

Lomond Terrace Road Association

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Recent Road Association Projects

Gutter Cleaning

In the fall of 2003 we investigated having our culverts and v-ditches cleaned and maintained by an outside contractor. This will always be an ongoing issue throughout the rainy season. In the past, the burden has fallen to the small percentage of the membership willing to get out there, clean the debris and keep the runoff flowing through the drainage structures. The most promising bid we received was from a non-profit called Community Action Board which employs entry level workers to do environmentally beneficial projects in Santa Cruz County. Their low bid came in at nearly \$3400 and was deemed beyond our budget. Plan Two involved doing it ourselves, which we did. Two major work parties and several smaller work parties, with a total of more than 20 people, spent their Saturday participating and literally thousands of dollars were saved. We got the job done and made it safely through another winter. Thanks to all who volunteered. Hope to see you next fall.



Residents out on a stretch of Valley View Road in the rainy weather, clearing the culverts. More photos on benlomond.org.



Before: Damage at end of road becoming serious.



After: New drain. Rich Becker lending a hand.

Erosion Control on Park Culdesac

Park Drive Cul-de-sac is the part of Park Drive that intersects just before Valley View in the middle of that first hairpin curve. This little piece of our road system serves six homes and catches a lot of run-off during hard rains. In the fall of 2003, we noticed that the road surface at the end of Park Drive Cul-de-sac was eroding and there was a possibility for severe damage in the storms that occur each winter. With a generous donation from a concerned property owner in the neighborhood and more money from our mailer-donation fund, we purchased a drainage inlet, a large diameter pipe, an anchoring device and 5 tons of rock to create a sturdy, long-term solution to the problem. Special thanks to the members who worked on this project and to Granite Construction who did a great job of connecting the road surface to the inlet with an attractive asphalt berm at no cost to us.

After All, We All Live Here

Be sure to visit benlomond.org to see the latest news and goings on in our neighborhood. Send ideas and comments to lomond@benlomond.org

Sign Post Enhancements

This year some of our road signs came up for replacement and we added a stop sign at the intersection of Park Drive and Valley View Road. In order to create a uniform look, we used native redwood poles with the bark removed for the project. All materials, except the stop sign, were donated by our members, as well as with the labor to install and paint them with a sealer. The stop sign was paid for with money from our annual \$10 per year mailer-donation fund which we solicit from our members each year at the conclusion of the road meeting and when the minutes of the meeting are sent out. Thanks to all who participated. If you have a sign or mailbox post that you would like replaced in this manner, please let your road representative know and we will do our best to assist you. You can contact representatives though e-mail addresses located at www.benlomond.org.



Michael Saunders enhancing a neighborhood sign post.