



MARCH 2013 HOA NEWSLETTER

Next Board Meeting: The Quarterly Board meeting will be held on March 14, 2013 at 6:00 pm at the East Valley Community Center.

Architectural & Design Guidelines: We are still 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> . Please send any comments to board@hiddentrailshoa.com.

Board of Directors Elections: The Board of Directors is up for election this June. Please think about doing your part to keep the association running smoothly. There are 291 households in the association and over the last ten years only 7 of them have contributed to the governing of the association. That means that 2% of the homeowners have given up their time to run the association for the remaining 98%. Many of these households have served multiple terms. It is time that others step up and contribute to the community.

Tree Staking: Some experts recommend that you stake trees only for the first year after planting. Other experts recommend not staking at all. Most trees develop strong trunks faster if allowed to move freely with the wind. Sometimes newly planted trees are staked if they have a small root ball compared to their size, are heavily foliated, or are planted on a windy site. In any case, remove the stakes from your trees as soon as they can stand alone, usually after the first growing season. The sooner the supports are removed, the faster the trees will become stronger. As I drive around the community I see many trees that are supporting the stakes because the trees have grown and the stakes have rotted. Please remove the stakes that are no longer serving a purpose.



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YES



Mayor Abed's Weekly Message

Planning on going on vacation? Then you may want to sign up for the Police Department's Vacation House Check program. Vacation House Check is a community-wide service provided by the Escondido Police Department's Volunteer Patrol. Homes may be checked periodically, as staffing allows, by an Escondido Police Department Volunteer Patrol unit during the specified vacation time.

The Volunteer Patrol will provide the following service: Check the perimeter of your home, i.e., locked doors and windows, closed garage door(s), including your backyard (if accessible). If the Volunteer Patrol unit notes a problem, appropriate action will be taken. The Volunteer Patrol will not be responsible for providing the following: feeding your animals, or picking up your mail, newspapers, and/or other deliveries. Unoccupied houses for sale, rental units, and houses with a house sitter are not eligible for this program.

For more information or to request this service call the Volunteer Coordinator at (760) 839-4792 at least two weeks before your planned vacation and complete a Vacation House Request Form available at:

<http://police.escondido.org/Data/Sites/4/media/pdfs/VacationHouseCheck.pdf>

HOA Officers (*all are volunteers): E-mail: board@hiddentrailshoa.com
President: Michael Albo; Vice-President: James McNair; Secretary/Treasurer: Bob Zimmerman.

Design Review Committee: Mike Albo, Bob Dunbar & James McNair.

Property Manager: Debby Baker, debbybaker@sbcglobal.net, California Community Management (760) 745-5861.

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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