking my golden retriever with his smaller pack-carrying buddy. Sometimes I'm wearing a pack as well as I prepare for another mountain climb (Rainier, Whitney, Hood, Baker, and others). Other interests and activities include: singing, sailing/racing, church, home improvement projects (do they ever end?) and processing/selling Macadamia nuts from our grove.

Paralel notes from GVHA annual mt. 8/31/2011

Inquiries Regarding Emergency Exit Alternative to Martincoit Road

Given the devastating fires of a few years ago, the Board has received many inquiries as to the possibility or availability of an alternative emergency exit for Green Valley Highlands residents in the event Martincoit Road is blocked. The Board has made specific inquiries of the Poway Fire Department, in order to explore this issue. When the Board contacted the City, the City indicated the Fire Department was the appropriate entity to respond to us.

Fire Marshall Kevin Kitch then verified for the Board the only viable alternative exits that have ever been considered are through the end of Arroya Vista Road, or at the end of Wild Holly – where it can be seen that the neighborhood below us begins. However, following an extensive review of the cost involved to open the end of Arroya Vista Road with a gravel path (which would include reconstructing a drain in the road, removing dirt and boulders, and then adding the gravel), and following financial considerations of a similar situation in providing access through Wild Holly to the neighborhood below (which would also involve excavation and leveling of the area in order to make it drivable), the conclusion reached by the City and reported by the Poway Fire Marshall is that there are not available funds to undertake either project to allow even emergency access to our neighborhood through these two streets. The cost to complete either project was estimated to be nearly \$1,000,000, and Fire Marshall Kitch relayed to us that “those funds are simply not available to the City,” as there are many other issues the City needs to address which are of relatively higher importance. The Fire Marshall did reassure the Board that in the event of a fire or other emergency situation where Martincoit Road is or could possibly become blocked, the Sheriff and Fire Department have keys to the Green Valley Estates gates at the top of Martincoit at its intersection with Orchard Gate Road, and those gates will be opened at the first indication of any issue which could affect access for Green Valley Highlands homeowners.

Landscaping Concerns

As you know, certain issues relating to each of our properties are controlled by the Protective Covenants, which can be accessed and viewed in their entirety on the Association’s website, www.gvha.us. Given numerous recent complaints, and with an eye to not only keeping our