



# The Atchison Riveter

## Tree Permits, Tree Policy, and Recommended Trees

A few years ago the Board passed a tree policy that included needing a permit to plant trees. This policy is meant to be helpful, not really restrictive. First, underground pipes need to be located in order to avoid a little or big catastrophe. The city has laws about the placement of trees that have to be followed.

Some trees will thrive here and other trees will not. Others will seek water lines and their roots will invade the pipes eventually blocking or destroying them. A badly planted tree can also cost a lot of time and effort to remove as well as our money. It just makes good sense both for the health of the tree and the pocketbook to be sure that the tree you might want to plant will be happy and thrive here.

The tree policy is available in the office should you want to read it. A list of trees that do better here and the permit are all in the office.

The important thing to remember is to help us all save money and to enhance the beauty of the Village, get a permit before you plant a tree.

Helan Smith for the Tree Committee

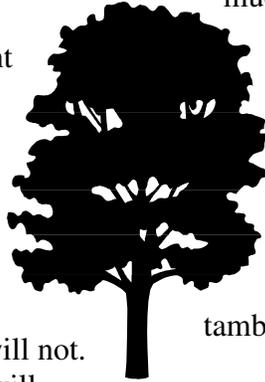
Hace algunos años la Mesa Directiva aprobó una póliza para los árboles cual incluye que necesitan un permiso para plantarlos. Eso se ha dejado de hacer y necesitamos reintegrarlo. Esta póliza es para ayudarnos, no para ser tan restrictiva. Primero, las tuberías subterráneas deben ser localizadas para evitar una catástrofe. La ciudad tiene leyes sobre la colocación de árboles cual tenemos que obedecer.

Algunos árboles crecen aquí y otros no. Otros buscaran agua y entonces sus raíces crecerán y

invadirán las tuberías y con el tiempo las blocaran o las destruirán. Un árbol mal plantado puede costar mucho tiempo y esfuerzo para removerlos y también dinero. Tiene mucho sentido para la salud del árbol como para el bolsillo asegurar que el árbol que guste plantar valla crecer bien aquí.

La póliza de arboles esta disponible en la oficina al igual de una lista con nombres de arboles que crecerán mejor en village y también el permiso.

La cosa importante para recordar es ayudarnos a todos ahorrar dinero y realzar la belleza del village, agarre un permiso antes de plantar un árbol.



## Garbage And Cost Reduction

We are still trying to get a handle on our garbage costs. Approximately 10.6% of the bills we paid this year were to Richmond Sanitary. **We pay for pick up of 469 brown bins each week**. It doesn't matter if you put your bin out each week or every other week or once a month – we are still billed approximately \$13,600 per month. **The number, 469, seems to indicate that some people have more than one brown bin. If you have more than one bin in your yard, please either drop it off in the maintenance yard, or call the office and ask us to pick it up.**



## Introducing Israel Gutierrez Our new Maintenance Tech

Israel got his start in maintenance working at Christian Brothers Winery in Napa Valley. He got on-the-job training and filled in whenever he was asked, wherever he was needed. He has been doing residential maintenance work for 8 years and considers himself a specialist in plumbing, electrical, concrete, sheetrock, framing and welding.

Born in Portugal to a Portuguese mother and Mexican father, his family relocated to Morales, Mexico when Israel was 3 years old. He moved to the US when he was 19. He now lives locally with his wife, Maria Herrera and his daughters Natalia Annette (age 9) and Jasmine Paulina (age 12). In his free time Israel takes care of his daughters and rebuilds old (early 1900's) cars.



## Introduciendo a Israel Gutiérrez Nuestro Nuevo Técnico de Mantenimiento

Israel inicio su carrera de mantenimiento trabajando en la vinería Christian Brothers en Napa Valley. Le dieron entrenamiento en el trabajo y el tomaba el puesto de alguien cuando se lo preguntaban, y cuando lo necesitaban. El ha estado trabajando en mantenimiento residencial por 8 años y se considera especialista en plomería, electricidad, concreto, yeso, elaboración y soldadura.

Nacido en Portugal a una madre portuguesa y a un padre mexicano, su familia se traslado a Morales, México cuando Israel tenía 3 años. Se mudo a los EE.UU. cuando tenía 19 años. Ahora vive localmente con su esposa, Maria Herrera y sus hijas Natalia Annette de 9 años y Jasmine Paulina de 12 años. En su tiempo libre Israel cuida a sus hijas y repara carros viejos (carros de los principios de los 1990s).

## Labor Committee Report

Atchison Village Mutual Homes Corp. and the Atchison Village Employees Association (AVEA) have agreed on a very modest wage increase for the next year. We came to the agreement after two businesslike bargaining sessions and the employees ratified it as of March 30. No dues increase will be needed and the Village will be able to stay within its budget.

When AVMHC and AVEA finished negotiating our first labor agreement, we decided to reopen bargaining on wages each year. We did this because the economy looked so shaky. Two years later, things are just as bad, if not worse, but the Board wanted to recognize the staff for the work they do.

The people who take care of our homes and run the AVMHC office make a huge difference to our future here. Many of the workers have built up several years of experience. They have also improved their skills and proved their commitment to their jobs. Even in hard times, that is not easily replaced. Good work deserves respect and appreciation. (Please also remember to show respect to the staff when they come to your unit to fill a work order, because they are doing their best.)



## Dangerous Dogs

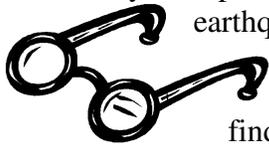
How to reduce the danger from dangerous dogs is an issue that John Gioia, County Supervisor is working on. You can sit in on a meeting with him about this on April 5 at his office, 651 Pine St., Martinez. The subject will be spay/neuter of such dogs. Call 374 3231 for the exact time day (not set at time of issue of this newsletter).

## Social Club News: Is Spring Coming This Year?

The Social Club is planning to sponsor a **Flea Market/Bazaar on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the AV Hall. Plan on gathering our used or new items for this event. Tables will be \$5 each. Food items will be sold by the Social Club. Sign up sheet in office the first of May.



## Earthquake Prep



Have you a spare pair of eyeglasses in case of earthquake? Many people are literally blind without them, not a good way to be after a quake. Some find that "readers", cheaply available at dollar stores, will do in a pinch, and could save much misery if your good pair becomes lost.

In addition, something as simple as always having a pair of shoes next to your bed in case a quake hits in the night, is a good idea.



## Board Contact Info

Marcos Alvarez	688-7654
Karen Wargo	236-3611
Esthela Diaz	Leave message in office
Rebecca Cerda	Knock on her door
Michael Lambton	232-0913
Gwynn O'Neill	236-8226 (12-8 p.m.)
Colin Piper	Leave message in office
Redell Randle	232-8362 (11 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.)
Victoria Sawicki	237-3987
Karen Skowronek	235-7817 (6-10 p.m.)
Helan Smith	412-0896

## Motions For February

**Motion RE02092011.02** – that “Insurance Bid” be added to the agenda for 2/9/11 due to an emergency situation and to consent to waive notice to add this item to the agenda.

The motion was unanimous.

**Motion RE02092011.03** – to accept the bid from Universe Painting in the amount of \$33,799.

The motion was unanimous.

**Motion RE02092011.04** – to accept the bid from Traveler’s Insurance for a total package amount of \$92,590.

The motion passes.

**Motion RE02092011.05** – to table the issue of Sewer Lateral bids to allow Bill’s Underground and Terra Nova to bid on the additional work. This is tabled until next week’s Executive Meeting.

The motion passes.

The Atchison Village Newsletter is published monthly by a member committee with Board over-sight. Its purpose is to satisfy motion I-26 (1969) to provide the Village information to members. To fulfill that motion, the Newsletter Committee will edit articles for accuracy, clarity and length. By Board instruction, we do not print opinion pieces, classifieds involving money or fictional writing. Please limit your article to 200 words or less. You can submit articles to the corporation office, or e-mail them to [avmhc2@yahoo.com](mailto:avmhc2@yahoo.com).  
**Deadline: 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.**



Recently installed in the Maintenance Shop, the utility sink and eye wash station provide much needed safety equipment for the Maintenance Techs. The eye wash station is a Cal/OSHA requirement.

## Brown Bag Book Club

Friday, April 8

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Read People of the Book, by Geraldine Brooks, bring your lunch to the Library, and be ready to talk!

**First timers always welcome.**

*In People of the Book, Pulitzer Prize-winning Author Geraldine Brooks presents a fictional history of the Sarajevo Haggadah -- an important Jewish book that originated in fifteenth-century Spain. People of the Book is a set of stories about the book's survival, woven together through the story of a conservationist who is trying to unlock the mysteries of the book in the mid-1990s.*

