

# THE VICENTE CANYON VOICE

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## VCNA's 5th Annual Meeting & Potluck BBQ To Be Held Sunday, September 9

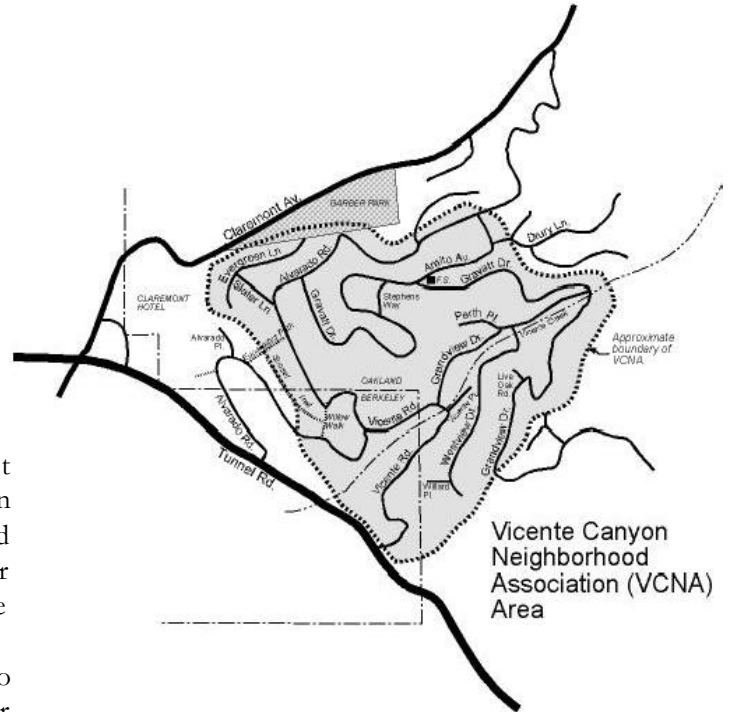
*Save the date on your calendars today!*

**What:** VCNA General Membership Meeting & Potluck BBQ  
**When:** Sunday, September 9  
**Time:** 4:00-7:00 PM  
**Place:** Home of Reeve Gould  
92 Gravatt Drive, Oakland

It has become an annual rite. What better way to get acquainted with your neighbors than the Vicente Canyon Neighborhood Association (VCNA) Annual Meeting and Potluck BBQ? Reeve Gould had such a good time last year that he's offered his home again for this year's meeting. We had such a good time, we'd be fools not to accept!

The event will start with a brief business meeting to discuss important neighborhood issues, followed by dinner and libations. Come learn what's happening in our neighborhood, meet new neighbors, and get reacquainted with others. (The meeting also is a convenient time to pay VCNA's annual \$10 dues. You will experience first hand what they are good for!)

Everyone living in the VCNA area is invited — just bring a dish to share. Grills will be fired up for those who want to BBQ. Wine, beer, and soft drinks will be provided



(evidence of your VCNA dues hard at work). Berkeley and Oakland City Council members, their representatives, our local firefighters, and beat officers also will be invited to join us.

If you have questions about or suggestions for the event, or would like to volunteer to help organize it, contact Susan Mattmann, VCNA's co-chairperson, at <[smattmann@mac.com](mailto:smattmann@mac.com)> or (510)540-0716.

## Earth Day Neighborhood Cleanup a Success

*City of Oakland Chips in Again*

*by Louise Miller*

The annual Earth Day Cleanup was held on the morning of Saturday, April 21. Fueled by Peet's coffee and Noah's bagels, about thirty neighbors joined in with shovels, rakes, clippers, chainsaws, and muscle power to help beautify the neighborhood. The City of Oakland provided tools, soft drinks, and colorful t-shirts to commemorate the event.

This year, the work crews concentrated on Willow Walk

and the adjacent open space, Sunset Trail, Vicente Path, and Vicente Creek at the junction of Grandview Drive and Vicente Road. They removed French Broom, Himalayan Blackberries, Eucalyptus seedlings, Poison Hemlock, and countless other weeds. With admirable efficiency, the City of Oakland picked up the plant debris by early afternoon.

A smaller, itinerant group cleaned and stenciled storm drains with the message: "Do not dump. Drains to Temescal Creek." Equipped with spray paint and a template (also provided by Oakland), they painted about 20 drains in blue and white, covering Vicente Place, Vicente Road, and parts of Grandview and Alvarado Road.

The day was considered a success by all who participated. A bonus was spending time with old friends and meeting new neighbors.

## Vicente Canyon Neighborhood Association

The *Vicente Canyon Voice* is published by the Vicente Canyon Neighborhood Association (VCNA).

Founded in 1997, VCNA works to promote and maintain the safety of the neighborhood surrounding Vicente and Claremont Canyons. It is managed by a volunteer steering committee, which meets monthly to discuss issues of importance to the neighborhood.

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If you would like to join the steering committee, or be a block captain for emergency preparedness purposes, please contact our chairpersons, Susan Mattmann or Matt Morse.

## VCNA Going Strong as it Celebrates 5th Anniversary

by Chris Johnson, VCNA Steering Committee and  
Past Chairman, VCNA

As it enters its fifth year, the Vicente Canyon Neighborhood Association (VCNA) is stronger and more involved than ever. Under the fine leadership of co-chairpersons Susan Mattman and Matt Morse, VCNA continues to represent and support the North Hills community in a variety of important ways.

Some of you may wonder what VCNA is, does, and why it exists. VCNA's charter is simple: We work to improve the safety and quality of life for residents of this community. VCNA provides a forum for residents to come together to address key issues of common concern, including fire safety, emergency response, disaster preparedness, neighborhood beautification, traffic, and security. It often represents this neighborhood on issues of regional interest. Over the years, VCNA has gained the respect of local governmental officials and agencies.

Our members played a major role in persuading the City of Oakland to keep Fire Station 7 funded and operating year round. Two years ago, VCNA took on ambitious brush-clearing programs in Garber Park and along area creeks. That work still continues. Last fall, we distributed free disaster/emergency planning kits to over 300 households in the area.

There's lots more. VCNA members negotiated with the City of Oakland and area residents to install security street lighting on one of the local paths. We represented our community

in discussions about the traffic signal in front of the Claremont Hotel. And, working with other community groups, we have endorsed the effort to have the Claremont Hotel listed on Oakland's historic buildings registry.

Each year, the Association organizes regular activities, including the Earth Day cleanup of neighborhood paths and a late-summer neighborhood meeting and potluck BBQ, where residents get to socialize and meet key city officials. VCNA also publishes and distributes this newsletter, the *Vicente Canyon Voice*, several times a year.

VCNA needs your support to continue this work. While the Association is entirely volunteer-driven and not-for-profit, we do incur some expenses (e.g., costs of copying and distributing this newsletter, bagels and beverages at the annual neighborhood Earth Day cleanup, beverages and rentals for our annual neighborhood general meeting).

Shortly before the September 9 general meeting, you'll receive a membership form and reply envelope. Please take a moment to fill out the form and return it in the envelope provided along with a check for \$10.00 (made payable to Vicente Canyon Neighborhood Association). Your donation will help us continue working to improve the safety and quality of life for residents of our community.

On behalf of the VCNA Steering Committee, thanks for your continued support.



**To all dog caretakers: Your neighbors (and their shoes, kids, lawns, and gardens) thank you for cleaning up after your dog. We all appreciate your efforts.**

## Fire Season Reminder

by Susan Mattmann

“The California Department of Forestry, in close cooperation with local fire departments, declared May 22nd to be the start of the 2001 fire season. Due to recent very warm temperatures and high winds that are rapidly drying grasses and other flammable vegetation, fire season was declared early this year.”

—Berkeley Fire Department Web site

The often cool and foggy beginning of our summers may lure us into forgetting that the fire season is right around the corner. But now is the time to create and maintain that defensible space around our homes, rather than waiting until the hot, dry, and windy days are upon us.

We can't control the weather, and there always will be sources of ignition, but we can regulate the amount and types of fuel that are out there to burn. How well we maintain our properties also can have an effect on how small a fire stays, or how voracious a fire can become. By taking vegetation management seriously, we can play an important part in assuring our safety.

Most wildland fires are started by sparks landing in dry grass or litter. Fast moving flames from these grasses can then ignite bushes

and shrubs, which can in turn ignite trees and our homes. Leaves, needles, and other debris on our roofs also catch fire easily, and can be blown great distances to start other fires. By cutting down our tall, dry grasses and cleaning up piles of dry litter about our yards, a spark (from a barbecue, a mower, a power tool, etc.) will have no tinder, and will most likely go out on its own. If our fire resistant roofs are cleared of flammable debris, the flying brand will have no easily ignitable fuel.

Reducing fuel load by clearing our properties of easy-to-ignite dry grasses and litter, and breaking up fuel mass by opening up space between plants and between plants and structures, can help prevent small, controllable fires from becoming large and out of control.

On June 7th, the Oakland fire department began inspecting properties for compliance with their Fire Hazard Abatement Requirements. Failure to comply can result in fines and tax liens on your property. Berkeley is also on the lookout for fire hazards and will cite those who do not remove them.

For further information about the Oakland inspections, or for a list of year-round vegetation management practices to create defensible spaces around our homes and neighborhood, please visit the VCNA Web site at: [www.neighborhoodlink.com](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com)

Let's all do our part to keep our neighborhood safe!

## Vacation Watch Services Available in Berkeley and Oakland

Going on vacation? If your house is going to be vacant while you are away, you might consider letting your local police department know — they will keep an eye out.

Berkeley residents should phone the Community Services' Line, Crime Prevention Unit at 981-5808. Be prepared to give the following information: dates of departure and return, contact person, whether anyone has access to the house, whether you have an alarm, whether you have a car parked on the street, and whether you have lights on timers. This information will be provided to the beat officer for your neighborhood. If you do have an alarm, be sure to phone your alarm company, and don't forget to set the alarm when you leave!

Oakland also offers a vacation check service. Anyone interested should call 238-3455 and ask for VACATION CHECK. Availability of this service depends on the workload of the beat officer in the area at the time.

## Neighbors Brushed Up First Aid Skills in VCNA-Sponsored Training Day

by Ann Smulka

In late January, VCNA sponsored a 5-hour class for neighborhood members interested in acquiring or brushing up their first aid skills. Susan Mattmann and Matt Morse organized and hosted the information-packed program, taught by Fast Response. The focus was on disaster first aid. The class received great reviews from those who attended.

Fast Response covered triage and how to prioritize, assess, and treat injuries. Training was hands-on and concluded with a scenario-based drill (complete with theatrical make-up to simulate varying degrees of injuries) to test our new knowledge. (Many treatments have changed since the first aid class I took thirty years ago!)

During a large-scale disaster, it's likely we'll have to rely on neighbors instead of city or county emergency services personnel. Let the VCNA steering committee know if you'd like us to organize another class. Alternatively, contact First Response at (510) 849-4009 to learn about their regularly scheduled weekly classes.

# Alta Bates Emergency Department Upgrade

by Alan Rudy, VCNA Steering Committee

**A**lta Bates Hospital (now known as Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, a Sutter Health Affiliate) is planning to upgrade and modernize its Emergency and Radiology Departments. They plan to start construction this August.

The City of Berkeley is requiring that a “Master Use Permit” be prepared and approved before the project begins. This tells the City what the hospital plans to do now and in the future. Complicating the process is long-standing opposition to hospital improvements from the local neighborhood. The principle objection appears to focus on parking and traffic (surprise!).

As the approval process grinds forward, the hospital is going out into the community to get support for its plan. I went to a well-attended presentation at Bev Goggio’s home on Slater Lane. Other than traffic and parking—which seem intractable—there are no other objections. Alta Bates would like letters of support from as many citizens as possible.

Our Association, which bridges Oakland and Berkeley, has a common interest in what happens at Alta Bates. Its Emergency Department is the one we are most likely to use. I suggest that you write Deborah Pitts, Manager of Public Affairs at Alta Bates, at 2450 Ashby Ave Berkeley CA 94705-9989 for more information or simply to voice your support. (See sidebar for information reprinted from Alta Bates’ Fact Sheet).

If there could be a general consensus, I believe it appropriate for VCNA to voice support as a group. Let our VCNA Chairpersons know your opinions.

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## Alvarado Hill Residents: Regarding Over-watering Your Lawns and Gardens

by Arthur Formichelli

**Y**ou may have noticed the continuous stream of water running down the sidewalk in front of the homes located at 149, 151, 155, and 159 Alvarado Road. The water is causing slippery conditions on the cement sidewalks fronting each home.

I contacted EBMUD to investigate the source of the water. Chemical analysis proved that the water collecting along the sidewalks was produced by the EBMUD system.

EBMUD also reviewed the water consumption of all properties located uphill, above the Alvarado Road addresses, as far as Gravatt Drive. Their investigation showed that many residents are over-watering their property. Some residents are using 3500 gallons of water per day. Others were using 3000, 2500, and 2000 gallons of water per day.

Over-watering can be harmful to lawns and gardens because it leaches nutrients out of the soil, can damage property located on the downhill side, and causes continually wet and slippery sidewalks.

Please check your water usage and keep it at a safe amount for your garden and help prevent excessive seepage into downhill properties.

## Alta Bates Medical Center Master Facilities Development Plan

(reprinted from Alta Bates’ Fact Sheet)

### Proposed Master Facilities Development Plan

- Alta Bates Medical Center must upgrade its Emergency Department. The Emergency Department is cramped and inefficient. It was built in 1968 to accommodate 12,000 patients. In 2000, it saw more than 44,000.
- The proposed Emergency Department renovation would remodel in its current location on Colby Street. In order to separate pedestrian traffic and ambulances, a second ambulance-only driveway will be created further south on Colby.
- Renovation to the Emergency Department will not change the footprint of the facility. The Emergency Department will expand into the current Radiology space.
- In order to renovate the Emergency Department, the City of Berkeley required that the medical center apply for a Master Plan Permit (Use Permit or Development Agreement).

### Use Permit Application

In 1997, Alta Bates Medical Center applied for a Master Plan Permit and, in 1999, determined that a Use Permit was most appropriate. The Use Permit would provide three types of approval: Specific, Conceptual, and Existing.

**Specific Approval** would allow immediate renovation of the Emergency and Radiology Departments.

**Conceptual Approval** would give conceptual approval only for a number of other project components included in the Master Facilities Development Plan, including an additional three-story expansion of the East Building; lobby/registration; the Ashby Strip, and the garage facility. All of these conceptual projects would require further review by the City, if and when undertaken.

**Existing Approval** would recognize Alta Bates’ rights under the 1983 Use Permit for the “East Building” on Regent Street.

# Claremont Hotel Update and Other Oakland Development Matters

by Georgia Wright

A committee of Berkeley/Oakland Neighbors of the Claremont (BONC), chaired by diligent Wendy Markel, has collected over 600 signatures on petitions to give the Claremont Hotel Oakland landmark status. The group raised money to produce the application (research, writing, photos, etc.), has overseen the process, and continues to keep an eye on goings-on at the hotel.

But first BONC joined the effort of many Oakland golfers to prevent KSL, the owners of the Claremont, from taking over Lake Chabot Municipal Golf Course with a 40-year lease and a plan to redesign the course from 9-holes into a bigger, more modern 18-hole course (while somehow absorbing 50 acres of park land – a part of the plan missed by Parks and Recreation but spotted by a canny representative from the Sierra Club). KSL meant to cut down 900 trees, push around a pyramid's worth of soil, and replace the small, WPA-built clubhouse with a very large edifice "worthy of Oakland." Greens fees would rise, of course, from \$10 to \$43 for Oakland residents willing to golf at odd hours, or \$125 if they could get in at popular hours after the Claremont guests.

Parks and Recreation decided the project was not in the public interest and the Landmarks Board asked for a lot more detail on the draft environmental impact report. Before the Planning Commission could meet and, as seemed likely, vote it in, KSL discovered the project would cost a few million more than they had calculated during the last two years and backed off. (They may have decided that antagonizing so many Oakland citizens would not help in the future.)

On May 14, the Landmarking Committee presented the Landmarks Board a beautiful application prepared by John English, an old hand in the historic preservation line. On the agenda was a proposal from the manager of the Claremont, Ted Axe, to delay the process for six months, until the Claremont could present its own proposal. The Board explained that anyone may propose to landmark a building. Mr. Axe stated he knew nothing about the landmarking process and wanted time to read and discuss the application. The Committee agreed to meet with him and the chair of the Landmarks Board. The formal public hearing will be held July 9 at 4:00, Hearing Room 1, Oakland City Hall.

This exercise was propelled by KSL's plans to build 90 or so hotel units downhill from the Paragon Restaurant and Bar and 75 time-share units along Claremont Avenue, a plan that would not only necessitate removing a large number of trees, but generate Tunnel/Ashby gridlock (guests plus new staff = 200 more cars at least?). The Landmarking Committee, moreover, discovered the Oakland Planning Department had never issued a permit for the holes dug into the facade nor for the huge deck being constructed below the Paragon Restaurant, presently hidden behind a canvas drape. The plans showed the interior refurbishing in detail, but the deck projection, which needs a separate permit, was almost invisible on the plan. (The Planning Department has chosen to take the blame for overlooking this.)

It is hoped that landmark status will help prevent further disfiguring of the hotel, and that the publicity will alert the citizens to the fragility of neighborhood amenities. In the meantime, KSL announced it has delayed plans to build new units because of an uncertain economic climate.

With the indulgence of the editor, I'd like to offer some observations on topics ancillary to the Claremont Hotel business.

At an Oakland Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board meeting, the Board considered a proposal for a development on the Housewives' Market site of a high-rise residential/commercial building next to the Old Oakland development. We were shown drawings of a proposal that had been presented six months earlier: a nine-story Costco Style box. This made the new proposal — by a different architect, who reduced the building to six stories with setbacks, pleasant details, and a palette compatible with the surrounding buildings — look like a winner. All this was undertaken after neighborhood discussions with the developer and in compliance with EIR requirements.

At another meeting, the Landmarks Board was apprised of Mayor Brown's proposal to substitute a general EIR for downtown Oakland, paid for by taxpayers, for the individual EIRs paid for by developers (the kind that had produced the better Housewives' Market design). A developer would merely have to tic off the items; no neighbors need be consulted. All this in the interest of enticing developers who are pounding on the door without this inducement.

Watch this space for future development news!

**Need quick online access to neighborhood related information?  
Visit VCNA's Web site at [www.neighborhoodlink.com/berkeley/vicente](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/berkeley/vicente).**



## Remembering Gene Farb, Entrepreneur and Good Neighbor

by Julie Nachtwey

**G**ene Farb died peacefully June 13 at his home on Alvarado Road, surrounded by family. He had fought bravely against colon cancer for more than five years.

Publicly, Farb is best known as co-founder of Whole Earth Access, a retail chain which evolved after his 1977 New Earth Exposition. The Exposition featured alternative lifestyle topics such as holistic health, solar energy, natural foods and materials, and environmental activism.

Privately, residents of the Oakland/Berkeley Hills who lost their homes in the 1991 Firestorm may best remember Farb as an exceptional neighbor.

No one who heard him could forget when Farb stood on a ladder amidst his scorched garden said, "...No man is an island..." to fire survivors who had gathered at his home one month after the catastrophe. Farb read this favorite line, then the entire John Donne epigraph to Hemingway's *For Whom the Bell Tolls*. This took place during a post-fire potluck supper he hosted with his wife, Toni Garrett. The couple generously opened their home as a meeting place for fire victims who needed a place to rest or talk, a place to mourn and cry, and even a place to make phone calls or use the bathroom.

Farb had always lived on the edge—and there he was again, literally on the precipice. Although his carriage house/garage had burned down, his gracious 1913 house miraculously was spared. So

Farb's property stood as a visual testament to what had been, and for what remained.

Farb offered fire victims discounts at his Whole Earth Access stores for kitchenware, bedding, and appliances. He convinced the City of Berkeley to install a pay phone across the street from his house, for fire victims to use as they were visiting their properties.

A moving memorial service was held shortly after Farb's death in the very garden which he and his wife loved. This spring, it had come back to life and blossomed more beautifully than before.

Steve Walrod, Farb's friend and next door neighbor, spoke at the service about Farb's compassion. Walrod recalled that when his architect drew plans to rebuild, the plans were not favorable to Farb's property. But when he showed the plans to Farb, Farb simply asked, "Where do I sign?" Farb only requested that there be a gate in the proposed fence between the two properties, so the families could visit more easily.

Farb's parents from New York, Jack and Esther, were in Berkeley at the time of Farb's death. They had come to attend the Berkeley High School graduation of their grandson, Noah. Besides Noah, Farb is survived by his wife, Toni Garrett, their younger son, Brian, and two brothers, Larry Farb of Berkeley and Fred Farb of San Francisco.

## North Hills Phoenix Association News

by David Kessler, Secretary, NHPA

**T**he North Hills Phoenix Association has been involved in the effort to revise Oakland's planning and zoning regulations for several years. Due to an ongoing failure to reach consensus, Jane Brunner went to work with at-large City Council Member Henry Chang, in an effort to reconcile the desires of residents and the desires of the development community. Their compromise set of regulations, to be adopted for a limited trial period, was heard at the City Council meeting on May 29th.

Several North Hills members commented on the plan. Jane introduced some modifications that would improve notification of neighbors about development, ease our ability to build parking space, require fire resistant landscaping, and secure enforcement of parking regulations for construction crews. The pilot project passed. For more information, contact Megan Van Sant in Jane Brunner's office ([mrvansant@oaklandnet.com](mailto:mrvansant@oaklandnet.com)).

At that same meeting, a proposal was considered to restrict parking on some additional streets near the Rockridge BART station. NHPA members spoke about the need to balance the parking needs of residents and commuters. The proposed new restrictions were approved. However, the Council recognized that the problem ultimately stemmed from the failure of AC Transit to provide adequate access to BART from the Hills. We hope that the Council will take steps in the years to persuade (and help) AC to develop the bus service that will make it possible for North Hills residents to get to BART without getting in their cars.

The NHPA will soon be planning the 10th commemoration of the 1991 fire. Visit our Web site at <http://nhphoenix.org> for more information about the Phoenix Association and to get involved!

"No man is an island entire of itself. Every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main. . .any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind. And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."

—John Donne (1572-1631)

# Neighborhood Link Web Site

[www.neighborhoodlink.com/berkeley/vicente](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/berkeley/vicente)

by Matt Morse

The City of Berkeley has generously made a Web site available to the VCNA as part of an effort to link neighborhood organizations in Berkeley and surrounding cities. The Web site already has a wealth of information, but better still is that all VCNA members can use it to post messages and announcements, add links to other Web sites, notices of upcoming events, and much more.

You don't need to be Web-savvy to use it. If you know how to use a browser to view Web sites, you know all you need to add information to this Web site.

The VCNA steering committee will use this Web site to list upcoming events (steering committee meetings, annual meetings, etc.) and has already added links to Web sites of interest to our neighbors (North Hills Phoenix Association and Save Claremont Organization, among others). But the Web site is really for all VCNA neighbors to use. Please take a look and see how we can use this new



resource for the betterment of our neighborhood. For example, it might be valuable to have a crime report. (This is of interest to me since my car was broken into about a month ago.) Or, perhaps we should keep a "top-ten" list of concerns that could help guide the VCNA steering committee's work.

Here's more information about the site, presented Internet-style as a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

## — Web Site FAQs —

### **What is the Neighborhood Link Web site?**

It's a Web site for all of us to use. Everyone can view the information on the Web site. Web site "members" can post information, join online discussions, and more. The site is provided by the City of Berkeley in conjunction with the Neighborhood Link organization (see <http://www.neighborhoodlink.com> for more information).

The Neighborhood Link brochure describes the service as:

"...an innovative civic communication tool that provides every neighborhood and civic association their own free, interactive Web site. In addition to facilitating communication within each neighborhood, Neighborhood Link also creates a two-way civic communication channel between local government and neighborhoods. Neighborhood Link is currently being utilized by neighborhoods in your area and has been successfully deployed in 35 major metropolitan areas, hundreds of cities and thousands of neighborhoods."

### **What can we use this Web site for?**

The Web site provides information about the VCNA, a community calendar, links to local government agencies and services, and more.

Members can easily add to the Web site (no programming knowledge needed), adding things like events (neighborhood meetings, garage sales, other activities), discussion groups (discussing issues like parking, construction activity, local projects, etc.), or even items for sale. Posting a free classified ad might help you clean out your garage or basement.

### **How much does it cost me or the VCNA?**

Nothing. It's free! The Web site is funded by the banner ads that you see at the top of each page.

### **Why should I become a member of the site?**

Everyone can view the Web site, but only members can participate in on-line discussions, add links to other sites, and add entries to the community calendar.

### **How do I become a member?**

Becoming a member is easy. Just visit the Web site and click the "Become a Member" link under the Neighborhood Information heading.

### **How can I find the Web site?**

You can find it two ways:

1) Go to <http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/berkeley/vicente>. This takes you directly to the VCNA Web site. You might want to make a bookmark in your browser for this Web site, to make it easy to find in the future.

2) Go to <http://www.neighborhoodlink.com> and enter your ZIP code. This shows you the Web sites for our general area, including VCNA's Web site.

### **How do I find out more about Neighborhood Link?**

Visit the VCNA Web site and click on the "Neighborhood Link FAQ" on the left side of the page. There, you'll find answers to questions about the various services, posting restrictions, security measures and so on.