

Board re-assures Care

Back in the early days, when our HOA was just beginning to remove its "Training Wheels" we made a concerted effort to make our small community more than just a group of 53 separate homes loosely tied together by a written set of rules. We created a closer knit entity by adding a number of personal touches including our own resident directory and numerous planned face-to-face events for all residents throughout the year. All of these efforts has helped most of us to arrive at that personal feel of family we all now enjoy about Sanctuary on the Park.

One of the early inclusions along these lines was the formation of a special "loose knit" group, led by Joan Searcy, who took it upon themselves to personally welcome newcomers, interview existing residents, publish their stories and also to stay tuned to any needs as well as times of stress so that we, as a community could offer help as well as condolences when it was appropriate.

In this same spirit of connecting and compassion Janet Hanna has agreed to head up a renewed effort to stay tuned, if you will, to the personal side of Sanctuary and to provide whatever is appropriate, without being intrusive, in the way of assistance and/or condolences to any resident in need.

Janet is seeking an informal contact in the three main areas...Blackhawk, Maplewood and Carson to help her stay in touch and help her in her efforts along these lines. If you have information and/or would like to help, give her a call at (303) 400-0398.

A Photo Op from The Bird Club



Tree Swallow Nest

Harry Harried In "Black Box" - A Book Review

This is a book review for men so, ladies, please excuse yourselves to do the dishes, ironing, cooking and rearranging our closets so we guys aren't able to find our socks and underwear without a GPS. We manly men are engaging in book talk.

The latest Michael Connelly book (November 2012) about the continuing adventures of LAPD detective Harry Bosch contains enough story-line twists to keep us fans of the series occupied for three or four days. This one is "The Black Box," published November, 2012, the 18th of Harry Bosch's escapades. Harry is one of us. He dislikes authority and authorities bent on directing his investigations. He deflects hierarchical structure like Dilbert in the comics. He's hoping to retire again, and also wishes he was retired.

We find Harry assigned to the LAPD Cold Case division. He's given a homicide that occurred at the height of the 1992 Los Angeles riots. He was at the scene two decades ago and has never forgotten this unsolved case. His bureaucratic boss, O'Toole, wants the case cleaned up and puts Harry on a short leash. The victim was a blonde female Danish War Correspondent. What the heck was she doing in the riot zone? No one but Harry believes the 20-year-old crime can be solved, least of all O'Toole. So that's the scene from which the hunt for the murderer begins. It's not giving away the story to concede Harry nabs the killer. He always does. Harry begins with the Black Box, police slang for the scribbled notes of every detective who spent time on the case, and finds a clue that sets Harry loose.

Along the way we meet corrupt politicians and cops, Desert Storm Army veterans, Harry's teen daughter, his girlfriend and her imprisoned son. No lurid scenes here. Harry's not interested particularly in sex. We need to say that because some of our book-club ladies might be listening suspiciously. We do get a thorough dose of today's high-tech crime work, though. It surely beats another episode of Lawn Odor, er Law and Order.

I'd rate the book five 9mm Beretta pistol bullets.

By Jim Banman