



JUNE 2012 HOA NEWSLETTER

Next Board Meeting: The annual meeting will be held in June at a date to be announced later. The members of the association need to vote on whether or not to rollover this years excess funds into the new year. There are tax implications. In the past, we have always voted in favor of rolling the funds into the new year. You will be receiving a ballot. It is important that you vote one way or the other. The Board of Directors recommends a vote in favor of rolling over this year's excess funds into the new fiscal year.

Architectural & Design Guidelines: We are now working 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> .

Avocado Groves: We are fortunate to live among the groves. A part of living in this rural setting is being good neighbors to the grove owners. It may seem like a small thing to take a few avocados when there are so many. However, agricultural theft is such a problem in California that the dollar value of stolen agricultural goods that can result in a felony charge is much lower than for non agricultural products. Theft in the groves near us has become such a problem that the grove owners have installed a number of surveillance cameras. The owners will press charges if someone is caught. A sample of the surveillance pictures, showing suspected theft, is shown below. The faces have been blurred to prevent identification.





Mayor Abed's Weekly Message

Keep Escondido in Top Shape

Improving the community's appearance is a high priority of the City Council. You can help our efforts to maintain an attractive city by reporting graffiti vandalism, potholes, burned out street lights, abandoned shopping carts, and code violations such as illegal garage conversions and properties with tall weeds, etc. The sooner our dedicated staff members are notified about these issues, the sooner they can respond and we will all enjoy a cleaner, safer, more attractive city. Here are a variety of ways to report problems:

Phone:

Pre-program you phone with the following numbers:

- 760-839-4650 to report code violations
- 760-839-4349 to report potholes
- 760-839-4633 to report graffiti
- Or call 760-839-4668 and select from a menu of options to report the problem you see:
 - Graffiti
 - Potholes
 - Street light outages
 - Abandoned shopping carts
 - Dead animal removal
 - City Irrigation Leak
 - Overgrown Vegetation
 - Traffic Signal Malfunction
- You can also use your smart phone to report graffiti and potholes by downloading the Escondido, Report It App. For more information visit <http://www.escondido.org/escondido-report-it.aspx>

E-Services:

Visit <http://www.escondido.org/e-services.aspx> to fill out an online form to report a variety of issues including, potholes, graffiti, and code enforcement violations.

HOA Officers (*all are volunteers): E-mail: board@hiddentrailshoa.com

President: Michael Albo; Vice-President: James McNair; Secretary/Treasurer: Bob Zimmerman.

Property Manager: Erin Jones, ejones@menas.com,

Menas Realty (858) 270-7870 x15. Visit <http://www.menas.com> regarding billing or repairs.

Escondido Police Department: (non-emergency): 839-4722

Escondido Fire Department (fires, fireworks): 839-5400

City of Escondido, Code Enforcement (graffiti): 839-4650

East Valley Community Center: 2245 East Valley Parkway, 839-4382

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