

San Antonio del Mar NEWSLETTER

Homeowners Association

April 2011

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

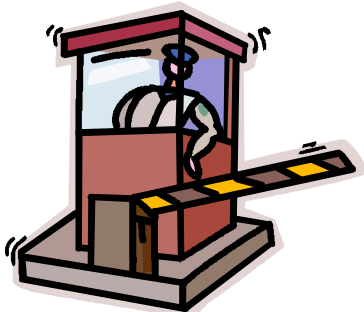
The Association's last Newsletter (October 2010) stated: *The income from homeowner dues remains about \$11,000.00 less than at the same time last year.* We had hoped to end 2010 with a surplus in the bank, but that did not happen. 2010 ended with a deficit of about \$3,000.00, and the Association received almost \$18,000.00 less in homeowner fees than during 2009.

What this means is that our community may have a difficult year ahead financially. It will be a struggle to keep the same level of security and maintenance services as we have had in previous years. Unless we increase the number of paying homeowners and residents who enjoy these services but fail to pay anything for them, there will have to be cutbacks and possible elimination of these services. If this happens, you will begin to notice that the streets and vacant lots are trashier because our workers will not be cutting weeds from lots and streets and taking a full truck-load of trash and garbage every 2 days to the dump. The parks will have unkempt, dying lawns and untrimmed trees. Street lamps will not work. The pool will be filthy with polluted water and floating debris. The beaches will be cluttered with plastics and tires. Important communication through email and website will disappear. There will be no security patrol at night and, finally, no guards manning the gates.

We hope none of this happens. We want these and the many other activities which go on everyday and which we take-for-granted to continue. It's precisely these maintenance and security services that sustain the quality of life which attracted us to San Antonio and make us want to stay. During the past three years, as your Homeowners Association Committee and Administration, we have worked hard to make certain that none of these essential services stops or diminishes. We intend to put forth that same effort during 2011. We are planning special initiatives to reach out to our neighbors and residents who do not contribute financially in a personal effort to convince them to participate. But we need your help. Each of us has friends and/or neighbors who do not support their community financially. Your friendly persuasion just might convince them to begin paying for the services they enjoy as a result of your responsible payments.

We are most concerned that some homeowners/residents who paid in 2008 and 2009 stopped paying in 2010. Their failure to pay dues may be a result of the economic downturn, but it represents a major reason why our income during 2010 was \$18,000.00 less than during the previous year.

We regret that our first newsletter of 2011 contains such a somber message, but we believe that it is important that you know the facts about our community finances. We have been committed to informing you regularly and being transparent about how your money is being spent (Be sure to review the current financial report.) We want to lay out the facts in order that we, as a community, may prevent unpleasant and unwanted changes in the daily routines and expectations that are an essential part of what makes living in San Antonio del Mar so desirable.



This month SIGNS were posted at the casetas that say:

Because you pay your Homeowners dues, this security guard is on duty. Thank you.

- **No nominations were submitted for 4 positions on the Homeowners Association Committee before December 31, 2010. As a result no elections were scheduled. Three members whose three-year terms expired in December agreed to remain on the Committee. A fourth member asked not to be on the committee formally but generously offered to continue to monitor and record the Association's finances. One other member asked to leave the committee for personal reasons.**
- **The Association's Committee now has 7 members instead of 9. They are: Dr. Martha Alvarez, David Holt, Jesus "Chuy" Flores, Javier Gonzales, Dora Alicia McIntosh, Al Rosen and Craig Schaefer. Anyone who has served on community boards or committees knows that a lot of time and energy, often unnoticed, go into that kind of voluntary commitment. We are grateful to the members of the committee who are willing to extend their "tour of duty" to serve our community.**
- **Good News! There have been no burglaries or security problems reported so far during 2011.**
- **Thanks to all who participated in the Beach Clean-up on March 26: residents from SADM, students, teachers and parents of Colegio Reina Isabel, Peter Ewert and residents at SADM north end, the resident who donated two large dump trucks and their crews, Herta Calvo and her family for organizing and SADM employees for their hard work....Over 5 tons of trash and 200 used tires removed. Our precious BEACH is grateful!**
- **Homeowners Association Meeting dates for the rest of the year: June 11 and October 8.**

Your San Antonio Del Mar Homeowners Association Committee and Administrator