



# The Redwoods HOA

## DECEMBER 2019 \*\*\* NEWS

### Earthquake Insurance special assessment Payment

All homeowners were special assessed \$130.40 to pay for earthquake insurance for a one year term. Monthly payments was an option, however, the Earthquake Assessment must be paid in full by January 1st.

If you are signed up for auto debit with Team Property Management to pay your regular monthly dues, please know that Team is not authorized to debit your account for anything other than the monthly assessment without your written permission. If you would like to schedule for the earthquake assessment to be auto debited, please put your request in writing to [kathy@thehoateam.com](mailto:kathy@thehoateam.com), giving authorization to debit your account the additional amount. Please include the Redwoods property address and account number.

If you are signed up with auto pay through your bank or a bill pay service, either notify them of the one time special assessment, or pay the assessment with a check made payable to The Redwoods HOA.

Often times, we are told that homeowners who sign up for auto pay or paperless billing do not open their bill each month because they assume it has been paid. It is highly recommended that you still open your bill and check to make sure everything has been credited properly and your account is current.

### HOLIDAY TRASH

Everyone will have more rubbish than usual during the holidays. As a courtesy to others we ask that boxes be broken down flat to allow more room in the trash bin. Trash must be put INSIDE the dumpster. If a dumpster is full, please go to another dumpster that has space available.

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE LARGE ITEMS OUTSIDE THE DUMPSTERS.**

As we have done in the past, a bin will be available to dispose of your holiday tree. Dates will be posted by the mailboxes when confirmed.

Be sure to remove all tree stands, stakes, ornaments, tinsel, garlands and lights. Please cut into lengths no longer than six feet. Flocked trees will also be collected but may not be recycled.

### CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS FOR OUR ANNUAL ELECTION

Recently all homeowners received a candidacy form for the upcoming election in February. If you are interested in being a candidate, please complete your candidacy form and return it to Team Property Management by December 10th. You may include a picture of yourself to help folks know who you are!

In the past, our governing documents allowed owners, renters and just about anyone to serve as a Board member. However, new laws now require that Board Members must be an owner named on the recorded deed. Candidates must provide with your candidacy statement a copy of the recorded deed to your unit to verify ownership.

## KEEPING SAFE DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Each year, hospital emergency rooms treat thousands of people for injuries related to holiday lights, decorations and Christmas Trees. In addition, Christmas Trees are involved in hundreds of fires annually, resulting in property damage, and often times death.

The US Product Safety Commission suggests following these tips to make your holiday a safe one.

### **CHRISTMAS TREES**

- Purchase green, moist trees. Try to find a tree with needles that bend, instead of break.
- After purchasing a tree, be sure to cut the bottom of the tree to expose new wood that will be able to soak up water.
- Always keep live trees watered.
- When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the label "fire Resistant". Although this does not mean the tree won't catch fire, it does indicate the tree will resist burning and should extinguish quickly.

### **LIGHTS AND EXTENSION CORDS**

- Only use UL or FM approved extension cords.
- Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections and throw out damaged sets. (if questionable, throw them away!).
- Do not overload outlets! Use no more than 3 standard size sets of lights per single extension cord. Use surge protectors if multiple outlets are needed.
- Match plug with outlets. Don't force a 3-pronged plug into a 2-pronged outlet or extension cord.
- Before using lights outdoors, check labels to be sure they have been certified for outdoor use.
- Turn off all holiday lights when you go to bed or leave the house. The lights could short out and start a fire.
- Never use lit candles on a tree or near other evergreens. Always use non-flammable holders, and place candles where they will not be knocked down. NEVER leave candles lit when you go to bed, or leave the house!

***Stay safe this holiday season; "It's the best gift you can give."***

For all your Association needs call:  
Team Property Management  
639-8484  
639-8585 (fax)  
Redwood's On-Site Office  
541-8636  
[Kathy@thehoateam.com](mailto:Kathy@thehoateam.com)

Redwood's On-Site office hours:  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Community Patrol Officer  
**(714) 337-7814**  
Friday and Saturday 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 am

For All Your Parking Needs Call:  
Patrol One  
(714)541-0999  
[patrol-one.com](http://patrol-one.com)

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**No Board Meeting in December  
Due to the Holiday.**

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*Your Board of Directors  
and  
Team Property Management  
wish each of you a Wonderful, safe,  
Holiday Season and  
Best Wishes for the New Year!*