



MARCH 2012 HOA NEWSLETTER

Next Board Meeting: The next community association meeting will be 6:00 PM March 20th, at the East Valley Community Center.

Rules & Regulations and Architectural & Design Guidelines: The board has completed the update of the Rules & Regulations and will be distributing them in the next few months. Thank you to those who gave us their suggestions. We are now starting work on the Architectural & Design Guidelines. The current version (adopted in 2007) of the guidelines are on the HOA web site at <http://www.hiddentrailshoa.com/letters/design.pdf>.

Reed Reservoir Replacement Project Update, March 2012: As the residents can see the new reservoirs have been completed and the removal of the old steel tank is underway. Landscaping of the area has been started. We have asked the city about the status of the Cloverdale Trail that was to connect the trail along Hidden Trails to an equestrian trail circling the city. We have not received a response, however it appears from the fencing around the new tank that this plan has been abandoned. Contact the city council members with complaints.

Please visit the following web links for a running discussion and diagrams for this project:

- <http://www.hiddentrailshoa.com/bulletin.htm>
- <http://www.hiddentrailshoa.com/images/ReedExhibits.pdf>

Cliff Swallows – Welcome Back: The swallow is a migratory songbird found in most of California, spending the winter from around October through February in South America. This species typically nests on bridges and are especially attracted to stucco buildings. Stucco and eaves provide excellent surface areas for the nests to cling to. Colonies may contain several hundred nests. The Cliff Swallow builds a mud nest so they need a nest location close to a wet area like an avocado orchard. Cliff swallows are protected under the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. Thus, it is illegal to remove completed nests during the breeding season without a permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Cliff Swallows prefer swarming insects such as mosquitoes and eat hundreds of them. Their diet varies greatly, and also includes flying ants, spiders, flies, midges, and leafhoppers. Cliff Swallows glide in circles high in the air to forage for these insects.



Mayor Abed's Weekly Message

Escondido's Traffic Signal Control System

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You might not give much thought to how traffic signals work, but the City of Escondido does. We have a reliable, real-time, effective and flexible traffic signal control system for 170 intersections within the City limits. Each signalized intersection has a computerized signal controller that runs timing programs for that intersection. These timing programs are designed to consider the peak traffic periods and intersection conditions of each intersection. Our traffic signals are grouped to coordinate with other adjacent signals in corridors of traffic signals. Flexibility is built into the programming to respond to the presence of vehicles and pedestrians, but some corridors are given more priority than others. These groups are then connected to central workstations from which City staff can observe all traffic signals, but they only control the timing for City signals (148 of the 170). Each of the corridors is set up to allow a smooth flow of vehicles, but many conditions can disrupt this flow. These conditions include pedestrians crossing the street, parades, the Sprinter, emergency vehicles, and corridors ending/starting at signals the City cannot control, i.e., Caltrans signals.

As a result of this system, traffic generally flows smoothly around town. But be assured that we continually monitor and look for ways to improve our service and keep you moving!

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