

# HIDDEN TRAILS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

## JUNE 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, Karen Di Pasquale.

**Property Manager:** Fabiana Lansner (flansner@menas.com), Menas Realty (760) 942-2667 or (858) 270-7870. Please visit [www.menas.com](http://www.menas.com) for info on who to contact for billing or repairs.

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

**Escondido Fire Dept.** (Fires, fireworks, rattlesnakes): 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.

**Website:** <http://www.hiddentrailshoa.com> ; [webmaster@hiddentrailshoa.com](mailto:webmaster@hiddentrailshoa.com).

**Annual HOA Meeting:** Our annual meeting will be held 6:30PM Wed. June 4th at the East Valley Community Center (address above). If you can not attend, ***please sign and return your proxy statement to our property manager ASAP.*** We need a quorum to conduct the meeting, and without a quorum a second (increased cost to HOA) meeting will be required. If you mail in your proxy, then attend the meeting, you can always revoke your proxy at the meeting. Tell your neighbors to mail in their proxies ASAP!

**Oil Dumping in Hidden Trails:** It was recently reported that a homeowner in the Vineyards changed his motor oil then dumped it into his trash (5/1/08). From there it leaked out and ran down the gutter into the storm drain. From there it went into our detention basin, home to fish, frogs, birds and small mammals. From there it will travel via Escondido Creek to Lake Hodges (our drinking water), then to the ocean. Eventually, we might see it when we go to the beach this summer, or taste it when we eat our seafood. For many years it has been illegal to dump used motor oil into the household trash. Auto supply shops (such as Kragan and Chief Auto Parts) accept used motor oil with no charge. Set a good example for our kids. Don't be lazy. Don't be sneaky. Do the right thing and always recycle your waste motor oil.

**The Joy of a Neighborhood – Meet Your Neighbors!** We're all so busy with our lives that it's easy to get into routines and find it hard to break out. If that's you, then consider waving to your neighbors when you see them on the street or driving to or from their

homes. It's a lot of fun meeting our neighbors. Each person has their own story to share. Lend a hand when they're moving in. Share some cookies or other fresh baking. Maybe offer to mow their lawn where it abuts your lawn. Little courtesies go a long way towards making a community.

**Paintball Vandals:** Saturday morning, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, homeowners awoke to find that vandals had shot yellow paintballs at a little more than a dozen vehicles. All of the vandalized vehicles, save one, were parked on the street.

This malicious mischief underscores that our community is not immune from crime spilling over from nearby communities. Be alert, especially in the early morning hours when most honest folk are sleeping. If you see something suspicious, take down a license plate or description, call the police. By reporting crimes such as these, we are more likely to get increased police patrols.

**Warming Weather = more open windows:** Noise travels, especially in our quiet neighborhood. Cell phone conversations while outdoors, loud TV + open windows (especially after dark) = disturbing your neighbors, especially early in the morning or after dark.

**Vacation Tips:** When planning a vacation, please consider having a neighbor pick up your mail, newspapers, advertising notices so that your home looks lived in. Having automatic timers for lights and even a radio can help make your home look lived in. For extended trips, consider having your lawn mowed while you're away. Be sure not to park on the street to avoid a ticket or even being towed.

**Foreclosed Homes:** Abandoned homes are a blight on a community. They invite crime and lower property values. If you have one on your street then you might consider contacting the bank/real estate agent to see whether it will assume responsibility or contribute towards the upkeep of the landscaping (or repair broken windows). Some neighborhoods across the country recognize this problem, and taking pride in their communities, have stepped in to water and care for the front yards. If you have a foreclosure on your street, consider talking to your neighbors and taking action.

**Local Dining:** – Rate your favorite local restaurant online at the Hidden Trails Home Owners forum. This forum is an online bulletin board where anyone may read and registered users can post topics (called threads) of common interest. This forum belongs to you. Please share all of your dining experiences (good and bad).

<http://www.hiddentrailshoa.com/bulletin.htm>

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