



Village Voice

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Better late than never! This issue will review the May 19 Homeowners' Association Board Meeting and keep you up-to-date on activities in and around the Village. After all, these are the lazy days of summer.

Water

We are sure you have been reading about the potential and/or real water shortage in Southern California. Many cities have instituted restrictions and punitive rates for high users. Orange has yet to take action, but the Board is seeking to identify areas where it might save on water usage. A major effort by our landscape company identified and repaired several broken or leaking sprinkler pipes and heads in the Common areas. A main water valve in the pool area was also found to be leaking and has been repaired. In the morning, owners may notice the heavy run-off in our street-gutters from over-watering of lawns. Not only does this over-watering increase your personal water bill, but the sprinkler-over-spray into the streets erodes the slurry finish of the street. Check the street in front of your house! Over watering of lawns and planters, and the resultant drainage into the street, also allows algae to grow in gutters. When algae mix with grass clippings it makes a mess that is very difficult and costly for our street sweeper to clean up. Owner's water costs (as well as Association street repair costs) can be reduced by simply adjusting your watering systems. Adjust your sprinklers and timer -- and we'll drink to your success!

Park by the Rule

The RV Amendment, reported in our last issue, came up for a vote and was approved. The rulings will limit temporary parking of an RV for up to 72 hours from the time the vehicle is brought into the community. It's a fair compromise providing sufficient time to do what one does to a RV before moving on. (Someone told us that the RV's back end needs to be filled with gas money.)

Not Sitting On It

Price quotes from local vendors for repair, re-powder-coating and re-strapping of our current pool furniture proved to be almost the same as the cost to purchase new furniture. So it looks like after many years, the original pool furniture will be retired and new furniture purchased. The decision as to which new furniture bid will be accepted will be made soon.

Pool Safety

Late last fall, the Board got wind of the Virginia-Graeme-Baker Act requiring safety changes to public pool water intake ports. The Board immediately researched the availability of devices meeting the Act's requirements but found that pool people were not yet in agreement as to what exactly had to be done to meet the new Federal regulations. Undaunted, the Board sought additional help and found the fix it needed. The required safety "drain covers" were installed along with pool tile clean up, pool and spa energy saving light changes, and a complete re-plaster and re-tile of the spa. Kudos to the Board, especially Tim Carey, for having the foresight to make our pool and spa safe and a pleasure to use for kids and adults alike – and to their credit, well ahead of many state and city public pools.

More Pool Safety

While on this subject, three youngsters were seen during the day climbing over the entry gate and were stopped. They did not live in the complex but were going to use the pool. They found it annoying to be asked to leave as they have been using the pool for quite some time. Should you spot such activity please call a Board member. "Unauthorized use" must be discouraged for many reasons - most important of which being Association's liability.

It was also noted that pool users have been lax in keeping the pool gate locked. The latch has been purposely made to lock on entering or leaving the pool area as a safety precaution. A closed gate will prevent younger children from entering without adult supervision. We all agree it is annoying to have to keep locking and unlocking the pool gate – but we think it's a small inconvenience to pay to prevent a toddler possibly drowning. Think of this, when you're tempted to prop the gate open.

Filled Up

No sooner had the last issue of the *Village Voice* reported a vacancy on the Board when Dave Fischer submitted a Candidacy Form to fill it. It was agreed that Dave would complete Dan Fitzgerald's term to November 2010. Welcome aboard, Dave. His contact phone is 702-461-3078. Dave's primary duty on the Board is to provide liaison with our landscape company.

Seeing the Light

Very bright streetlights have been a recurring complaint. The "shadow plate" inserts seemed to help, but still, some of you are being kept up by too much light. The Board is exploring feasibility and cost with the possible use of reduced wattage bulbs. We'll report the findings in the next issue. Meanwhile, try to have a good night!

Gate Problem

Some one has by design, malice, or stupidity, been forcing the auto gate open to gain entry. This, in turn, breaks the mechanism and repair is not cheap. If you see any inappropriate activity at the gate, please call the Police immediately. We want to give this problem the gate!

Board Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for August 18 at 7:00 pm at the pool area. Please make a note of the date. There will also be a gate posting of the meeting. Plan to be there, as the Board needs your thoughts, observations, recommendations, and general assurance that it's doing a good job for you. Support the Board by coming out – after all, they are volunteers - looking out for you!