



The Atchison Riveter

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Family Movie Night – Friday, October 18 – 7:00 p.m.



Tamales Sale – Saturday, October 19 – 8:30 a.m. til noon

Kids Halloween Party – October 26 – 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.



Board Member News:

The Board of Directors thanks **Jane Mills** for her time served on the Board, and welcomes **Mort Pimsler** who will serve the rest this term.



Meet New Board Member – Mort Pimsler

Mort grew up in Brooklyn NY in the 1950's and claims he still loves all things from that decade – thick chrome and rock 'n' roll. As a kid he played baseball in the same lot that Sandy Koufax had. When he was a bit older Mort graduated from Long Island University with a degree in Accounting. He worked in Accounting for at least 40 years.

Coming West to find fame and fortune Mort married and had a daughter. She has closed the family circle and moved East, but swears to her dad that she plans on coming back to California.

Once upon a time Mort lived in Novato and was the accountant at a school in El Sobrante. This resulted in two changes in his life. He used to stop and swim at the Richmond Plunge and decided that he might want to move to this area. He also realized that the best part of his commute was crossing the Richmond-San Rafael bridge and that he might like driving for a living.

A friend who lives in AV got him interested in living here. Growing up in NY his apartment was on the 6th floor and there were no views. He likes AV's views and garden plan. He's also now a

technician for Pitney Bowes and gets to do his driving.

Mort strives to be a cooperative member of the Board of Directors and comes to us with previous experience with home owner Boards.

Noticias de La Mesa Directiva:

La Mesa Directiva agradece a Jane Mills por su tiempo de servicio en La Mesa Directiva, y le da la bienvenida a Mort Pimsler que servirá el resto de este término.

Conozca Al Nuevo Miembro de la Mesa Directiva - Mort Pimsler

Mort se crió en Brooklyn, Nueva York en los años 1950 y afirma que aún ama a todas las cosas de esa década - espesor de cromo y el rock 'n' roll. Cuando era niño jugaba béisbol en el mismo lote que Sandy Koufax tenía. Cuando era un poco mayor Mort se graduó de la Universidad de Long Island, con un grado en contabilidad. Trabajó en Contabilidad por lo menos durante 40 años.

Viniendo del oeste para encontrar la fama y la fortuna Mort se casó y tuvo una hija. Su hija ha cerrado el círculo de la familia y se mudo al Oriente, pero le juro a su padre que ella planea volver a California.

Una vez Mort vivió en Novato y fue el contador en una escuela en El Sobrante. Esto dio lugar a dos cambios en su vida. El acostumbraba a venir a nadar al Richmond Plunge y decidió que tal vez se mudaría a esta zona. También se dio cuenta de que la mejor parte de su camino a casa y al trabajo era cruzar el puente Richmond-San Rafael y que le gustaría conducir para ganarse la vida.

Un amigo de el, cual vive en AV lo intereso sobre en vivir aquí. Al crecer en Nueva York su apartamento estaba en la 6^a planta y no había vistas. Le gustan los puntos de vista de AV y el plan de jardín. También es ahora un técnico de Pitney Bowes y puede hacer su conducción.

Mort se esfuerza por ser un miembro cooperativo de la Mesa Directiva y viene a nosotros con la experiencia previa con Mesas Directivas de propietarios de casas.

Look For The Blue and..... The Red

Going forward, all notices from the Board of Directors, the AV Office or the Shop will be printed on **Turbulent Turquoise** or **Roman Candle Red**. Normal, non-emergency notices will be on turquoise paper. If you see red, it's really important!!!

Mire por los Azules y Rojos-

De aquí en adelante, todas las notificaciones de la Mesa Directiva, de la oficina de AV, o del Taller de Mantenimiento van hacer imprimadas en **Turquesa Turbulento** o en **Rojo Vela Romano**. Notificaciones normales de no emergencia serán imprimadas en el papel turquesa, ¡Si mira el papel Rojo, es muy importante!

Sewer Lateral Update – October 2013

A BIG Problem We All Need to Address: The sewer contractor has reported that he has found the lines for several AV units clogged with **Handy Wipes, Tucks, Baby Wipes, Moist Towelettes and other forms of so-called disposable personal hygiene cloths. Please do NOT dispose of these by flushing them down your toilet!**

Progress on the Ground: Our summer sewer lateral replacement project is almost finished. Bay Hawk, Inc. has completed the 4" lines for all 68 units so far, and is working on the 6" line for the last 10 units. Once that work is finished, unless there's another emergency, we should have a break from sewer work for a while.

Finances: We will meet with Mary Phelps to turn in 18 new grant applications on October 2, and will submit this summer's final batch of 38 applications after the above project is completed. The City has informed us that we should soon receive a check in the amount of approximately \$30,220 for the 14 applications we submitted on August 8. We are happy to report that the summer sewer project is coming in well within the amount budgeted for it.

Be sure to let the office know ASAP if you have any kind of plumbing or sewer problem, including leaks or boggy areas anywhere near

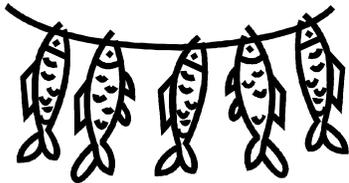
your unit. The earlier we catch sewer emergencies, the less they cost to fix!

Suggestions from Sally Sea Otter to Protect the Bay



You might not be aware that trash in the streets and gutters of AV is a problem for the fish, birds and animals that depend on our Bay, but just picture this: You're walking along Curry and you see bits of plastic from a broken toy, a few cigarette butts, some crinkled cellophane, a pop-top metal ring, a plastic bag. During a rain like the one on September 21, all of these would get carried along in our storm water run-off and sucked down into the storm drains on Chanslor. From there, they'd wash out into the Bay.

Then imagine a boy and his Dad fishing for the family dinner near Keller Beach. They catch a few Rockfish and take them home for Mom to cook. The fish look delicious until Dad cuts them open to clean them before cooking. But then, what do they find inside? All of the trash listed above and more!



So, if you're walking down Curry or any other street in AV, and you see trash in the gutters, pick it up, and put it in the nearest brown bin. If it's stuff that's in the street because our garbage collectors dropped it on trash day, tell the office exactly where you saw it, so they can call the garbage company to come clean it up. We might need to do this every week for a while, until our garbage collectors figure out how to avoid scattering trash.

If you see trash clogging a storm drain that could cause flooding, call the office right away. In addition, you can report it to Veolia directly at 510-412-2001.

If you see any illegal dumping of trash, furniture, or any other debris, call (510) 965-4905 ASAP.

We all need to work together to minimize the amount of trash in our streets and gutters. Remember that preventing stormwater pollution is vital to the health of our neighborhood and our Bay.

Elizabeth Claman, for AV Stormwater Pollution Reduction

Sugerencias de Sally la Nutria Marina Para

Proteger la Bahía



Puede ser que Usted no este conciente que la basura en las calles y canales de AV es un problema para nuestros pescados, pájaros, y animales que dependen de nuestra bahía, pero solo imagíneselo lo siguiente: Usted va caminando por la calle Curry y ve pedacitos de plásticos de un juguete quebrado, algunas colillas de cigarrillo, algún celofán arrugado, un anillo de metal, y una bolsa de plástico. Durante una lluvia como la del día Septiembre 21, todos estos artículos se arrastrarían hasta los canales de Chanslor. De allí se van a la bahía.

Luego imagine un niño y su Papa pescando para la cena de su familia cerca de la playa Keller Beach. Ellos agarraron algunos pescados y se los llevaron a casa para que Mama los cocinara. Los pescados se miraban deliciosos pero no cuando el papa los corto para limpiarlos antes de cocinarlos. ¿Pero que encontraron adentro de los peces? ¡Toda la basura que fue mencionada arriba y más cosas!

Entonces, si Usted esta caminando por la calle Curry o cualquier otra calle en AV, y ve basura en los canales, recójala, y póngala en cualquier bote café de basura mas cercano. Si es basura que esta en la calle porqué nuestros colectores de basura la tiro en el día que recogen la basura, díglele a la oficina exactamente donde la vio para que le puedan llamar a la compañía de basura para que vengana a limpiarla. Talvez tendremos que hacer esto cada semana por un tiempo, hasta que la los colectores de basura se den cuanta de cómo impedir tirar basura.

Si ve basura que esta tapando los canales y pueden causar una inundación, llame a la oficina inmediatamente. También, Usted le puede llamar a Veolia directamente al 510-412-2001.

Si Usted ve cualquier vertido ilegal de basura, muebles, o cualquier otra basura, llame al (510) 965- 4905 lo más pronto posible.

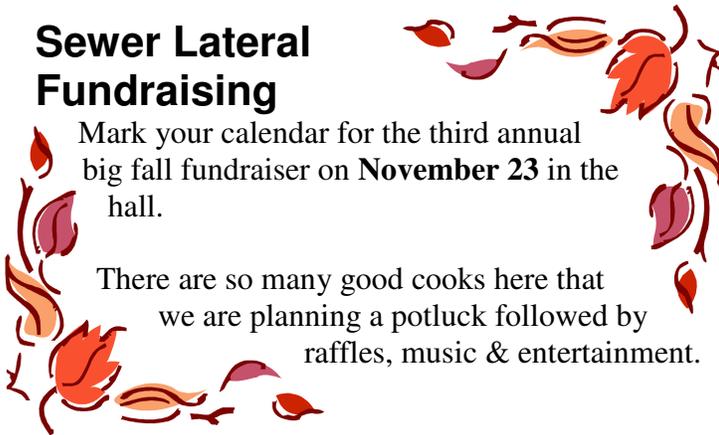
Todos necesitamos que trabajar juntos para minimizar la cantidad de basura en nuestras calles y canales. Recuerde que prevenir la contaminación del agua es vital para la salud de nuestra comunidad y la Bahía.

Elizabeth Claman para La Reducción de La Contaminación del Agua

Sewer Lateral Fundraising

Mark your calendar for the third annual big fall fundraiser on **November 23** in the hall.

There are so many good cooks here that we are planning a potluck followed by raffles, music & entertainment.



History Corner

OCTOBER 2, 1958 this article was in the newspaper:

"There's a nice thing going on down in Atchison Village this week. Friends and neighbors of Mrs. Mary Whittle of 5 West Chanslor Ave. heard by the grapevine that she was having a tough time meeting medical bills for a recent brain tumor operation, then learned that she'll have to undergo another brain operation Oct. 8 at a cost of something like \$2,000. So they began and[sic] informal house-to-house campaign, raised \$25 in the first hour and are still working as of this writing. Good luck to the good neighbors. And even more good luck to Mrs. Whittle."

Board Contact Info

(Please cut this out and save it. Contact a Board Officer in case of an emergency when the Office is closed.)

Karen Wargo – President	236-3611
Ron Kane – Vice President	730-3099
Vicki Sawicki – Sec./Treas.	237-3987
Carol Gould	Leave message in office
Wendy Schwartz	774-9500
Joe Clark	914-5580
Colin Piper	Leave message in office
Mely Villicana	415-368-4339
Luz Alvarez Martinez	444-3020
Karen Skowronek	235-7817 (6-10 p.m.)
Mort Pimsler	224-7872 – messages only

Motions For Month

Motion RE08152013.02 – to accept the AV LCD usage agreement. The motion passed.

Motion RE08152013.03 – to accept new members Lorna Wong, Valerie Randle and Carlos Canche as recommended by the Screening Committee. The motion passed.

Motion RE08152013.04 – to accept the Non-Resident Member policy as put forward. The motion passed.

Motion RE08152013.05 – to include member advisory votes at the yearly election meeting of the Atchison Village Mutual Homes Corporation Board of Directors. The motion passed.

Motion RE08152013.06 – to put the following Member Advisory Vote before the members: If the City of Richmond allows, do you approve of the Corporation installing locked security gates in the sound wall at the end of West Chanslor and West Bissell Avenues? (Members will have keys.) The motion passed.

Motion RE08152013.07 – That Atchison Village Mutual Homes Corporation establish working hours for outside work crews. Withdrawn.

Motion RE08152013.09 – If unable to obtain for no charge, to rent a dumpster in September for member's End of Summer Clean Up, not to exceed \$1,500. The motion passed.

Motion RE08152013.10 – to adopt the recommendation of the General Manager regarding \$47,943. The motion passed.

Motion RE08152013.11 – to table all items undone on tonight's agenda (parking, backyard inspections, and keys.) The motion passed.

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.
Deadline: 25th of each month.

Out In The Neighborhood

Red Oak Victory will be having the **last pancake breakfast for the year** on Sunday, October 13 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. \$7 for adults and kids over 4. If you enjoyed the play "Rivets" a few years back, watch for the upcoming production of "Swing Shift" by the same troop this fall again on board the WWII ship.



AV Stormwater Pollution Reduction Action Plan

Background: On Wednesday, September 11, Lynne Scarpa, the Environmental Manager for the City's Stormwater Program, shared information at our Board meeting about ways AV members can reduce stormwater pollution and possibly qualify AV for the annual Stormwater Rebate that would reduce our property taxes by \$9,000.

All of the water that runs in the streets of Atchison Village enters the storm drains on West Chanslor. From there it flows into the Bay. In order to protect the Bay and all its life forms, it's important for AV to reduce the amounts of all 9 categories of stormwater pollutants that we are currently producing.

Pursuant to the September 11 Board Motion to address this problem, here is a brief outline of the proposed Action Plan, and suggested goals for reducing the impact of the 9 categories of stormwater pollution.

Phases of the Action Plan:

- 1) Defining the goals and objectives – This Action Plan + amendments + further Board motions, as needed.
- 2) Educating Members – This Action Plan & monthly newsletter articles & as-needed pollution abatement workshops.
- 3) Evaluating progress – City's inspections, and interim in-house inspections (Establish a Board + Members committee?)
- 4) Planning for challenges – Brainstorm ways to deal with persistent problems
- 5) Time line – October 2013 - October 2014

Stormwater Pollution Abatement Goals:

1. **Reduce the amount of trash in gutters and streets:** Currently, AV is doing pretty well in this category. The City rates us a "B." However there is room for improvement. (See this month's "**Suggestions from Sally Sea Otter**")
2. **Prevent soil erosion run-off from flowing into the street:** If vegetation is cleared away leaving bare dirt, we need to either replant before the rainy season, or cover the dirt with cardboard and mulch. Dirt run-off contaminates the Bay.
3. **Keep paint & cleaning solvents from entering storm drains:** Water-base paints and cleaning solvents can go down our inside drains, but can't be dumped in the street or anyplace where they could flow into the storm drains. Oil-based paints and highly toxic or oil-based solvents need to be taken to the Richmond Hazardous Waste Facility. If you have a spill, do not hose it down; instead, absorb it with kitty litter, cornmeal or sawdust, then take it to Hazardous Waste.
4. **Prevent mercury releases from fluorescent light bulbs, batteries and old thermometers:** Mercury is a serious poison that harms the nervous system of people and animals, and is especially harmful to children. It's important for everyone to know about the safe handling of all mercury-containing items. AV members need to dispose of batteries, old thermometers and fluorescent light bulbs by taking them to the Hazardous Waste Facility at 101 Pittsburg Ave., or to the El Cerrito Recycling Center at the east end of Schmidt Lane.
5. **Reduce use of toxic pesticides:** AV needs to adopt an **Integrated Pest Management (IPM)** System and educate members about applying it to garden and household pests. This means first understanding what a pest (ants, yellow jackets, raccoons, rats, etc.) is after. Then address that pest in the **least toxic** way. (**The November newsletter will have more on this topic!**)
6. **Keep carpet cleaning wash waters out of storm drains:** This contaminated water can be poured down inside drains, but it cannot be dumped in the streets or gutters because it contains lots of toxic chemicals.

7. **Keep wash water from construction sites & cement out of storm drains:** If you're doing a small cement project, like a walkway or driveway, first be sure to get a City permit and second, be sure that no cement-contaminated water goes into the street or gutters because it contains lots of toxic chemicals.
8. **Prevent all automotive fluids from entering storm drains:** If members change their own oil, or do other fluid replacement work on their cars, they must take all fluids to the Richmond Hazardous Waste Facility. The Hazardous Waste Facility has free containers to recycle motor oil. Also, cars throughout AV should not leak any fluids that might enter the storm drains. If a toxic leak is found under your car, soak it up with sawdust or kitty litter and take it to Hazardous Waste.
9. **Eliminate, reduce or relocate car washing:** This is probably the most controversial item. For AV to qualify for the Storm Water Rebate, it's essential that members NOT wash their cars anywhere within AV except where the wash water can drain through vegetation. Even without soaps, carwash water is full of toxic contaminants, but these are kept out of stormwater if filtered through a lawn. AV could hold a straw poll at our Annual Meeting to vote on whether the area just east of the Hall might be used as the AV carwash site, available certain days and times TBA. **Stay tuned for further updates on this possibility.**

Every month the AV newsletter will include an article with specific suggestions for reducing one of these kinds of pollution. Members are encouraged to read and put into practice this information. There may also be workshops if members would find them useful, for example on making your own non-toxic pesticides.

NHN Ride thing will also be included

