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## Annual Meeting Ballot and Election Improvements

*By Darin Duphorne*

2014 has now crested, and the 2014 Annual Meeting will be here before you can blink. One of the commitments I made to the community this year was to improve the annual board election process. The goal was to increase participation, clarity, and visibility beginning with the nomination process, through the notification mail-out and proxy ballots, and finally to the election night ballot procedures. If you attended the last annual meeting, you will no doubt agree that we have a lot of room to improve that process.

To do so, we are enlisting your support and assistance to serve on a nomination and election procedures committee, which I hope to continue year after year to ensure compliance with the

Association's bylaws and to continuously improve the process.

If you are willing to help us develop a new proxy and absentee ballot mailout, to assist with the nomination process, and to assist with and monitor the ballot distribution and counting at the annual meeting, please send your name and a brief statement indicating your interest to Frank Cario - [frank@sterlingasi.com](mailto:frank@sterlingasi.com). We will then be in touch with those selected and will discuss in detail and initiate the committee objectives at the July Monthly Board Meeting. Those not selected for the committee are welcome to attend; and please make your recommendations for improvement known through Nextdoor or otherwise.



### MUD 261



In April, MUD 261 voters turned out in record numbers to provide non-binding input as to their willingness to support 2 district projects: a community center building and a perimeter beautification plan. The resulting consent vote went extremely well. In addition to outstanding participation, there were no disputes, and no on-site electioneering. Volunteers assisted greatly the voting effort, and an orderly / public vote count was completed immediately after the polling closed. The final results were as follows:

Building Project (voted DOWN 64% to 36%) FOR 127

Votes; AGAINST 226 Votes

Perimeter Beautification Project (voted UP 73% to 27%) FOR 257 Votes; AGAINST 96 Votes.

MUD 261 directors sought good voter turnout and clear direction from the community. Both these objectives were achieved. Going forward, it is expected the MUD board will refine and implement the proposed perimeter beautification project. The district expects to complete a bond offering within the next several months to fund the project, as well as provide cash to manage future district water and wastewater capital requirements.

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To submit an article for consideration please email it to [frank@sterlingasi.com](mailto:frank@sterlingasi.com). The deadline is the 9th of the month prior to the issue.

## GARDENING TIPS

Presented by RCW Nurseries

Mobile technology with its GPS, camera, and wireless capabilities are amazing tools that just about anyone can use with ease. We share with you 2 ways you can use your mobile device that we've recently learned about.

If hummingbirds captivate you -- and who isn't mesmerized by these hovering, buzzing little fragments of the rainbow - the National Audubon Society would like to recruit you and your smart phone.

Using their Hummingbird at Home app (available for both iOS and Android devices), you will be able to help their scientists and researchers track them, and get a clearer picture of the U.S. hummingbird population.

You can define and monitor a patch of "territory" -- your garden and/or yard, a park, whatever -- and record hummingbird sightings as well as the bird's food sources -- feeder and flowers. Or you can report any random sighting. The sightings you report become available to the Audubon Society's scientists and volunteer researchers. And participation can be as frequent or as limited as you want. It's free to participate in the program making it a worthy project for anyone: families, schools, home owner associations, gardening clubs and scouts. Goto [hummingbirdsathome.org](http://hummingbirdsathome.org) to see the Audubon Society's very informative videos, and to get started.

Smart phones that respond to signals from plants? Pricewise this certainly isn't for everyone, but if you're an early technology adopter

look into the Parrot Flower Power plant monitor. It's a twig-like wireless spike you place in the soil around your plant's roots. Being waterproof it can be used with both indoor and outdoor plants, and runs for about 6 months on a AAA battery. It monitors lighting, air and soil temperature, the soil's moisture and fertilizer content in an area about 4-inches around the plant. Parrot Flower Power also includes an app and a database of 6,000 plants, trees, and vegetables across 2,000 species and their optimal growing requirements.

Using Bluetooth the sensor sends the data to the app that analyzes and compares it with the plant's optimal growing requirements, and makes care recommendations. Eventually as the app "learns" more about how your plant is responding it will alert you if you need to fertilize, water, or move it to a sunnier/shadier and/or warmer/cooler site. A year's worth of data can be stored and charted by the app so you can visually see how well the plant is doing.

Currently, Parrot Flower Power only works with iPhone/iPad/iPod devices. To read more about it, goto [techcrunch.com/2014/02/28/parrots-flower-power-plant-sensor-gives-you-a-mobile-green-thumb/](http://techcrunch.com/2014/02/28/parrots-flower-power-plant-sensor-gives-you-a-mobile-green-thumb/). You can also google "parrot flower power" for reviews and where to purchase it.

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Once you make your reservation with me, you need to download the form under "Amenities" on our Woodwind Lakes website [www.woodwindlakes.us](http://www.woodwindlakes.us). Bring the form to me along with a \$50 deposit (7603 Crescendo Ct....in the Cul-de-sac by the Pavilion and the Tennis Courts). You get your deposit back after your party IF you have cleaned up and taken off ALL your trash....NOTHING can be left on site! How simple is that? Aren't we a lucky neighborhood to have facilities like these?

Just a reminder that dogs are not allowed inside the Adult Pool area....

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Should you need a key card to access the Pavilion or Tennis Courts, please contact Sterling Association Services at 832-678-4500. The cost is \$10.

## The Women's Club of WWL




The Women's Club of WWL is pleased to announce the officers for the 2014-2015 club year: Gail Ford-President, Lynn Collins-Vice President, Lynne James-Secretary and Chris Wheeler-Treasurer. The purpose of the Women's Club is to offer a convenient and friendly environment for members to socialize with the ladies in the neighborhood and participate in fun and interesting activities. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month from September through May. Our annual membership dues are \$25 per year. For more information about the Women's Club, please contact: Gail Ford([ggford@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ggford@sbcglobal.net)), Lynn Collins ([lynn.collins@garygreene.com](mailto:lynn.collins@garygreene.com)), Lynne James ([stevelynne@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stevelynne@sbcglobal.net)), or Chris Wheeler ([mchriswheeler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mchriswheeler@sbcglobal.net)).

## SECTION 4 FORUM

Please join us for the Section 4 Forum on Wednesday July 9th at 6:30pm. The conversation will take place at the Windfern Mud Building on Gessner/Mauna Loa. We look forward to seeing you there!"

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## GROUND'S COMMITTEE

The Ground's Committee meets the second Tuesday of every month at the Windfern MUD Building at 7:00 PM in the conference room.

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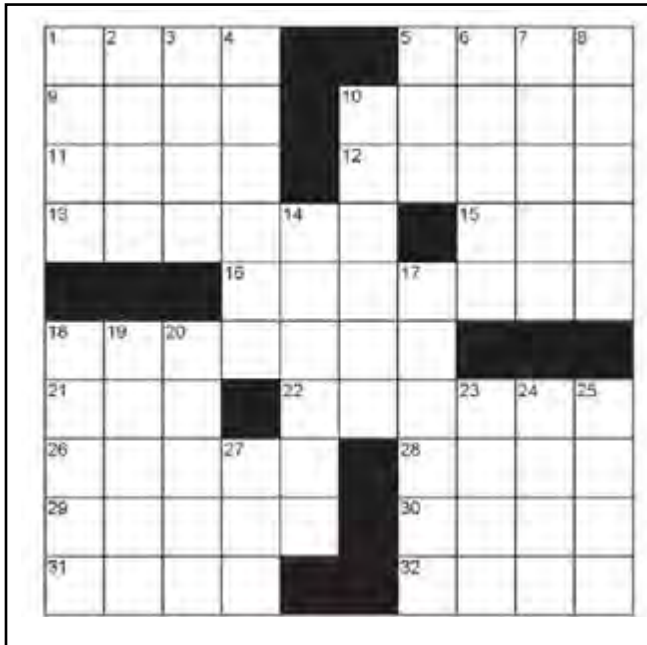
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18. Hides
21. Brew
22. Large meals
26. Sheer, triangular scarf
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29. Electronic mail
30. First letter of the Arabic alphabet
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32. Polish

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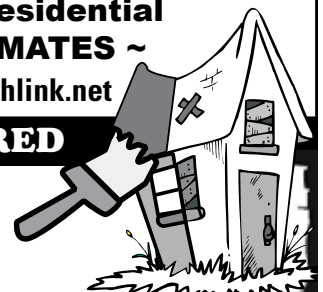
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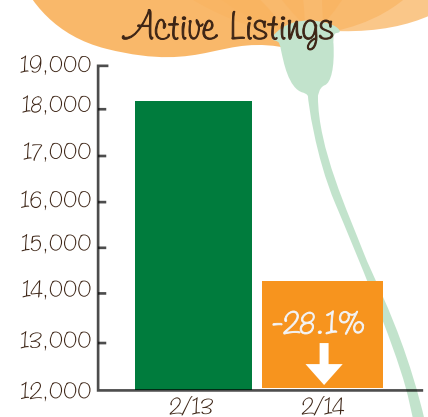
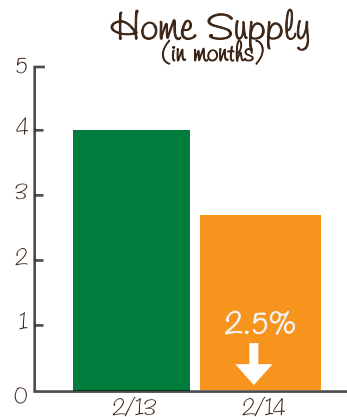
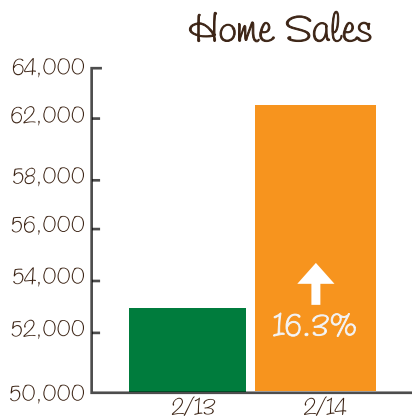
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