



ALAMO, WHERE ARE YOU?

Raise your hand if you answered our AIA survey in last month's newspaper.

Well, we see a scattering of hands held high so we know some people read this page!

Seriously, Alamo is our community and AIA needs more of us to take an interest in what is happening in Alamo and at Contra Costa County, our local government. It's so easy to sit back when things seem to be going well, but it takes constant vigilance to keep on top of County decisions that will have an effect on our homes and roads. The number of residents currently monitoring the County's various activities with respect to Alamo can be counted on two hands. We need more input and help from our neighbors.

For instance:

DO YOU KNOW? ALAMO PLAZA IS LOSING FURBELOWS!

After thirty years with a fabric store in Alamo, we are seeing Furbelows close its doors at the end of July. What will be the future of Alamo Plaza as it adds another empty storefront? We must pay attention to what's happening in our community! What is the long-term plan for all the empty space? We should be concerned.



The AIA survey is still on our website at www.alamoca.org. Please take a minute to fill it out!

SHERLOCK INVESTIGATES

Sherlock is good at coming up with little-known facts about what's happening in Contra Costa County. Stay tuned for a monthly tidbit! Here's this month's Sherlock discovery.

Our annual 1% property tax dollars go into various money pots at the County. Some of this 1% money goes into the County General Fund and the County Public Works Department, which is supposed to pay for dead brush removal and clean-up along our main public roads. But up until June 22, when government crews cleaned them up, our common spaces weren't looking very manicured, and there was plenty of fire-feeding brush on the roadside! As summer fire season begins, we thank the County for our main roads clean-up!

Another small percentage (2.1) of the 1% property tax money goes to Alamo Parks and Recreation (R7A). R7A money is to be used for activities like the Summer Concert Series at Livorna Park, maintenance of Livorna and Andrew Young parks and part of Hap Magee Park, and events such as "Doggie Day in the Park" which was held last October at Hap Magee Park. But last year's Doggie Day in the Park cost over \$30,000! That's over \$100 per attendee! Most of that money went to pay County employees to put on the event.



Corner of Danville Boulevard and Camille Avenue until June 22, when County crews began removing weeds.

What is your recommendation about what Alamo residents should expect annually from our property tax funds filtering through the County General Fund and through R7A? If you have thoughts, opinions or ideas for uses of the property tax money we send to the County, send us an email at the AIA website!

'Til next month, Sherlock