

HIDDEN TRAILS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

MARCH 2008 NEWSLETTER

HOA Officers (*all are volunteers): President: James McNair (760) 743-1386; Vice-President: Bob Dunbar (760) 741-5334; Secretary/Treasurer: Jane Albo.

Design Review Committee: Co-Chairs: Marcus Harrel & Darryl Turner, Rick Wood; adjunct members: Dennis Van Rumund, Ellie Montalvo, Brian Swanson.

Property Manager: Fabiana Lansner (flansner@menas.com), Menas Realty (760) 942-2667 or (858) 270-7870. Please visit web site www.menas.com for information on who to contact for billing or repairs.

Escondido Police Department: 911; non-emergency = (760) 839-4722.

Escondido Fire Department (Fires, fireworks, rattlesnakes in yard): 911; non-emergency = (760) 839-5400

Henry Avocado (grove issues like avocado theft, sprinklers, dumping): 745-6632

City of Escondido, Public Works (Ryan Park, streetlight issues): 839-4668

City of Escondido, Code Enforcement (graffiti): 839-4650

Valley High School (kids in neighborhood during school hours, etc.): 291-3275

East Valley Community Center: 2245 East Valley Parkway, 839-4382

Broken sprinklers in HOA landscaping, dead HOA plants: Menas Realty (760) 942-2667

Newsletter Editor: Homeowner/volunteer Brian Swanson (760) 739-5451.

Be A Water-wise Gardner: Water is a precious resource. Conservation is easy. Several days before a forecast storm event, and for a week or more after a good rain, turn off your irrigation controls.

It is easy to shut off the control (turn to "OFF"). When the soil dries out, which may be a couple of weeks after a good rain, you can turn it back on. This will save water (a valuable resource), money (yours!), and prevent damage to your landscaping from over watering plants and erosion. It also saves electricity (up to 19% of the electricity used in California is used for processing and pumping water), land space (less dams needed if we use less water). All of these good things result when we conserve our water.

Trails: Repair is underway. You may have noticed the yellow caution tape closing off portions of the trails while they're being renewed. They should be completed in the next few weeks, just in time for day light savings time and after-work walks!

Reminders:

A number of homeowners appear to be unfamiliar with the Association Rules & Regulations, or Architectural & Design Guidelines. Please read and be familiar with

these important documents! They can help you ensure that your project will be approved, and that you will be a good neighbor.

Homeowners need to submit applications to the HOA (attention Fabiana Lansner), for review by the Design Review Committee, for many improvements including but not limited to:

- All changes in front yard landscaping, fencing or walkways.
- Installation of patio covers.
- Changing the color of house, garage door, doors, trim.
- Installation of portable sheds.
- Painting/staining fences (previously approved colors are okay)

Also, per HOA rules:

- Black nursery pots are unacceptable for front yards (only decorative pots)
- Stackable chairs are prohibited in front yard/porches except while in use
- Landscaping materials (pallets, blocks, equipment and materials, and demolition debris such as broken concrete) are only allowed in the front yard for a short period of time, while the project is underway, and should be removed promptly so as not become an eyesore. Storage for longer than a couple of weeks should be in the rear yard or garage.

Dogs:

Reminder: Homeowners and guests have a right to a quiet neighborhood. One dog barking tends to set off other dogs, compounding the problem. Dogs should not be barking at passerby on sidewalks or even the street, or in an adjacent yard, merely because the dog can hear them or see them.

Please be sure to scoop the poop, in you own yard or common areas. Nobody enjoys the piles of poop that some of our trails accumulate from irresponsible owners. It's our rule, it's the law.

Loose dogs: Dogs must be restrained at all times. Not allowed to run loose in the neighborhood, leaving unwelcome calling cards on the lawns of neighbors.

Community Hike: If you'd like to learn something about Daley Ranch, including the plans and animals that call this beautiful open space park their home, meet Brian at the dirt parking lot at the entrance off La Honda Drive 4PM Sunday March 9th. A two hour hike on hilly terrain will require boots or tennis shoes, and some drinking water. This is the first day of Daylight Savings Time.

Motorcycles: Residents, tenants and guests are responsible for knowing and following the rules. All riders and vehicles must be licensed. No racing or stunts (e.g. wheelies) within our community. Helmets are required, lights necessary after sunset. The groves are private property and no off road vehicles are allowed (other than the grove vehicles).
Editor: Brian Swanson