

Whitney Oaks Community Association Newsletter

April 2011

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Board Vacancy:

It is with regret that we announce that Chris Eatough, who served on the WOCA Board of Directors for the past five years, most recently as the Board President has resigned from the Board. Chris' time and dedication has been tremendous asset to the community and he will be missed.

The Board of Directors will follow all guidelines as set forth in the Association By-Laws in filling the vacant Board of Director's seat in the very near future.

April BOD Meeting Reminder:



The next Board of Directors business meeting is scheduled for April 20th, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gables in Springfield.

Community Happenings

*Due to the weather, the Hillcrest Pool resurfacing has been delayed until April. It is sure to look beautiful and be ready for swimmers when pool season opens.

*Approximately 1,840 cubic yards of new bark will be laid in the common area (not inside the Springfield community however) and is sure to enhance the beauty of the community.

*At their April meeting, the board will entertain proposals for:

~Replacing the carpet in the fitness room on Hillcrest Drive.

~ Painting the Hillcrest and Black Oak pool room buildings and fitness center, the wrought iron fencing, and the gate pilaster caps and call-box stands. We anticipate that the painting will be performed in May.

~ Installing speed-bumps on Black Oak Drive.

Street Sweeping:

Weather permitting, on Wednesday and Thursday, April 6th & 7th all streets within the Whitney Oaks Community (Springfield included) will be swept between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. In order for the street sweepers to sweep all streets thoroughly, please do not park on the street and remove all other obstacles from the street during the street sweeping.

Friendly Reminders

As spring fast approaches and the weather improves we'd like to remind all homeowners that items such as paint run-off on the exterior of your home, distressed wood fences and distressed lawns/landscaping must be attended to. Your neighbors will truly be appreciative that you've done your part in maintaining the esthetic appeal of the community!

The beautiful weather makes playing outside inviting. With the increase in outside activity we would like to remind you to please drive carefully and within the 20 mph speed limit throughout the community.

Additionally, while outside play equipment is great recreational fun, please be reminded that basketball standards must be stored out of view of the common area when not in use and should never be placed in the street or blocking the sidewalks (whether in use or not).

Monument Signs Update

The City of Rocklin has placed temporary signs on the monuments as they research the best material to use in replacing the original signs.

Board Considering Speed-Bumps on Black Oak Drive

At their April meeting the Board will be discussing placing speed-bumps on Black Oak Drive to assist with speed control. If you have any feedback on the subject, you are encouraged to contact Julia Plummer or to attend the April 20th Board meeting.

Security Patrol



Green Valley Security, the Association's contracted security service patrols most of the community (Springfield excluded) every evening beginning at 10:00pm.

If you notice any suspicious activity, please call 911 or security at 916-532-9973 between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.



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If you have any questions about the information provided in this newsletter, please feel free to contact Julia Plummer, Association Manager at (916) 985-3633 x121.



Grazing

The Flying Mule Farm has loaded approximately 400 sheep (and a llama) onto the Whitney Oaks property and the grazing has begun! We have received an overwhelmingly positive response to the sheep being on site and residents are often seen taking advantage of wonderful photo opportunities.

Homeowner Workshop on Grazing:

Interested in learning more about the sheep and the grazing process? Please join us for a homeowner workshop on April 10th at 1:00 p.m. on site on Whitney Oaks; the location will depend on where the lambs are and we'll post notices at the Hillcrest Pool, Black Oak Pool and Springfield Bulletin board.

Please do not feed the sheep:

While we appreciate that it is fun to interact with the livestock, feeding them could be harmful to their health as many ornamental plants are toxic to livestock (and we want them to eat the weeds!).

Grazing Schedule:

The sheep began grazing on March 25th and will graze the open areas of the community through June 30th (in two passes).

From March 25th through April 14th the sheep will make their way around the golf course beginning at Park and Black Oak and around to Clubhouse/ Coldwater.

On approximately April 15th the sheep will be herded across the street on Park and Whitney Oaks into the open area behind Hillcrest and Newland Heights/Scenic Drive.

On approximately April 24th the sheep will be herded across Crest Drive at Clarke Dominguez Park.

On April 26th the sheep will be herded back to their original paddock at the top of Park (across from Black Oak) and shortly thereafter they'll make another pass identical to the first.

We've been told that depending on conditions the sheep graze 7-8 acres per day, so they move along quickly.

Want to follow the grazing process more closely?

The Flying Mule Farm has a Facebook page and updates it regularly with pictures and information on the Whitney Oaks Project. To visit their Facebook page, just look for ***Flying Mule Farm***.

Correction from the March newsletter:

Contrary to the information in the March newsletter, the grazing company WILL fence off all homeowner fencing to prevent grazing into your backyards. There is nothing that you need to do during the grazing process except enjoy!

What to do if you see an injured sheep?

Please contact the management office immediately at (916) 985-3633 or the Flying Mule Farm at (530) 305-3270 if you see an injured sheep. Thank you!



First days of grazing on Park

The llama protecting the herd



Herding the sheep on Park Drive

Hungry sheep grazing above Black Oak

