

# Whitney Oaks Community Association Newsletter

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## Committee Meetings

The following is a list of the next few meetings of all the committees and the Board Meetings. All Board and Committee meetings are open to the members of the Association.

Please note that all the dates are subject to change if the Golf Center has another function.

Notices of changed committee meetings will be posted on our web site and at the door of the golf center on the day the meeting was to be held.

**Board Meeting:** March 17, 2010 and April 21, 2010 at 6pm at the Golf Center

**ARC Committee:** March 16, 2010 and April 20, 2010 at 6pm at the Golf Center

**Landscape Committee:** April 6, 2010 and May 4, 2010 at 5:30 pm at the Golf Center

**Finance Committee:** March 25 and April 22, 2010 at 3:30 pm at the Golf Center

## Committee Members Needed



Both the Landscape Committee and the Finance Committee are in need of some new members.

If you would like to volunteer within your community and help these committees out please contact Monique at 916-985-3633 x121 or by email at [mgardner@kocal.com](mailto:mgardner@kocal.com)

## Sidewalk Chalk



As the weather is getting better we are seeing more and more wonderful drawing on the sidewalks and streets within the community. We would like to encourage parents to make sure that their children are not using the chalk on the streets as it is just not safe to have the children playing in the streets at any time. Also parents, please take the time to use your hose and wash down the area when your child is done drawing.

## Fences

It has been noted that many of the homes within the community have fences that are starting to look very rundown and in need of being replaced.



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Please note that if you plan to install a new fence; this requires an ARC application to be submitted and reviewed. If you are simply performing minor repairs and using the same materials and color, no approval is needed.

The only approved stain that can be used on the fences (unless you have prior approval from the ARC committee) is Kelly Moore PerservaWood – Redwood Stain – Sequoia or similar color by another manufacturer.

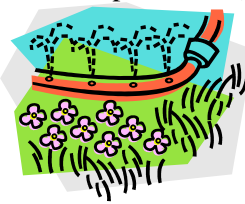
## Watering Tips

With spring on the way here are some watering tips for your use:

- Watering deeply and infrequently will encourage deep, healthy roots – water no more than 3 times per week during the fall season.
- Avoid over watering and run off by watering lawns in 2-3 cycles, no more than 5 to 7 minutes per

cycle.

- Check and adjust sprinkler heads seasonally and turn off your sprinkler system during rainy periods.
- Water early in the day to avoid excess evaporation (between 2 and 8 am) – night watering can cause fungus and diseases.



- A sign of under watering is when you walk across your lawn and the blades of grass hold your footprints and do

not spring back.

- Your lawn should be watered when the soil begins to dry out but before the grass actually wilts.

## Grazing Of Whitney Oak's Open Space

The Board of Directors of the Whitney Oaks Community Association (WOCA) has voted to begin grazing the Open Space Areas for the purpose of fire suppression and weed abatement.

The grazing process will be done in two stages. The first stage will begin on or shortly after March 15 at the northernmost point of our property in the vicinity of the Boulder Ridge Park (Park Drive and Black Oak Court).

The first stage is for the purpose of allowing the contractor to become familiar with the unique challenges that our Open Space areas and slopes might present to the herd and other unanticipated difficulties.

The second stage will involve another grazing pass-through the Open Space areas at a later date (depending upon vegetation growth, rainfall, etc.) for the express purpose of achieving a level of fire hazard reduction acceptable to the Rocklin Fire Department. The Association and the contractor will negotiate the terms of the second stage contract upon completion of the first.

Grazing of the entire property may take about 20 days for each pass, with groups of sheep and goats moving through any given area in several days.

As was mentioned in the WOCA and Springfield March Newsletters, homeowners who own unfenced property that adjoins the WOCA Open Space will have this "buffer area" grazed at no cost to them, unless they specifically request that their property be excluded from grazing.

Those homeowners who do not want their unfenced personal property grazed must contact the WOCA manager by e-mail at [mgardner@kocal.com](mailto:mgardner@kocal.com) or by mail at Whitney Oaks Community Association, Kocal Management Group, P. O. Box 1459, Folsom, CA 95763-1459 or by phone at 985-3633 before March 12th. These properties will be excluded from grazing and the cost of performing the mandated fire suppression (by means other than grazing) becomes the responsibility of the individual property owner.

As with the previous weed-whacking process, this process cannot absolutely guarantee that any particular homeowner's property will be made totally fire safe.

Any homeowner has the right and responsibility to do any further trimming of their property that they believe is necessary. Chemical weed killers, such as Round-Up, destroy native grasses and results in recurring growth of weeds.

Therefore, it is recommended that you not use chemical weed killers in these open space areas. The Board's decision, endorsed by WOCA's very competent Landscape Committee, has been prompted primarily by the need to reduce the fuel load and control the spread of noxious weeds over the entire Open Space Area consisting of about 215 acres.



It is anticipated that occasional barking of the guardian dogs that protect the sheep and goats may, at times, disturb some homeowners.

The herd consists of hundreds of sheep and goats (mostly sheep on the first pass) and many new births are occurring each day during the spring.

Small lambs and kids are at risk in the presence of coyotes and the guardian dogs react aggressively to chase them away.

The herd moves approximately every 2 days so the possible barking of the guardian dogs should be minimal in your area.

As the herd progresses along the Open Space Areas, it will be contained within a combination of homeowner fences and temporary fences that are electrified and unpleasant to touch but not harmful.

Please keep children and pets (and yourself) away from the electrified fences!

In case of serious problems or an unusual disturbance, please call the Management Company at 916-985-3633 or you can call 1-866-324-3704 after hours for the on call manager.

The Board welcomes your feedback, either positive or negative, after the first grazing pass has been completed so that any real problems can be addressed before making the second pass.

*The Board of Directors of Whitney Oaks Community Association.*