

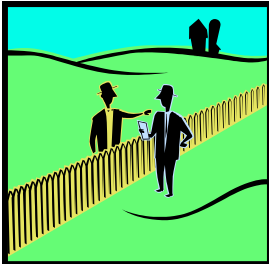
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Audubon Hills Property Owner Association

Community Meeting Productive Again!



Once again, the community meeting was a success. Twenty of our residents came to the early morning, June 1 meeting, on Kingfisher Lane. Together we addressed several concerns all while passing motions and providing information.

If you were not able to attend, please take a moment to read the minutes of the meeting on pages 2 & 3. To insure that the 'issues' that plague neighboring homeowner associations don't plague us, we urge you to be involved. Even if that only means reading your minutes once a year, please take the time to do so. If you ever have any questions, we are only a phone call away. We promise not to bite.

Family Fun Community Picnic-August 3

If you want to *ease* into 'community togetherness', start with something fun, the AHPOA Community Picnic. It will be on August 3 from 3pm-6pm. All you have to do is order your meal and show up, we do the cooking. There were a record number of neighbors and kids last year, and we're looking for more! The kids

enjoyed the jumping balloon, the neighbors enjoyed each other. August seems far away? It's only two pages ahead on your calendar. Walk over to your calendar, right now, and write it down. Then you'll know what you're doing

August 3!

The costs are as follows: Hamburgers are \$4 & chicken breasts are \$5. Each meal will include salads, drinks, dessert, plates and utensils.



You can send your check, payable to AHPOA, to **P.O. Box 631, Camino, CA 95709**. Please send it by July 1. See order form on

page 5.

If you have any questions, need a ride to dinner, or have a concern, give us a call at 647-8878. The picnic is a day for everyone, so we hope everyone will give it a chance!

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Increased Special Assessment

The mail in election is progressing. If you wish to write an argument in favor or opposed, you may give a copy to Jim McCarthy to include with the pamphlet. The elections office will be sending out info about this election, and you can send in your argument after that, as well. Next, the elections office will send out the voter's pamphlet, which will include all the "for" and "against" arguments. The first round of mailings will be sent out in about 30 days, and the second in 60 days. If the ballot passes, the increased special assessment will be included on the 2003 tax year.

Website

We put together a website, it's currently hosted on Jim McCarthy's business web-address, www.techrace.com/audubonhills It was asked if we could link it to the El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce, all agreed this would be a good idea, Kim will look into this. The website address, as well as a packet, has been sent to local realtors so they can give it to perspective owners.

Neighborhood Watch

We need people to sign up, again, for watch commanders. We are in the process of rezoning the watch areas, to make them smaller. Familiarity of neighbors creates a successful neighborhood watch. The rezoning will insure all neighbors are called when emergencies or any suspicious activity takes place. You will need to RE-volunteer if you are currently a watch commander, and wish to do it again.

Question: Is there a protocol for reporting burglaries in Audubon Hills to Neighborhood Watch? People would like to be informed if something happens in here. The new neighborhood watch system will allow us to keep ALL of Audubon informed. Neighbors will need to notify Jim Wells, at 644-4779, of all events that happen. That way, if there are any connections to other events we can do our job. If you change your phone number, e-mail address, or a neighbor moves, please notify us. Call Kim McCarthy at 647-8878 with these changes. We use e-mail for quick contact for emergencies, newsletters, & info.

Community Dumpsters

Many people used the dumpsters; this would be nice to do again.

High Speed Internet Access

We will have this service by mid June. This will provide quicker & clearer internet access.

Treasurers Report

The beginning balance was \$3475.39, the ending balance \$5108.79. Two expenses have not been put on there. One is for the election ballot. That cost should be approximately \$2000.00. The other is for a bench at the sign for CSD road maintenance forms. We are still trying to reduce costs for the newsletters and postage, so if you have e-mail, give us your address! This will allow the money to go to more beautification in Audubon Hills.

CSD

Mike Fennessy from CSD said that right now they have approved the contract for paving Audubon Drive from the end of the last paving to Kittywake. The weed abatement has begun. They will be clearing 3' back 6' up on main roads, and 3' back and 2' up on the sides. The chip seal for Kingbird and Thrush will be done soon. The next meeting will include a discussion of filling potholes on a yearly basis from road service requests have been turned.

Another street sign has been stolen. The 'STOP' sign at North Canyon was taken Memorial Day Weekend. When Jim Wells and Mike Fennessy install the new ones, they will attempt to make them as theft proof as possible.

Question: Would the people doing the paving, be interested in doing paving on private driveways. Yes, they would, and they have talked to other people in here. The Sandman is doing Chip-seal; Sierra Paving is doing the Petromat. Call Mike Fennessy for the phone numbers.

The next CSD meeting has been moved to August 21.

Clean Up

We need to make a date for clean up on the sides of the roads to clear culverts and the like. A date will be announced in the near future.

Merrill Adams

AHPOA thought it would be a good idea to get a memorial bench for Merrill Adams. He passed away in November of 2000. Merrill was the instrumental force that created Audubon Hills. Don Murray added: "The area was previously known as Cedar Ridge. Merrill and Walter Haefele thought it should be called Audubon Hills. Merrill worked very hard to create this area by getting roads paved and named, neighborhood watch going, and creating our community." Everyone was in favor of this.

Motions

Stanley Backlund made a motion to let AHPOA use their discretion to purchase a memorial bench for Merrill Adams. Craig Tarzia seconds the motion, all were in favor, passed.

Marcella Woods makes a motion for two dumpsters next spring. Ernie Woods seconds the motion, all were favor, Approved

The AHPOA's board members have to stagger their elections every two years. Since Jim & Kim McCarthy and Sue Collier were all voted in, on the same year, we need to insure that a 'seasoned' board member stays on when new ones are voted in. Ernie Woods made a motion we keep Jim McCarthy as president two more years, Jim Wells, seconds the motion, all were in favor, passed. Sue Collier was nominated by Jim Wells to serve two more years as Treasurer, Craig Tarzia seconds the motion, all were in favor, passed. Don Murray wishes to retire as 'sheriff' of Audubon Hills; Jim Wells said he would be willing to take over Neighborhood Watch, providing Don Murray can assist with transition and future events. George Osborn made a motion to elect Jim Wells as Neighborhood Watch Commander; Mark Stanley seconds the motion, all were in favor, Passed

Reminders

August 3 will be the picnic. Please sign up ASAP.

It was stated for the record that our CC&R's in Audubon Hills are only bound by the county rules. We have no additional CC&R's.

Check your parcel maps, find the AHCSO easement boundaries on your property.

Residents in attendance Brozo's, Murray, Noel, Tarzia's, Fennesy's, Wells, Collier's, Stanley, Osborn, Atchley's, Backland, Cott, Pintar, McCarthy's

Meeting adjourned 10:50

Good Deed Doers-If you know of a good deed doer please tell Kim

Many thanks to Victor House, he stopped and picked up a bunch of broken bottles in the middle of the road last month. Thanks for saving our tires Victor!

Comic's Corner-Deer Crossing-(from an out of town newspaper)

I live in a semi-rural area. We recently had a new neighbor call the local township administrative office to request the removal of the Deer Crossing sign on our road. The reason: "too many deer were being hit by cars" and he didn't want them to cross there anymore.



AHCSD-Audubon Hills Community Service District (Your road committee)

Update

If you read the minutes from AHPOA's June 1 meeting, you will notice all the hard work the AHCSD has been doing. The roadside clearing of brush is almost complete, two side roads (Thrush and Kingbird) are getting chip sealed on June 10, and on August 1, Audubon Drive will get it's next section of "Petromat" paving from where it currently ends to Kittywake.

Audubon Drive-paving

If at all possible, please avoid getting deliveries from August 5-9. At times, Audubon Drive will be closed for short periods, or it will have only one lane while the paving is taking place. We ask for your assistance in this matter. Please be patient and give these guys a break. They will try to get us through as quick as humanly possible.

Paving your driveway

Need your driveway paved? Call Mike Fennessy to get the numbers of the two paving companies that will be in here. Because they are already doing work in the area, you could get a cheaper rate because you won't have the standard "move in" fees that can be so costly. Mike's number is on the front page of this newsletter, if you have any questions.

Voting-Measure H

Information on the "Special Tax"

increase in Audubon Hills, known as **Measure H**, has been posted in the newspaper, June 5. The elections will take place on Tuesday, August 6, 2002. Look for paperwork in your mailbox in less than two months.

This election is what all the property owners voted for. The majority of respondents wanted the chance to vote on increasing the funds AHCSD receives. This increase will help keep up with inflation and responsibilities. These funds keep our roads maintained and serviced properly, and this increase in the special assessment will insure all property owners will pay their share. Which in turn, keep the value of our properties high.

AHCSD Responsibilities

To allow clear definition of CSD's financial responsibilities, all road maintenance costs have been diverted from AHPOA to AHCSD. The voluntary \$25 fee with AHPOA could not keep up with road costs such as center line painting, roadside abatement (brush clearing), road sign maintenance, and snow sanding. These costs will now be handled by the AHCSD.

This smoother system, gives all road issues to AHCSD. This increased responsibility requires increased funds, which is why we need a 'yes' vote for Measure H, the "Special Tax" increase.

Audubon Drive-Paving

**Please avoid deliveries
and allow for extra
drive time on
August 1st & 2nd.**

Picnic Order Form-August 3-Camino School 3pm-6pm

Please return this form with your payment and meal order by July 1 to P.O. Box 631, Camino, CA 95709. Thank You.

Our old fashioned family picnic and BBQ will include hamburgers or a boneless chicken breast, salads, lemonade, and dessert. Pay now and show up on August 3, for a meal that will be waiting for you! To help us help you, please let us know if you are coming, so we know how many fixins to purchase. Thank you.

Picnic August 3, 3pm—6pm

We will attend the picnic and we will need	<u>Totals</u>
_____ # of Hamburger dinners at \$4 each	\$ _____
_____ # of Chicken dinners at \$5 each	\$ _____
We will attend the picnic, but well bring our own dinner.....	\$ <u> 0 </u>
_____ # attending	
We will <u>not</u> attend the picnic.....	\$ <u> 0 </u>

Dues-June 15th

Annual Dues of \$25 enclosed.....\$ 25

Stickers

Audubon Hill Car Window Stickers
 _____ # of Stickers at \$2 each.....\$ _____

Property Owners Information Update

TOTAL ENCLOSED...\$ _____

Name(s) _____ A.H. Address _____
 _____ Mailing Address _____
 E-mail _____ Phone _____

They Call It “Mellow Yellow”; It’s Just Wrong

By: Kimberly McCarthy

I don't know about you, but recent events have worried me just a bit. It seems that a few rambunctious neighboring associations have decided to 'take control' of the 'illicit' property enhancements that had been going on in their neighborhood. Down the hill, it appears that repairing a sagging roof required painting a house a "mellow yellow". Up the hill, when man bought a beautiful and patriotic eagle for his front lawn after September 11, it apparently wasn't an 'approved' decoration and he had to remove it. How un-patriotic was that? In so many ways, that's just wrong.

What's happening to our independence? When I didn't want to get told how to live my life anymore, I moved out from my parent's house. I can't imagine people really like being told what to do when they are adults, in their own home. I spent good money on my home, painted it yellow, and I'll put a whole flock of eagles in my yard, if I want. Didn't somebody tell these people they have a choice? They **can** move OR change things.

I got involved with our association, because I didn't want to live with these obtuse 'rules'. I plan on keeping my yellow house and a flock of eagles, if I please. We don't have C.C.& R.'s because we haven't allowed it. All I hope, is that we can enhance working together and using common sense. Unless I'm mistaken, isn't that what a community is all about?

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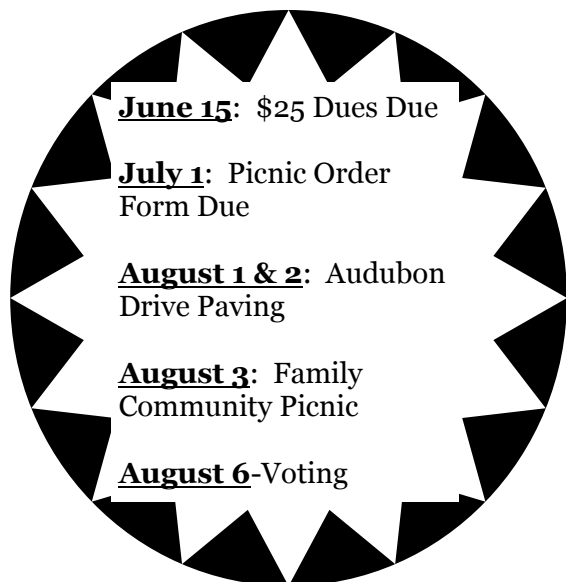
Birds of a Feather

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New Neighborhood Watch Commander & Stolen Signs

The esteemed Don Murray, has retired as Neighborhood Watch “Sheriff”. He has provided many dedicated years of terrific service, which we all appreciate. Thank You Don! We will try to live up to your reputation.

Our new commander is Jim Wells. Jim has had several years security experience and is highly involved with Audubon Hills. Both of these qualities will continue to give Audubon Hills the security it has come to depend on with Don Murray. If you ever have a “Neighborhood Watch” question or concern, give Jim Wells a call. His number is on the front page. Remember to change the commander number in your phone books.

Watch area’s are currently being reconfigured to smaller

areas. So if you wish to continue to be, or wish to be, a commander for your area, please give Jim Wells a call.

Speaking of concerns, we have had another sign stolen. The new stop sign at Audubon Drive and North Canyon was stolen Memorial Day Weekend. This sign had long bolts that were tapped in, very hard to remove, yet someone had enough time to do the job.

Please give us a call if you see anyone, other than Jim Wells, working on a sign. This is getting expensive, and frustrating. If you have any information about these burglaries, please let us know. Talk with you kids, and have them talk with their friends. In the future the signs will be marked with “Property of AHCSA”, so we can prove a sign is ours. Thanks.

