



**BENNETT RANCH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION**  
**JANUARY 2004**

**NEXT BOARD MEETING – FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 6:00 P.M.**

*The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. The business meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the homeowner forum held at 6:30 p.m. The homeowner forum provides the homeowners the opportunity to discuss community issues directly with the Board. The meetings are held at Progressive Community Management and we welcome you to attend!*

**BENNETT RANCH WEBSITE**

*We hope you are making use of the Bennett Ranch Association website at [www.progressivecm.com/bennetranch](http://www.progressivecm.com/bennetranch). You can easily download architectural guidelines, painting applications, architectural applications, issue common area service requests, etc. online from the comfort of your home or office. Some of the documents are password protected for everyone's protection. The current user name & password are listed in the printed newsletter mailed to each Bennett Ranch homeowner.*

**HOLIDAY REMINDERS**

*The community looks so wonderful this year with all of the holiday decorations to get everyone in the spirit. We wish to remind you of the following rules pertaining to holiday decorations within Bennett Ranch. We thank you for your cooperation.*

- 1. Christmas season lighting (temporary) will not require approval; however, it may not be installed before Thanksgiving of one year and must be removed before January 31st of the following year. Fines will begin in February.*
- 2. Throughout the year, all other holiday, seasonal decorations and/or lighting will not require approval; however, it may not be installed for longer than 30 days.*
- 3. One decorative holiday sign will be permitted at each residence during the same time periods specified above. To comply with the sign requirements in the CC&R's, any holiday sign which includes a telephone number, web-site or e-mail address or other address will be considered advertising and will not be permitted under any circumstance.*

*Waste Management will pick up Christmas trees on the regular trash pick up day from December 26<sup>th</sup> through January 9<sup>th</sup>. Any trees taller than six feet must be cut in half. The trees must be free of all ornaments, stands etc... (regular trees will be recycled, and flocked trees cannot be recycled). Waste Management will have a separate truck pick up trees only.*



## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH INFORMATION

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*Holidays are a special time of year. Unfortunately, busy people become careless and some people especially vulnerable to theft and other crimes at this time.*

### **THE FOLLOWING TIPS CAN MAKE YOUR HOLIDAYS SAFER AND HAPPIER:**

#### OUT AND ABOUT

- \*Stay alert to your surroundings and people around you.*
- \*Lock your car and close your windows even if you're gone for a few minutes. Lock packages in the trunk.*
- \*When waiting for public transportation or rides from friends, do so in a busy, well-lit place.*
- \*Teach your children to ask a store clerk for help should they become separated from you while shopping. Children should never go to a parking lot or to your car alone.*
- \*Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Use checks or credit cards when possible to pay for purchases.*
- \*If your credit cards are lost, stolen or misused, notify the issuers immediately.*
- \*Purses and wallets may become targets for crime in crowded shopping areas, bus stops, on public transportation, so be extra cautious with them.*
- \*To have the freedom of motion, clear visibility, and to avoid mishaps, don't overload yourself with packages.*

#### AT HOME

- \*Lock your doors and windows even if you'll only be away for a few minutes, and give the impression that your house is occupied by leaving on lights and a radio or a television.*
- \*Do not put large displays of holiday gifts in view of your windows or doors.*
- \*Use an automatic timer for your lights if you're not home during the holidays. Have a neighbor watch your house and collect your mail and newspaper.*
- \*New gifts should be marked immediately with your driver's license number. Ask your local law enforcement agency for information on Operation Identification.*
- \*Make sure your holiday tree doesn't block doors or passageways.*
- \*Have your tree mounted on a sturdy base so that small children or pets cannot topple it.*
- \*To keep your tree green, place it in wet sand or in water.*
- \*Make sure that holiday lights are in good working order.*
- \*Never burn wrapping paper in your fireplace.*
- \*Don't forget to include the elderly and other people who might be especially lonely during the holidays.*

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!**

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*Please note that the offices of Progressive Community Management will be closed from noon December 23<sup>rd</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup> for the holiday season and on Monday, January 19, 2004 for the Martin Luther King Holiday. As always, emergency service is available 24 hours a day by calling our regular business line and following the emergency paging instructions. We wish you all a very safe and enjoyable holiday season!*