

Village Voice

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Heads Up

The weather was clear and the temperature cool as the sun set at one end of our pool -- but only six residents attended the last Board Meeting (8-19-08). A vestige of the old ways? The word appears not to have gotten out that there is new management and new approaches to the needs of the Village. Your opinion, involvement and guidance are important inputs to the Board. Without your input, you have no right to complain if the Board goes in a direction different than you would have liked.

The terms of three members of the Board (Cheryl Jaedicke, Tony Fenech and Tim Carey) will end this year and your Chair is asking for you to step up and volunteer. Without new blood, the Board may be forced to request that the resigning members continue for another term. Besides being unfair to their time, do you really want a Board by default? The Board would like to have folks with business and management experience to make light of the Board's duties; folks with an interest in gardening and landscaping; folks who can bring common sense to the discussions; folks who – well you get the idea – anyone can help make the Village a better place to live. It's probably the most important thing you can do for yourself, your home and your Village. If you have questions, please call Bill direct at 1- 714-532-2172.

Board Meeting

For you who missed meeting al fresco, here is a quick summary of the items covered:

1. The outside Accountant's analysis of our Reserves will not be completed in time for the Board to review and take appropriate action for current budget preparation. Since an analysis is not a requirement this year, but an aid, it was voted to forego it but undertake such analysis next year starting in May. For this year's budget, the top high dollar items will be studied in depth by the Board with a targeted budget completion date of Nov. 15.
2. The caulking around the pool deck is being scheduled for replacement sometime in October. The work will be done mid week and the pool area must be closed during caulking. Gold Coast will mail you an announcement with the specific details of dates and time, when known.
3. Bids from a number of slurry vendors are being reviewed with several alternate slurry plans being considered. The goal is to start the selected slurry operation in late September. Gold Coast will make a mailing shortly, describing in detail how the slurry operation will be accomplished and specific requirements for residents.
4. The summer-only pool/spa temperature increase vs. cost was reviewed. It was reported that the heating bill increased by about \$250/month or a little over \$2.00/month per household, during this summer period.. It was deemed worth it. The Summer-only pool temperature

increase will end with the re-caulking work, scheduled for early October. A similar study with winter pool temperatures vs. costs will be monitored by the Board. Have any thoughts? Pass them on!

5. Gold Coast was asked to contact each household by mail to encourage new volunteers to participate in Board activity. Volunteer - so that you can be included on the ballot, scheduled for mailing early in October. The voting will take place at the November 18 Board Meeting to be held at Tim Carey's house, at 611 North Turnberry. Thank you in advance for taking an interest in your Village.
6. Effective August 19, it was decided to transfer responsibility from the Board to Gold Coast, the at-gate phone numbers, password assignment and control function.. In so doing, it developed the following guides of administration:
 - a. New gate codes will be assigned by Gold Coast only.
 - b. No gate codes will be reused.
 - c. All homeowners will retain their existing gate codes. However, any tenants will be issued different gate codes.
 - d. Homeowners must contact Jessica Castellanos (Gold Coast) at 1-714-288-2620, ext. 227 to change at-gate phone number. (This is the phone number visitors use to contact you to be let in). Note that any one phone number (a voice-over system number, or cell phone number, or your house phone number) will work with the present system.
7. It was reported that the Board's decision to sometimes issue Courtesy Letters before using a "First Violation" letter is being well received. The response has been positive and brought instant results. It just goes to prove the old adage that "you get more cooperation with honey . . ." Good Show!!

Proposed R&R Rules

Thank you for voting last month and thank you for the many accompanying positive comments. Only three homeowners had partially negative comments and these were taken into consideration and discussed. However, no changes were made and so the R&Rs will be implemented as submitted to you. Owners will receive 2 pages containing the R&R changes. Please manually insert them into your copy of the R&Rs, dated August 21, 2007 as a new printing of the Rules and Regulations manual will not occur until 2009.

We're Skimming.

We have been, for some time, experiencing sporadic vandalism in the pool area. A fair amount of money has been spent to keep upon on these repairs. The use of "screw-affixed" weirs in the pool and spa skimmers appears to have discouraged their repeated removal by unknown persons. Hopefully this will negate a proposed expensive next step -- a pool security system.