



JULY 2009 HOA NEWSLETTER

HOA Board Election: Congratulations to homeowner Gene Marzo, Michael Albo and returning officer Bob Dunbar, who were all elected at the annual (June) meeting. Thank you to all of those homeowners who took the time to fill out and mail in their ballots, or came down to the meeting. We wish to give special thanks to President Jim McNair for reliably representing the interests of the homeowners over the past two years. His new practice has been taking an increasing amount of his time, and we wish him continued success.

Sharing our Time and Talent: Volunteers are needed to help serve on or establish on of the following neighborhood committees:

- **Design Review** - reviews homeowner applications for exterior improvements. As required in the CC&Rs, all exterior improvements require prior approval by the DRC.
- **Water Wise** - the 'eyes' of the community and advises the management company of any landscaping needs. Special attention to be made to water meters and a consistent monthly usage.
- **Activity** - coordinates activities the entire family can enjoy. Past events included a summer picnic in the park at Frances Ryan Park.
- **Safety & Graffiti** - works with the local police department and helps form a neighborhood watch. Additionally, they identify any safety concerns and present possible solutions.
- **Communications** - This committee is responsible for content with the Hidden Trails newsletters and web site.

Snake Season: Snakes help control mice, rats and gophers. They are very beneficial. The only poisonous snakes in San Diego County are the rattlesnakes, which have one or more buttons on their tails. They bite when threatened, so do no touch. Call Brian evenings or weekends (760) 739-5451, or the Fire Department any time, for removal. Brian will safely release it miles away; the fire department will kill the snake.

July in Escondido: News about events in our larger community:

- Cruisin' Grand with classic cars, music, food and fun every Friday from April through September.
- July 11th (Saturday) – Jazzed about downtown is a free concert added to the monthly Art Walk in Escondido. Located on Kalmia St. at Grand Ave. from 4:30 pm.

Escondido's Heritage: Water brought to Escondido for irrigation and drinking was delivered via an extensive 15-mile network of hand-dug canals, tunnels, and flumes from the upper San Luis Ray Watershed. Water was collected in 1894 behind Bear Valley Dam at Lake Escondido (now called Lake Wohlford). The annual Grape Day celebration was born in 1905 when long-term water bond certificates were burned in front of Lime Street School.



HOA Officers (*all are volunteers): Members: Bob Dunbar (760) 741-5334; Gene Marzo; Michael Albo.

Design Review Committee: Co-Chairs: Marcus Harrel (760) 740-9131 & Darryl Turner. Adjunct members: Rick Wood, Dennis Van Rumund. Meetings typically held 6PM, second Tuesdays at Soprano's Restaurant, 360 Midway Ave.

Property Manager: Becky Burchard, rburchard@menas.com, Menas Realty (760) 942-2667 or (858) 270-7870 x 14. Visit <http://www.menas.com> for contact info regarding billing or repairs.

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