

English Hills News

Summer 2009

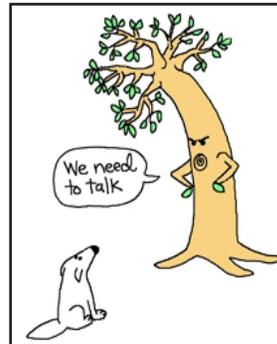
English Hills Yard Sale: June 13, 2009

English Hills will hold its 3rd Annual Yard Sale on Saturday, June 13, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be a sign at the entrance to English Hills, and a newspaper ad announcing this event.

This is a great opportunity to clean out your garage and basement. What may be gathering dust in your home could very well be a cherished item in somebody else's home. Start your preparations, and be ready for traffic on the 13th.

Last year we had potential buyers cruising the Hills at 7:00 a.m. If

you want to be a part of this fun event, then attach some balloons to your mailbox, or make a sign announcing your participation, and watch as the traffic comes your way. Also, you may want to combine your efforts with other neighbors. You will meet some new people, and put some cash in your pocket as well.



Have you paid your English Hills Homeowners Association \$20 annual dues for 2009?

Please send your dues to Jane Adelman, Treasurer, 8 Margate Lane, 692-6304.

Watermelon Bash: July 11, 2009

When the heat of July is upon us, let's get together and enjoy some chilled watermelon. Our Watermelon Bash is back again on July 11, 2009, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Last year's event was held on Whitehall Lane. This year's

event will take place on Foxfire Lane. Bring your folding chairs and join in the fun. There will be plenty of watermelon and cold drinks to keep you refreshed. This is a great opportunity to get to know some of your neighbors.

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New covenants, new bylaws, new board

by Bill Geiger

Imagine, if you will, English Hills without a homeowner's association. Your first reaction may be to breathe a sigh of relief...at last, no restrictions on what I can do with my property. I need not worry what my neighbor might think about my new creation in the yard, or the grazing animals that are keeping my grass close to the ground.

This may sound like a ridiculous scenario, but it is not. When left unchecked, owners, or renters, could easily turn our beautiful, treed haven into a junkyard, with only the passing of time. Property values would plummet, and wise investors would be picking up properties for well below the fair asking price.

Is this picture realistic? For this moment in history, based on current ownership of the houses in our community, I would say no. All of our neighbors in our block of houses are most meticulous in keeping up their homes and yards; however, as members of the EHHA Board, we have an obligation to the owners to protect the home values now, and into the future.

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See winter party photos by visiting our web site at [www.shadyvale.com/English Hills](http://www.shadyvale.com/EnglishHills)

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new board – continued from page 1**

We owe a debt of gratitude to those who preceded us. Our community has maintained a consistent standard of excellence.

We all have our reasons for living in English Hills. Whatever individual reasons we may have, this is a grand place to live, and the majority of owners will agree on this, so let's do what we can to preserve the appeal of our community, and when we can, improve it. The English Hills Homeowners Association was created and tasked for that very purpose. The EHHA represents each and every owner in English Hills.

The question has been posed by some owners as to why the same people serve on the EHHA Board. I will serve as your Vice President in the next year, and I am not part of the "same" people. Karen and I have only lived in English Hills since July 2007. We purchased our home here in late October 2006. Karen and I were both contacted about serving on the board, but we determined that it was not good for both of us to be serving,

although Karen is volunteering her professional writing and editing skills to benefit the community. MC Gaylord, Mike List, Jane Adelman, and Debbie Mentch all have served multiple terms on the EHHA Board, and Mike List will be your president in the upcoming year. These residents are dedicated to making this a great place to live. That fact is supported by the number of volunteer hours contributed by each and every member.

As a board, we were tasked by the new president, MC Gaylord, in June 2008 to undertake a review of the English Hills Bylaws and Covenants. These documents had not had a serious review for some time, and the language needed to be updated in some areas to make the documents more in tune with today's English Hills. Many of the changes in both the Bylaws and Covenants were minor, but we took a line-by-line review approach to ensure that any nebulous sections were clarified. This resulted in an EHHA Board meeting every month from June through April 2009. Normally, the Board meets only 4 times each year, but we all agreed that this work was important.

Eventually, we worked our way into the tree-cutting approval, which is currently a sore spot to some.

What sets English Hills apart from the newer subdivisions? Most would say trees and hills. We don't need a Covenant for the hills – it's in the name and in the topography; however, our trees need some limited protection. We all enjoy the view from the top of London Road. Imagine no, or only a few, trees – not a pretty sight. In the revised Covenants, we were simply asking that you have board approval before removing a mature tree. You may have a diseased tree with limited life, or a tree that is a danger to your home. If we don't have some standard for tree removal, clear-cutting could be the wave of the future. For the EHHA Board, we see today and tomorrow. Our goal is to protect the property values of this great community. Join us in the effort – and we all will share the benefits. Please vote for approval of these Covenant changes when brought before you again. The EHHA Board has an opening for Secretary. Take some time and get involved. English Hills will be much better as a result.

**PARAKEET FOR SALE
OR BARTER**

We have a wonderful parakeet, Luigi, a one-year old male, green with yellow head and black-and-yellow wing markings. When we got Luigi last fall, we wanted to bond with him, teach him to talk, have him perch on our hand and shoulder, so we made the decision to not get him a mate/friend. He is a quiet, timid bird and does not tolerate us touching him and does not talk, but will chirp randomly. We think that Luigi needs a friend. He does chirp daily when he hears another bird chirping away

outside. So we have decided that instead of getting a second bird at this time, we would like someone to adopt Luigi from us, and strongly suggest that person buy a second bird to be a companion for him, if he continues to stay as quiet and timid with them. We can send a picture if requested.

Luigi's cage is 28" in height, 17" X 13" around cage, with cuttle bone, wooden ladder, food and water containers, swing, two perching wooden crossbars, a sand gravel perch, a spinning wheel perch, a bell, and stretchy net for the bottom

of the cage to prevent seed spillage and two mirrors. Everything a bird needs or could ever dream to want. We'd really like to see Luigi and his cage stay together in order for him to acclimate to a new home. We're asking \$50. We'd be open to a barter proposal. Let us know if Luigi is the bird for you.

Sincerely,
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