



Dominican Black Canyon Neighborhood Association

DOMINICAN AREA NEWS

WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The year in review and plans for next year

The past year featured two very successful social events! Last August, we held our first annual **Summer Scoop** on the lawn of Meadowlands. Approximately 75 neighbors were attended the beautiful Sunday afternoon event and shared in Silbermann's Ice Cream. This year's Summer

Scoop is planned for August 20, 2017. It is funded by your membership dues. There is no admission charge. On February 10th, over 175 neighbors and guests attended the annual Cocktail Party, a title locked in tradition for what is really a wine and heavy hors d'oeuvres party. San Rafael City Council members Andrew McCullough, Kate Colin, Maribeth Bushey and John Gamblin, the County Supervisor for our district, Damon Connelly, our San Rafael Police Chief, Diana Bishop, and Sister Margaret

from Santa Sabina all appreciated the opportunity to get to know our residents. We thank the Marin Tennis Club for hosting us and Lindy Emrich for planning and executing the food arrangements, as well as the many volunteers for making such a successful event.

YOU'RE INVITED!
**ANNUAL MEETING &
SECURITY CAMERA FORUM**
MAY 20, 2017
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
GUZMAN LECTURE HALL

On Saturday morning, May 20th, we hope you will join us for the Annual Membership Meeting to vote for

next years Board Members who will serve you June 2017 – May 2018 . Following this meeting we'll hold a Security Camera Forum. It's a one time event that we know you'll find informative. It is a pleasure serving on your Board.

Sincerely,
Jack Nixon, President

ANNUAL MEETING & SECURITY CAMERA FORUM



Please join us Saturday morning, May 20th, at the Guzman Lecture Hall (on the Dominican University campus) for the Annual Membership Meeting followed by Security Camera Forum.

This is a new and one-time event in response to a request by neighbors to learn more about security cameras.

San Rafael Police Department and several security camera vendors will be available to explain options and answer your questions.

Snacks and refreshments will be provided!

Please RSVP at bit.ly/DBCNA2RSVP (upper case matters)

We look forward to seeing you on May 20th.

TREASURER'S REPORT

This year's budget for the neighborhood association is based on 225 household memberships paying the annual \$20 per household in dues. These monies allow us to sponsor our popular Annual Summer Scoop in August and Cocktail Party in February at no cost to anyone wishing to attend. Dues also pay

for production of this newsletter. DBCNA began accepting membership dues through PayPal this year. Yes, we finally moved into the modern era! To join through PayPal, visit: <http://bit.ly/DBCNA>. With questions regarding your membership, please email info@dominicanareanews.com.

MEMBERSHIP: EVERYONE BENEFITS

The DBCNA Board of Directors welcomes Marty Wickenheiser as the new Membership Director. Membership in the Dominican Black Canyon Neighborhood Association is voluntary, and we encourage everyone to join and be an engaged part of our community-oriented neighborhood.

Dues, which are a very nominal \$20 per household, are collected each May.

This is a new schedule for some of our longtime residents, so we'll do our best to reach out to you with a reminder to renew. And, on May 20th, your dues will be supporting a special one-time event, the Security Camera Forum.

Our Dominican/Black Canyon Neighborhood has approximately 900 homes, each of whom benefits or can benefit from our activities. Yet currently our

membership consists of 196 households, less than a quarter of our community. So, for obvious reasons, our goal this 2017-18 year is to double that number! Please join our Association and add your ideas and energy to the neighborhood.



Name _____

Email _____

Is this a new email? Yes No

Address _____

Phone _____

I'd like to help with events!

Enclose a check for \$20 payable to Dominican Black Canyon Neighborhood Association. Mail to:

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STAYING IN TOUCH!

Keep up with neighborhood news and events

From time to time, DBCNA receives notices from local government such as zoning and use permit hearings regarding property within our neighborhood. As a service to members, the DBCNA Board

uses our email list to notify you of these official notices. Be sure to join DBCNA or notify us of additional email addresses for your household by emailing info@domincanareanews.com. Beyond emails and internet

postings, we encourage you to join our in-person discussions at the monthly Board meetings. Watch for the 2017-2018 schedule to be posted on Nextdoor or emailed to you.

JOIN COLEMAN'S RUN FOR THE GOLD

Annual 7K run, 4K run, or 1 Mile walk to benefit your neighborhood elementary school.

On **April 30, 2017**, join your neighbors in the 13th Annual Coleman Elementary School "Run for the Gold"! Sponsored by the Coleman Dad's Group, proceeds benefit school activities like art, music, and PE.

The challenging 7K goes up Gold Hill to the left trail and is a

step "up and back". The most popular route is a 4K, which is also up the Gold Hill fire trail but veers to the right for a less steep run out and back. For the little kids and walkers, we offer a 1 mile stroller friendly walk looping around Coleman and Dominican University. The \$20 advance registration fee

includes Pancake Breakfast and swag, plus a kids parkour course after.

Register early! Price goes up race day! Visit <https://raceroster.com/events/2017/10292/coleman-school-run-for-the-gold-2017> or go to the school office at 800 Belle Ave to register.

SUDDEN OAK DEATH BLITZ

Learn how you can help stop the disease as a citizen scientist

May 6, 2017 at 1:00pm
Dominican University,
Joseph Fink Science Center,
155 Palm Avenue

Sudden oak death (SOD) has been present in Marin County for many years, but for us it's still crucial to collect as

much information as possible in order to better understand and eventually control the disease. Attend this session and receive a SOD Blitz collection kit with everything you will need to survey and

sample symptomatic trees in your area.

For more info: wolfgang.schweigkofler@dominican.edu

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2017 SUMMER SCOOP!

Sunday August 20th from 2pm – 5pm

Mark your calendars and come ready to meet your neighbors, eat delicious Silbermann's Ice Cream, and frolic on the Meadowlands Lawn



NEIGHBORHOOD WALKERS DISTRIBUTE THE NEWS!

Do you ever wonder how the Dominican Area News arrives at your doorstep? We can thank a network of over 25 neighbors, known as the DBCNA Walkers, who twice a year carry the News to nearly 1,000 homes. The walkers live throughout the neighborhood

and are the best of what being a "good neighbor" is all about: a willingness to help and a passion for making their neighborhood more neighborly! When you see a DBCNA Walker arriving with the "gold sheets" be sure to say hello and thank them for a job well done!

If you're interested in joining the DBCNA Walkers we can promise you exercise, neighborliness and that good feeling of making a difference to others. Send your contact information to info@dominicanareanews.com.

TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVED ON LOCUST AVENUE

The stop sign for cars exiting the Dominican University campus via Magnolia Avenue now has a posted warning that crossing and oncoming cars do not stop. Members of the

DBCNA Safety Committee worked with the San Rafael police and other city staff to make this happen! Do you have additional concerns about safety in this neighborhood?

Bring them to us at a monthly DBCNA Board meeting or email us at info@dominicanareanews.com.

THANK YOU!

Three homes on Mountain View Avenue are currently uninhabitable due to landslides from this winter's storms. It has been heartwarming to see the

financial and moral support from our neighbors to the impacted families. We wish everyone the best in recovering. If you know of ways

DBCNA can help further, please let us know by emailing us at info@dominicanareanews.com.



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