

Whitney Oaks Community Association Newsletter

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June BOD Meeting Reminder



The next Board of Directors business meeting is scheduled for June 15th, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gables in Springfield. The Board will be discussing the grazing project

and Dan Macon, owner of Flying Mule Farm will be present to answer all homeowner questions.

The Pools Are Open

The Hillcrest and Black Oak pools are open and heated. A pool monitor is on site every day from 2:00 p.m. through 10:00 p.m. and will spend time at each pool according to pool use.

We are having considerable issues with vandalism at the Black Oak Pool (rocks being thrown into the pool, and furniture being written on). Please be mindful of the pool rules and help us to keep these wonderful community assets in pristine condition by reporting any vandalism or poor behavior to security or Julia Plummer, Association Manager.

Community Happenings

*Speed Bumps have been installed on Black Oak Drive

* Weed Abatement is being performed as per fire code regulations. **All weed abatement will be completed by June 30th, 2011.**

*WOCA and the Rocklin School District are in discussions regarding placing a cinderblock wall along the property line at Hillcrest and Rocklin High School to prevent students from using the area for access to the school.

June BOD Agenda

These and other items will be on the June agenda for Board discussion:

*The Board has received the **engineering study for Pioneer Way**. Under expert advisement the Board will determine **how to move forward with street repairs/replacement**.

*The Board of Director's is currently considering **adopting solar panel installation guidelines** and will discuss doing so at the June Board of Director's meeting.

*The Board is also considering **adopting skateboarding guidelines** within the community, a topic that will be on the June BOD agenda.

Rattle Snake Season

Remember to watch for rattle snakes as the weather warms. This 10" baby rattle snake was spotted on a back patio on



Sterling Drive last week; luckily the homeowner looked before stepping onto the patio. If you have a rattle snake in your yard do not approach it. You should call the police to have it removed.

Traffic Control Ad-Hoc Committee Formed

The Board has approved the committee roster for the new Traffic Control Ad-Hoc Committee. Five homeowners have graciously volunteered their time to assist the Board by recommending traffic control measures within the community with an emphasis on speed control.

After Hour Emergencies

For after hour property emergencies (between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. Monday through Friday and on weekends) such as irrigation concerns or inoperable gates, please call the Kocal Management emergency number at (530) 823-7464. Kocal has a Community Manager on call to assist with property emergencies at all times.

Please note that management is not qualified to assist with medical emergencies or neighbor disputes; please contact 911 as appropriate.

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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2011 Grazing Project Update

As many of you know, the 2011 grazing project has been delayed. However, the Board of Directors expects that the project will be completed on time, as per the contract.

The Delay:

Dan Macon, owner of Flying Mule Farm, has reported that “the significant rains we received in March resulted in greater than normal vegetation growth. The volume of vegetation is much greater than anticipated. According to the University of California Cooperative Extension, forage production is 33 to 50 percent higher than normal this year”.

Mr. Macon goes on further to say that “due to the wet spring, our shearer was about 3-4 weeks behind schedule. Because of this, we were not able to bring our nursing ewes to the project (the stress on ewes and lambs of moving in and out of the project for shearing would be inappropriate – we would have experienced death loss in both the ewes and the lambs)”.

The Solution:

As of Tuesday, 5/24 there were 300 sheep on the project; 30 more will be added the week of May 31st.

The sheep are currently behind Coldwater and we anticipate that they’ll be at Park Drive by June 6th, 2011. At that time the sheep will be herded up Park back to their original starting place and begin grazing again.

In the meantime, 300-400 goats are being delivered the week of May 31st; they will graze the open area above Park, from Park to Crest, behind Hillcrest, Scenic, Foxhill, Wedgewood and Tahoe Vista. They will be herded back down Park, and begin again where they started.

The goats will be managed by a sub-contractor hired by the Flying Mule Farm and have been made aware of the requirements of fencing the baby Oaks and grazing wetlands. They have also been told that because of the nature of goats they must fence off homeowners back fences to avoid damage to homeowner’s plants. The goats will be herded by Dogs. A “herder” will be living in a trailer on-site to manage the goats.

By June 30th all areas will be grazed to a 4” to 6” stubble height.



Taff (the border-collie) bringing some newly shorn sheep back to Whitney Oaks



Each sheep needs about 1 to 1.5 gallons of water per day



Protein supplement helps boost consumption of dry grass.

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.