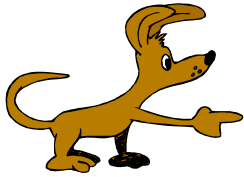




# Neighborhood News

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## 4th Quarter Meeting Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup>!!

- ❖ City of Concord's Emergency Preparedness Plans
- ❖ DENA Board Elections & Bylaws Amendments
- ❖ Lt. Gary Norvell's Neighborhood Crime Update



### Get CERTified

Do you have a plan for riding out an earthquake, flood or major fire in Concord? The City of Concord, in conjunction with the Contra Costa County Office of Emergency Preparedness, is offering free Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. The program is designed for people who wish to learn more about emergency preparedness. The lessons, designed to train neighborhood members to assist first responders, include 20 hours of hands-on training covering disaster preparedness, fire safety, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue, and disaster psychology, as well as a final simulated disaster exercise.



In addition to providing a great program for establishing a personal emergency preparedness plan, the classes are an opportunity to meet your neighbors and develop a community plan for approaching disaster planning. Registration is required. The next session will start January 25. Contact **Karen Siemsen** of the Concord Police Department at **671-3184** for more information. Special classes can be held for neighborhoods with 20+ interested parties. If you are interested please contact: [webmaster@danaestates.org](mailto:webmaster@danaestates.org) or join us at the December 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting!

On the web: <http://cityofconcord.org/safety/cert.htm>

### The New Dana Estates Website is Here!



We are proud to unveil our community's newly redesigned website. We're committed to keeping the latest information about our neighborhood posted

here. The site includes sections covering:

- Upcoming events
- Recent news, including updates on the Naval Weapons Station and Dana Plaza
- Links to municipal services and community and consumer resources
- Contact information for the DENA board and for our City of Concord partners

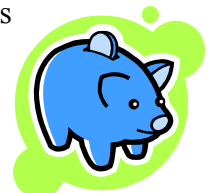
You can read up on current events, click through to send an email to your area rep, or submit a question or comment to one of the board members. Suggestions for additional enhancements are welcomed.

On the web: <http://www.danaestates.org/>

### DENA Membership Donations

There are many ways you can get involved to help improve your neighborhood. DENA helps accomplish this by working with the City to address issues that are of concern to the residents, organizes the Annual National Night Out event, and produces and distributes the Neighborhood News.

DENA membership dues are voluntary; the suggested donation is \$5 per year per household. Donations can be made by check and should be sent to DENA's P.O. Box or given in person to the Chairperson or Treasurer at any General Membership meeting. All donations are greatly appreciated. If you don't feel a monetary donation is appropriate, a donation of a couple of hours every quarter to help deliver the Neighborhood News would also be great!



## Join the Dana Estates online Group



We've formed a Dana Estates discussion group online at Yahoo! Need a referral for a babysitter or petsitter? Have you found a great resource you'd like to share with your neighbors? Post your message online, where all Dana Estates residents can access it. You don't need a Yahoo! ID to receive messages from the site, but you'll need one to post messages. Messages are accessible only by group members.

On the web:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/DanaEstates/join>

## The Valley District Has a New Face & Will be Getting a New Look



Lt. Gary Norvell has replaced retired Lt. Mike Wells as the Valley's Field Operations newest face. Lt. Norvell has been in law enforcement for over 29 years and with Concord since 1981 in various departments including: Narcotics, Investigation and Patrol. He has spent 15 yrs. in Supervisor and Management roles, 8 yrs. as Sergeant,

5 yrs. as Lieutenant. His education includes: BS Marketing, MS Business Management and recent graduate of FBI Academy, and Toast Masters Member. Lt. Norvell is available for questions, concerns or hot tips that Dana Estates residents may have about our neighborhood and has accepted DENA's invitation to attend our next General Meeting December 14th.

**Field Operations** goals are to provide effective and efficient police services to the City of Concord 24 hours a day including: protection of life and property, maintenance of order, investigation of criminal events, prevention of crime, orderly flow and parking of vehicles in the City; field evidence collection, support services for all emergency communications between departments and community, and delivery of a myriad of assigned municipal services.

**The Valley District** covers East Concord, which includes the Clayton corridor, Concord Boulevard/Dana Plaza, Cowell/Larwin and Clayton Valley areas. The Field Office is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is currently located in the Clayton Valley Shopping Center, 5400 Ygnacio Valley Road, #A-8b, Concord, CA 94521. Phone (925) 671-3377. Within the next six months, the office will be relocated to a more centralized location at 4451 Clayton Rd near Dairy Queen and Food Max.

## Elections



Please find the attached ballot. We urge you to complete and bring it to the December 14 General Meeting or mail it to DENA, P.O. Box 299, Concord, CA 94522; mailed ballots must be received by Monday, December 12. Seven Board positions are up for election including Vice Chairman, Treasurer and all five Area Representatives. Also on the ballot are three proposed Constitution/Bylaws amendments; two are necessary for IRS approval of our nonprofit application while the other is for the creation of an appointed Board position of Web Master for management of the DENA web site.

## DENA Nears Federal Nonprofit Approval

The Dana Estates Neighborhood Alliance is close to fulfilling the requirements for becoming an Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Approval of the Items #1 and #2 on the December 14, 2005 ballot is required to bring the Constitution/Bylaws into compliance with the Internal Revenue Code. This classification will enable us to receive tax-free grants as well as allowing people to make tax deductible contributions to the organization. IRS approval is only the first step, as state of California nonprofit approval is also necessary. Becoming a nonprofit organization necessitates filing tax returns; volunteers who can help us with this task will be greatly appreciated.

**BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE DATES IN THIS BOX EACH NEWSLETTER FOR IMPORTANT EVENTS AND MEETINGS!**

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- General Membership Meeting, Wednesday, December 14th, 7:00pm at the Concord Permit Center Conference Room, 1950 Parkside Drive, Concord
- DENA Board meets the first Wednesday of the month at the First Christian Church, 3039 Willow Pass Road, Concord

All Dana Estates residents are encouraged to attend and participate in DENA General Membership and Board Meetings.



**Dana Estates Neighborhood Alliance  
December 14, 2005 Election Ballot**



(Mailed ballots will be accepted through December 12)

The people listed below are candidates for the offices of Vice Chair, Treasurer and Area Representatives. Please mark the right hand box for the preferred candidates. The blank spaces are for write-in candidates; a telephone number or e-mail address is required.

<b>Vice Chair (2 year term)</b>	Holly Belknap (Incumbent)	<a href="mailto:vicechairman@danaestates.org">vicechairman@danaestates.org</a>	
<b>Treasurer (2 year term)</b>	Ken Weis (Incumbent)	<a href="mailto:treasurer@danaestates.org">treasurer@danaestates.org</a>	
<b>Area One Representative (1 year term)</b>	Jerry Curtis (Incumbent)	<a href="mailto:area1rep@danaestates.org">area1rep@danaestates.org</a>	
<b>Area Two Representative (1 year term)</b>	Nancy Bolcerrek (Incumbent)	<a href="mailto:area2rep@danaestates.org">area2rep@danaestates.org</a>	
<b>Area Three Representative (1 year term)</b>	Michael Bryant (Incumbent)	<a href="mailto:area3rep@danaestates.org">area3rep@danaestates.org</a>	
<b>Area Four Representative (1 year term)</b>	Bruce McManus (Incumbent)	<a href="mailto:area4rep@danaestates.org">area4rep@danaestates.org</a>	
<b>Area Five Representative (1 year term)</b>	Bill Cecil (Incumbent)	<a href="mailto:area5rep@danaestates.org">area5rep@danaestates.org</a>	

**Constitution/Bylaws Amendments**

**1. Amend the Purpose Statement to comply with IRS regulations for nonprofit organizations**

Shall the following statement be added to the Constitution/Bylaws? "The Dana Estates Neighborhood Alliance is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes with the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code".

Yes  No

**2. Add a Dissolution Clause to comply with IRS regulations for nonprofit organizations**

Shall the following statement be added to the Constitution/Bylaws? "Upon dissolution of the association, the Board of Trustees shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the liabilities of the association, dispose of all assets of the association exclusively for the purposes of the association in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Trustees shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for the such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes."

Yes  No

**3. Create a Board Member position of Web Master**

Shall the DENA Constitution/Bylaws be amended to create an appointed Board Member position of Web Master; this person will manage the organization's web site, [www.danaestates.org](http://www.danaestates.org)?

Yes  No

## ❖PURPOSE❖

The purpose of Dana Estates Neighborhood Alliance is to:

- A. Encourage and maintain a neighborhood of which we can be proud;
- B. Increase the feeling of security and concern among neighbors;
- C. Inform the City of Concord about our community/neighborhood needs and concerns;
- D. Act as a resource for the neighborhood by referring people to appropriate agencies, departments, or individuals for information or services available;
- E. Provide a forum where matters of interest or concern can be discussed and acted upon.

### **Board:**

Phil Schafer ..... Chairman – [chairman@danaestates.org](mailto:chairman@danaestates.org)  
Holly Belknap ..... Vice Chairman – [vicechairman@danaestates.org](mailto:vicechairman@danaestates.org)  
Ken Weis ..... Treasurer – [treasurer@danaestates.org](mailto:treasurer@danaestates.org)  
Francie Price ..... Secretary – [secretary@danaestates.org](mailto:secretary@danaestates.org)

### **Area Representatives:**

Jerry Curtis..... Area 1 - [area1rep@danaestates.org](mailto:area1rep@danaestates.org)  
Nancy Bolcerek..... Area 2 - [area2rep@danaestates.org](mailto:area2rep@danaestates.org)  
Michael Bryant ..... Area 3 - [area3rep@danaestates.org](mailto:area3rep@danaestates.org)  
Bruce McManus ..... Area 4 - [area4rep@danaestates.org](mailto:area4rep@danaestates.org)  
Bill Cecil ..... Area 5 - [area5rep@danaestates.org](mailto:area5rep@danaestates.org)

### **📍 HOW TO REACH US 📧**

**By mail:** Dana Estates  
Neighborhood Alliance  
P.O. Box 299  
Concord, CA 94520

**By email:** [board@danaestates.org](mailto:board@danaestates.org)

### **FOR OTHER ASSISTANCE:**

City of Concord Neighborhood Preservation Program (925) 671-3454

City of Concord Liaison Team Leader..... (925) 671-3085

Neighborhood Watch Information ..... (925) 671-5919

City of Concord Website:[www.cityofconcord.org](http://www.cityofconcord.org)