

# Holbrook Heights

## Community Association *Newsletter*

November, 1997

**November 1997**

Holbrook Heights  
Community Association

### **Town Hall Meeting**

**Thursday, Nov. 13**

**7:00 - 8:30pm**

**Holbrook Elementary  
School**

#### Agenda

**7:00** Convene

- Welcome and President's report
- Treasurer's report
- Neighborhood Watch report
- Neighborhood Preservation report
- Park and Pool Vision

**8:00** Questions and Answers

**8:30** Adjourn

*Light refreshments  
will be served.*

Association members have the right to get copies of board meeting minutes at a nominal cost with a request in writing to Management Unlimited, 1500 A Street,

Antioch, CA 94509.

### *Message from the President*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their patience with pool repairs and other operation challenges this year.

The pool opened a little later than usual due to the improvements and repairs that we undertook. Fortunately, the spring weather was cool and not much swim time was lost.

I think everyone who came to the pool will agree that the wait was worth it. The entire facility looks and works better than it has in years.

While many of the improvements such as paint and the new deck are visible, much of what we did is not. In the course of carrying out the planned improvements of installing a new filter and additional skimmers, the uncovered deck revealed piping and drainage that was badly designed, poorly repaired or non-functional.

While the extra time it took to set old systems to right was frustrating, many problems were solved that had plagued the efficient operation of the pool for years.

At the end of the season we, along with many other pools in the area, were caught in a previously unexperienced lifeguard shortage by the mass graduation of many of the young people who had served as lifeguards in Contra Costa county for the past several years.

Most had agreed, as in the past, to work into October. But as they found themselves getting ready for college the pressure was more than they had anticipated. As a result many had to cut back on work schedules, leaving us shorthanded.

Because the lifeguard shortfall occurred throughout the area all the pools were competing for replacements through want ads; many spots went unfilled, and several pools closed early.

Knowing now that this unprecedented development can happen we can take covering it into account in planning for next season!

In closing, the entire board would again like to thank you for your patience during this historic "season of big improvements." We're looking forward to a great season next year and would appreciate your input and participation to make our pool an even better place to have fun and relax.

- Robert Ward