

HIDDEN TRAILS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 2007 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: Karen Burns, Ellie Montalvo.

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: Menas Realty (760) 942-2667

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Homeowner Jane Abbo was elected to the Board in June. Brian Swanson and John Lindsay were re-elected. John and Brian's plan was to help resolve some unfinished issues, and to pass the torch. In early September, after three years on the Board Vice-Pres. John Lindsay resigned. John did an able job in vigorously representing interests of the homeowners over the past three years. His business has been taking an increasing amount of his time. We all owe John a debt for his service.

President Brian Swanson also resigned, after nearly 3 years on the Board (also served as Chair and co-Chair of the Design Review Committee for 5 years). He will remain active in our community (call him for rattlesnakes!). Per our By-Laws, the Board appointed Jim McNair and Bob Dunbar to fill the vacancies. Both Jim and Bob had been Board candidates in June election, and have attended numerous HOA meetings.

The Board members, as per our rules, elected their own officers. Jim is the new President: Bob is the new Vice-President: Jane continues as Secretary-Treasurer. This Board will ably lead our HOA for the next couple of years (terms end June 2009).

Please join me in thanking John and Brian for their service, and in welcoming and supporting our new Board their service to our community!

Mail Boxes are federal property. It is illegal to post, tape, glue anything to them (besides, they look ugly when they fade, and the tape takes the paint off the boxes). This is your community, so feel free to remove any posting that you see.

Design Review Committee (DRC): Your DRC meets monthly to review plans and discuss community design matters. Contact any member if you'd like to attend this meeting. Homeowners Marcus Harrell and Darryl Turner are co-chairs.

Take the time to review you neighbor's plans: When a neighbor brings landscaping plans to you for signature, be sure to take the time to review the plans so you are aware of what the neighbor is planning. Too often homeowners sign the plans without reviewing them, because they were busy, or it was dark on the porch when they saw the plans, so that didn't notice that tall trees or structures were placed in such a way to impact a view.

Reed Reservoir: The large water tank along Hidden Trails, generally near Ridgeline Place, is called Reed Reservoir and is operated by the City of Escondido. A recent news article indicated that it will be removed and replaced by a concrete reservoir. My understanding is that the replacement will be underground. I spoke with an official at the city, who advised that due to Homeland Security concerns there would NOT be a park over the reservoir ☹.

Landscaping: Many of us are unhappy with the maintenance of the HOA areas. Problems have included sprinklers running constantly for days, dead vegetation not replaced in a timely fashion, The Board has received and is evaluating three bids from competitors, hoping to receive better service.

Pets: Reminder...HOA rules allow a maximum of two dogs or two cats (or other small animals...see the Rules & Regulations mailed to all homeowners earlier this year).

Next Board Meeting: 6PM Wednesday October 10th at the usual place, East Valley Community Center. All homeowners and residents are welcome.