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# *Northridge News*

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## **Dear Neighbors of Northridge:**

Welcome to another edition of the Northridge News. We hope this newsletter will give you some useful information. We'd like to send out a warm welcome to all of our new neighbors and we hope you will find living in Northridge as much a pleasure as we do.

Tom and Michelle Randall & Steve and Jana Finnegan

## **Preparing Your Garden For Fall**

With the nights getting cooler and the start of school, it's time to start preparing your garden for fall. Now is a good time to divide your hostas, iris and peonies. It is best to have 3-4 eyes with each clump. the most important thing to remember with both iris and peonies is to not plant too deep. If planted too deep, the foliage grows but you get no flowers.

Clean off any diseased foliage in your garden and dispose of it somewhere other than your compost pile. Also, don't use diseased foliage as a mulch.

You can plant hardy or garden mums now for color until we get a hard freeze. Mums can stand temperatures down to 28-29°f with very little damage.

Once we have had one or two frosts, cut back the mums to approximately 4" and mulch with leaves, grass clippings, straw or bark mulch. You can also start planting your spring flowering bulbs (tulips, daffodils, crocus) after a couple of frosts.

Don't forget to spray your broadleafed evergreens (rhododendrons, holly, and boxwood) with an anti-desiccant or anti-transpirant before the temperatures stay below 40°f.

These gardening tips are courtesy of Cheryl from:

**Holub Garden & Greenhouse**

RR 2, Ames

Phone:

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## Homeowner's Association Board Members

Carroll D. Marty, Pres.

Dick Cunningham

Pauline Cummings

Steve Finnegan

Glenn Bastiaans

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The following individuals have expressed an interest in the categories listed below.

### Babysitters

Erin Maysent -

Pooja Kanwar -

Christina Bitz -

Ryan Haynes -

Manisha Gadia -

Jeremy Stephenson

### Lawn Care/Snow Removal

Andy Maysent -

Garrett Burrier -

Ryan Haynes -

Adam Finnegan -

Arno Sandoval -

Jeremy Stephenson

*Adult sitter for evenings and weekends* - Panzy Heintz

### Pet/House Sitting

Pooja Kanwar -

Ryan Haynes -

Manisha Gadia -

Nishant Parulekar -

### House Cleaning

Ryan Haynes -

### Professional House Cleaners:

Pansy Heintz -

Sharon Ingebritson -

### Handyman/Carpentry

Dan Johnson -

Delbert Johnson -

### Typing, Fax Service, Copies

Jana Finnegan -

## Which way are interest rates headed?

A question of concern to potential home buyers is which way mortgage interest rates are likely to head. Should they "lock-in" a rate, in the event rates start going up, or should they wait, hoping rates will go even lower?

Financial news reports don't help much. One day rates are expected to remain stable, or even go down a bit more. A few days later, rates are expected to go up!

Since mortgage rates are long-term, they are tied to rates on other long-term investments. Rate fluctuations in these other investments can often be felt immediately in the mortgage market.

The prognosis? It appears that relative stability of mortgage interest rates is in the offing, with both periodic "up-ticks" and "down-ticks." Compared to the double-digit rates of the 1980s, the situation still remains quite mild by comparison.

**Tom Randall**

**Luminaria '94** - The process will begin in September for Luminaria '94. The date is set for Sunday, December 11th 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. We will be taking orders and delivering the candles and white luminary bags at your door this year. This should make it much easier for you to purchase sand at your convenience from any store. We will have eight street chairpersons this year. Here is a brief list of them and their territories.

**Janet Brimeyer** - Southridge and Northridge Circle

**Carol Folkman** - South side of Northridge Pkwy. and Ridgetop Circle

**Michelle Randall** - Ridgetop Road, Park Vista Circle, Lindenwood Circle

**Karen Stephenson** - Valley View Cr., Rosewood Circle, Even numbered houses on Valley View Road.

**Ceci Wall** - Maplewood Circle and Maplewood Road

**Fidella Marty** - Greenwood Road, Greenwood Circle, and Odd numbered houses on Valley View Road.

**Mary Harms** - Sycamore Road and 2903 and 2902 Valley View Road

**Jana Finnegan**, Cypress Circle, Redbud Circle, and 2911 - 3031 Valley View Road.

*Letters will go out around September 15th regarding Luminaria 1994*

**Jana Finnegan**, Chairperson, Luminary Committee

## Notes from the Garden Club

If you recall, last spring a survey was taken by the Greenspace Committee. One of the questions on this survey requested volunteers to serve on a committee to plant and care for flower beds at the entry way. As a result, a Northridge Garden Club was formed. The club is being co-chaired by Anne Hindt, Penny Adam, and John Adam. If you are interested in helping out feel free to contact one of the co-chairs.

The Northridge Garden Club has been active in sprucing up the south entrance to the Northridge community. The first "work party" consisted of weeding and pruning flower beds and ground cover at the main entrance. At the second meeting, on August 24, a number of mums were planted in the flower beds at the main entrance to try to introduce some fall color into this area. Another meeting is being planned for later in the fall to plant some spring bulbs as well. Funds for purchasing flowers and bulbs were provided by the Homeowner's Association.

The Northridge Homeowner Association is responsible for the maintenance of the common areas. This includes green spaces, the entrance areas, and cul-de-sacs. The Northridge Garden Club will continue to assume responsibility for maintenance of the entrance areas. Homeowners on streets with cul-de-sacs and parking areas are encouraged to take an active role in maintaining them by weeding and pruning as needed. If you notice that trees and shrubs are dying, please contact a board member so that plans can be made to replace them.

Anne Hindt, Co-Chair

John and Penny Adam, Co-Chair

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### F.Y.I.

- \* **Moore Park officially closes as 10:30 p.m. every night.** If you notice any activities in the park or parking lot after 10:30, please feel free to contact the police department.
- \* **The two vacant lots at the south entrance of Northridge** are currently being maintained by the developers. Please don't dump grass clippings, dirt or any other yard waste in these lots.
- \* **All homeowners living on cul-de-sacs** are responsible for maintaining the parking areas. Please keep these areas weeded and mowed.

If you missed the opportunity to fill out this questionnaire, feel free to do so at this time and return to Tom Randall at 2406 Ridgetop Circle if you or any family member is interested in providing any of the following services. These lists will begin publication in the next newsletter.

**Babysitting-Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Pet/Housesitting-Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mowing-Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Car Pooling-Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Destination** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Piano Lessons/Misc Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Snow Shoveling-Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_  
**House Cleaning (Teens Welcome)-Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Tutoring-Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_\_\_ **Subjects** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Handyman/Carpentry-Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Painting/Wallpaper-Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Other-Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Service** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please don't limit yourself to the titles we have provided. Please use the "Other" heading for any services you are willing to provide or any services you are in need of so we can assist you.*

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