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the same address.

**Next HOA meeting:**  
The next HOA meeting  
is scheduled for  
Tuesday, Apr 25, 2006.  
Homeowner forum will  
start between 7:00 to  
7:30 pm.

## HOA Meeting Summary

The last Board meeting was held on Mar 28. Please check the bulletin board for the official meeting minutes.

### BIKE & MISCELLANEOUS STORAGE

The Board discussed the removal of bikes and storage items. It was agreed that a mailing would be sent to all homeowners and residents regarding the removal of items at least (60) days prior to the removal date. Items intended to be removed will be tagged ahead of time. In addition the Board plans to create a new rule regarding the ongoing procedures for removal of items improperly stored in the common areas and will include it in the project handbook.

### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager presented (4) accounts to the Board to authorize a "Notice of Intent to Lien". It was resolved that the Board of Directors ("Board") for the Sierra at Jack London Square Owners Association authorizes and instructs Angius & Terry Collections LLC to record a Notice of Delinquent Assessment in the full amount of unpaid assessments, late charges, interest and collections fees costs against that property as authorized by Civil Code Sections 1367.1 and 1367.4 if such account had not been reinstated by the Notice of Intent to Lien expiration date of 4/6/2006.

The General Manager gave a brief updates on the following:

- The second conference room which has been painted and is awaiting carpeting.
- The UHF radios were approved by the Board and are now in use by the staff.
- The blind spot mirrors requested in the past are still on the to-do list, the proposal recently received was too expensive.

### HOMEOWNER COMMENTS

- Board member, Frank Schultz said that

the Italian Night was a great success and thanked the General Manager for a great job. (The homeowners responded with applause).

- A homeowner inquired about the carpeted walls in the north elevators. The GM advised that the carpeting will stay in place until the major work relating to the water intrusion was completed.

- A homeowner inquired about the blue lights. The GM explained that there was a part not working in the blue lights, but it would be installed the upcoming Thursday. A Board member asked that we check on the liability regarding the blue lights.

- A homeowner complimented Paradigm for taking good care of the building while they worked on the water intrusion issues.

- A homeowner asked if additional landscape enhancements were planned. The GM encouraged her and others to forward recommendations for enhancements via e-mail.

### PARKING SPACE AVAILABLE

The Association has one parking space available for rent at \$150/month. Contact Sarah if you are interested.

### SOCIAL EVENT

Enjoy a night-in at the Pre-Tax Day Cocktail Party on Apr 14th, from 7pm to 10pm.

# Bicycle Storage

Please be reminded that starting Apr 15, all bicycles not stored in the designated bike rack will be removed and donated to charity. Here are a few ideas to store your bike properly in your unit:

Target carries a heavy duty free standing bike stand that can hold up to two bikes, as shown in picture to the right. It costs less than \$50. You can pick it up in the store or order online at <http://www.target.com> and search for "Gravity Bike Stand".

SmartHome sells wall mounted and ceiling mounted racks that make efficient use of space. Check them out at [www.smarthome.com](http://www.smarthome.com).

Have you considered a foldable bike? It can be folded into a compact size that can fit under the seat on BART and can be purchased for under \$200.  
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# Earthquake Awareness

April 18 will mark the 100th anniversary of The Great 1906 San Francisco Earthquake. It occurred on the San Andreas fault at 5:12 am and registered 7.8 on the Richter scale. Death toll was estimated at over 3000 people with 225,000 injured. Half of the population in San Francisco was left homeless with property damage well over \$400 million at the time.

## *Aftershock! - Voices from the 1906 Earthquake and Fire*

The Oakland Museum remembers the seismic catastrophe with Aftershock! Voices from the 1906 Earthquake and Fire, April 1–August 13, 2006. The 4,000-square-foot exhibition, with more than 250 artifacts and photographs, is the largest in California dedicated to the centennial of the earthshaking events of April 18, 1906. Visitors to Aftershock! can experience a simulated earthquake via a “shake-table” under the floor of a re-created Victorian room that rolls and pitches. A documentary of digitally enhanced photographs and archival film footage helps visualize the impact of the temblor, which caused damage estimated at 500 million in 1906 dollars. The exhibition includes one of the original tents erected as temporary shelter for the newly homeless. The fourteen-by-twelve-foot canvas structure features images from the tent cities that sprang up in the earthquake’s aftermath. For more information, see <http://www.museumca.org>.

## *Would you be ready to ride it out if an earthquake hit today?*

Here is a checklist to help you prepare for the next Big One. For more information, go to <http://www.oes.ca.gov> and search on earthquake preparedness.

- Prepare emergency kit of food, water, and supplies including a flashlight, portable battery-operated radio, batteries, medicines, first aid kit, money and clothing. You should have enough food and water for 72 hours, preferably one week. Water should be stored in airtight containers and replaced every six months. Store disinfectants such as iodine tablets or chlorine bleach, eight drops per gallon, to purify water if necessary.
- Know the safe spots in each room — under sturdy tables, desks, or against interior walls.
- Know the danger spots — near windows, mirrors, hanging objects, fireplaces and tall, unsecured furniture.
- Conduct practice drills so you and your family know the safe locations in your home.
- Decide how and where your family will reunite if separated during a quake.
- Choose an out-of-state friend or relative who family members can call after the quake to report their whereabouts and conditions.
- Learn first aid and CPR (cardiopulmonary utility resuscitation.)
- Secure major appliances as well as tall, heavy furniture, hanging plants, mirrors and picture frames – especially those over beds.
- Keep breakables, heavy objects, flammable or hazardous liquids such as, paints, pest sprays and cleaning products, in secured cabinets or on lower shelves.
- Organize your neighborhood to be self-sufficient after a quake.

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## Neighborhood Events

### Farmers' Market

The Sunday market is held every Sun from 10am to 2pm at the Square. Beginning May 10<sup>th</sup>, the Wed market will be held every Wed from 10am to 2pm.

### Pacific Sail Expo, Apr 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>

Over 100 sailboats will be exhibited in Jack London Square. Visit <http://www.sailamerica.com> for ticket information. Watch out for increased traffic in the area during this event.

### The Potomac, Apr 22<sup>nd</sup>

Cruise the Presidential Yacht USS Potomac on the San Francisco Bay. Two 3-hour tours will be held at 10:30 am and 2:00 pm. Ticket may be purchased at [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com) or 866-468-3399.

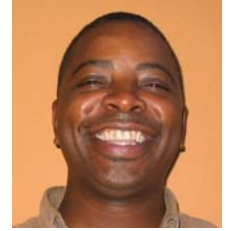
### Power Boat Show, Apr 27<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>

Stroll through the latest in motorized boats for recreation, cruising and habitat. For more information call 510-452-6262.

# Mario's Corner

### Door Bell

Please check your door bell to make sure it is working properly. We have been getting a few maintenance requests on this subject. If it is not working, please fill out a maintenance request form at the front desk and we will fix it promptly.



### Pool cushions

They will be back... as soon as we get a break from this rain. I am hoping to put them out in the beginning of May.

### Drip Pan

If your car is leaking fluids onto the garage floor, please have it repaired as soon as possible. If you cannot fix the leak promptly, place a drip pan under your vehicle to catch the fluids.

## Neighborhood Clean-Up Day - Apr 23<sup>rd</sup>

Donate your time at the seventh annual "Trash Bash" to cleanup our neighborhood. The cleaning starts at 9am and stops around noon with a free BBQ lunch. Be sure to RSVP by sending mail to [trashbash@jlda.org](mailto:trashbash@jlda.org) or calling Joanna at 510-893-4100. More information can be found on <http://www.jlda.org/>

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