

AUDUBON HILLS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
JUN 19, 2004 COMMUNITY MEETING

Meeting called to order at 9:15

First, we presented the agenda, and preview what we would be discussing.

Merrill Adam's Bench-Since we were unable to have the supplies delivered in time for the installation of the bench, the date has been rescheduled for July 18th. This will be the day after the Community Picnic. We will need volunteers for this project. We will be digging the ditch deep so we can connect a culvert to the current one under Grayhawk Lane. We will then line the ditch with gravel and top it off with dirt. This will then be the foundation for the new bench.

Elections-There are two board positions up for election this year; they are Chair, Secretary/Treasurer and Director. These positions are currently held by Jim McCarthy, Sue Collier, and Don Murray; respectively. There were no nominations for the board positions, and Ernie Woods moved to re-elect the current board members to their current positions. All in favor-passed

Pamphlets-There are several different pamphlets, describing local information and ways to live with our wildlife neighbors. They are normally in the mailbox, located at the end of Kingfisher, if anybody is interested.

Garage Sale-July 10th Camino will be hosting a town-wide garage sale. If we wish to sell items, but not have the people come to our house, we can have this garage sale on the corner of Barkley and Carson, at the little tan house. If anybody is interested, please contact Kim McCarthy at 647-8878 or at kim@audubonhills.org The owner of said property has graciously allowed us to use his site, as long as whatever you don't sell, you take away. If you don't, we won't be able to do this again. Snowline hospice will still be open on Saturday; perhaps you can take what you don't sell to them. Then you can write off its value on your taxes. A win/win situation!

Reminders-

1.) Take a look at our website www.audubonhills.org Kim has done a terrific job designing it, and has provided us with many interesting pieces of information. If you haven't taken a look, be sure to do so.

2.) The payment is due on **July 4th** for the July 17th picnic. It's a great deal, \$5 for chicken or hamburger, salads, refreshments, and dessert.

3.) **July 17th** Is our annual community picnic. You don't have to cook, but just show up and eat (of course this is if you have paid ahead). We have a fantastic time sitting back in a relaxing atmosphere, talking with our neighbors. We would love to have all of you come.

4.) We had a raffle of all those in attendance at the meeting, and Inge and Rod Clark won. They received their \$25 dues back, just for showing up! Thanks Inge and Rod!

Street Signs- We received the final amount for the new street signs. The total, not including posts, is \$4508.00. These signs will be ordered this week. The costs of decorative posts were excessive, so we are going to go with regular

posts that we can get at Home Depot. As soon as these signs come in, we will start installing them.

Financial Report- This year we had \$2715 income, and \$1995.48 outgoing. Costs this year have included the dumpsters in spring and fall, our website (www.audubonhills.org), the printing and mailing of newsletters and dues letters, and the new neighborhood watch packets.

E-mail Addresses- We wanted to remind everyone to please share their e-mail addresses, if they have one. This saves us both time and money, by being able to e-mail newsletters and alerts to you. We don't share or sell your e-mail addresses, so you can rest assured that it's safe with us.

Noise- There have been some complaints about the new PA system at the golf course. They have directed their speakers towards Audubon Hills, and their announcements can be heard as early as 5:30 in the morning. We will be looking into this, and will talk to them to see what they can do to help be considerate of their neighbors.

There have also been complaints about dogs barking. There are many things that can assist an owner of a barking dog, and if you have neighbor with a dog that does this, try talking with them. There is a dog barking ordinance, and there are gentle steps to help rectify the problem. Call Kim McCarthy or Jim Wells, if you have any questions.

AHCSD (Audubon Hills Community Services District)- Mike Fennessy gave us some updates on our road committee. The road maintenance forms are to be used if there is a problem with your road. They use these forms when the five sectors of Audubon Hills are investigated. Many of the road issues will be taken care of next week when the contractor reviews the list of problems and gives a bid. The question was raised, as to who reviews these sectors and Mike said that it was divided up among the five CSD board members.

Petromat, an impermeable surface, will be done on the next section of Audubon Drive next year. This will be from North Canyon to the first section of Petromat. This is done on alternating years, to allow the CSD to collect enough funds to pay for it. The cost of Petromatting is approximately \$27,000 for 1000 feet. The next section will be Kittywake to Kingfisher. The last section of Audubon will be regular blacktop, because the road does not have as much traffic to break it down. Once we finish Audubon Drive, the CSD will start hard paving all the side roads. Improvements on these roads may be necessary, and it would be wise for all residents to review their parcel maps to see where the CSD easements are. These improvements could include cutting back undergrowth from edges, widening side roads to county standards, or turn arounds at the ends for emergency vehicles. If there are any questions, please call Mike Fennessy.

Mike said the state is auditing all of the Special Services Districts in the state, because they receive about 2% of county funds. We receive approximately \$20,000 from property taxes. The state is tight for money, and wants to insure the money is being used as it should. These Special Services Districts include all CSD's, EID, and the like. Our books have no issues, but on September 21st, the Board of Supervisors will determine if we keep the \$20,000. The county can't touch the \$75 special assessment fee, but the other amount could be reduced.

There is no question that the CSD's save the counties a lot of money, because they don't have to come up with plans, man power, and expenses for maintaining our roads. It was suggested by a resident in attendance, that we draft a letter from the community, a writing campaign, to encourage the Board of Supervisors to keep the money with the CSD's. Kim said she would draft a letter, and have Mike review it. Then we can send this letter out to all the residents to sign.

There was a request to have the line repainted on Audubon Drive; Mike said they would discuss it at the next CSD meeting. The next question was, "Why don't the cable and phone companies clear branches from the lines?" They simply don't have the funds to do this any longer. There still is some issue with the line of sight, turning left onto Nighthawk, when coming in on Audubon Drive. It was stated that it's private property, and to talk to the neighbor. The growth is not within the CSD easement. The situation will be investigated, but residents may need to come to a complete stop before turning left, to avoid a dangerous situation.

Neighborhood Watch (NW)- Jim Wells said he's an 18 year resident, and welcomes everyone that has come after him. There are several reasons for NW, and to share some of those benefits we have a special speaker, Detective Gary Parker. We have designed some great forms, contact information and a map that have been given out to all the officers of each watch area, there are 16 watch area's in total. Each resident has, or will shortly have, received the same maps and resident information without phone numbers. There is a breakdown on what to do when there is an emergency, and if there are any questions or changes in an area, please inform Jim Wells.

We have not yet gotten the new NW stickers designed yet; we have been focusing on the new NW packets this year. The new stickers will not include the name of Audubon Hills on it, mainly for safety purposes, outside of our community.

Neighborhood Watch(NW)- Detective Gary Parker investigates residential crimes in the western area of El Dorado County. Mainly El Dorado Hills/Cameron Park area. He is a resident of Audubon Hills, and came to speak to us about the benefits of Neighborhood Watch in a community. Because of the success and benefits of NW, he requests that he is not called regarding an event, but rather we use the protocol we currently have established. Call 911 in the event of an emergency, or call 621-6600 for non-emergencies. There are not many deputies for the Camino/Pollock Pines area, but fortunately Audubon Hills is not suffering many crimes.

Successful NW programs become the eyes and ears for the deputies. The new smaller watch areas will allow us to properly watch out for who belongs in an area and who doesn't. Residents in another NW area worked at mapping out crimes in their area, which allowed the police to catch the criminal. This individual ended up with 35 counts against him. So this proves how well this program can work.

Be sure to contact the patrol deputy, to see if there is any follow up on the report. If you want to know what's going on, you can also call the Watch Commander at the Sheriff's department. The officer for our area is Detective Jeremy Garrison, or you can also talk to the Sergeant of Detectives.

The key to success, once a criminal is caught, is to follow through with the District Attorney. With the amount of crimes they see, sometimes they don't see the crime as serious. If victims follow through, and tell them how this crime affected their lives, the criminal tends to get a lot more jail time. This gets them off the street, and crime will decrease in that area.

The STAR program is still an active program, and helpful for residents who may be going out of town. Residents can call them, and they will come check on your property. One resident said they even found a water leak, while they were gone, and had it taken care of. A successful NW program can help too. Let your neighbors know you're leaving, so they can keep an eye out as well.

Many thieves come up from Sacramento County; but fortunately, our crime is not as bad as there. There are definitely more crimes in urban area's, but areas like Cameron Park and El Dorado Hills have issues with bored teenagers doing property crimes. Sometimes those are harder to catch. That's why NW is crucial to the safety of an area. Everyone must report suspicious activity the police and to their captains, so everyone can be on alert.

Kim McCarthy stated that Detective Parker and Detective Garrison are heroes, because of the work they did in the case of their trailer theft and Jim's accident. The criminal that did the crime was not easy to find, but with perseverance, they found him. We thank them for that. All of the information on who to call is on our website, www.audubonhills.org

Meeting Closed: 10:20am

Residents in attendance- McCarthy, Collier, Wells, Cott, Bork, Blowe, Whiteacre, Fennessy, Howard, Stanley, Pintar, Bozzone, McFarlane, Breckenridge, Hughes, Linville, Bates, Woods, Mannion, Brozo, Fessler, Murray, and Parker.

Votes Passed

Re-election of Jim McCarthy, Chair; Sue Collier, Secretary/Treasurer; and Don Murray, Director