

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Next General Meeting
February 26, 2007
At Shepherd of the Hills Church
19700 Rinaldi St. at 6:00 p.m

Sorrento Residents Share with Your Community

Residents, if there is something you would like to announce to other residents in your community, please contact Michelle Atkinson, matkinson@rossmorganco.com We encourage any public announcements that the community could benefit from.

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SORRENTO

at Porter Ranch

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MARCH 2007



Community Notices and Reminders

House Painting

The first phases of Sorrento are four or five years old now. Trim, and in some areas the stucco on homes needs a touch up. If you repaint your home, you do not need to get approval as long as the colors are the same as the original. Those colors were all listed in the mound of paper work you received when you bought the home new. If you are a subsequent owner, and did not get all of the original paper work, contact Ross Morgan. They will work with the builder to get it for you. It could take a few days to track down your specific house.

Sorrento Pool

The iron fencing around the pool has suffered considerable water damage and rust. It is being replaced. The Board is working with the gardener to reduce sprinkler and plant contact with the fence. There has been a vandalism issue in the rest rooms. The rest rooms will be locked until the swimming season to reduce clean-up costs.



Web Site

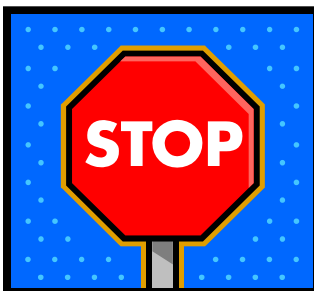
The Board of Directors approved a Sorrento web site. It will be simple, easy to use, and have useful information for all residents. You will hear more shortly.



Suggestions and Complaints

The Board is listening to complaints and suggestions, and is trying to react more quickly. The new Web Site will give you an opportunity to easily correspond directly to the Board of Directors. Ross Morgan shares all of your concerns with the Board today. Until the website is up and running, contact Michelle

Security News!!!



-Please stop at all stop signs.
Traffic Tickets will be issued.

-Basketball hoops left out in front of the house overnight will be cited.

-Please get your decals at the guardhouse for all vehicles.



Helpful Community Reminders



Parking Complaints



There continue to be a significant number of complaints about improper parking. Since the homes are so close together in Sorrento, section 7.4 of the CC&Rs goes into great detail of the parking restrictions. Neighbors violating those restrictions are some of the most frequent complaints received by the management company. There were also several comments about inconsiderate parking on our recent survey. The CC&Rs require you to park the maximum number of cars in your garage, in most cases three cars, in some cases two cars, before you park in your driveway. The CC&Rs require you to park in your driveway before you park on the street. Most families have fewer than six cars, so owners should be able to fit all of their vehicles on their property. Other parking complaints include repeated parking in front of neighbor's homes, parking on corners, and parking on sidewalks. The Board is considering a parking patrol. A parking patrol would cite illegal parked cars. The homeowner would be required to attend a hearing, and a fine may be assessed. Repeated violators will have their cars towed and impounded at their expense.

Of course this can all be avoided if you park your car in your garage.

Speeding

Some residents continue to drive much faster than 25 miles per hour inside Sorrento, especially down hills, and a few ignore stop signs and corner at high speed. This frightens people backing out of their driveways as well as children and adult pedestrians. Speeding issues were also one of the biggest issues on the survey.

In the interest of safety if speeding complaints continue, the Board will be required to install speed humps or cite speeders using a traffic patrol. Obviously, if a traffic patrol is required it will be expensive. You could receive a ticket, be required to attend a hearing, and face a fine being tacked on to your monthly assessment.

Street Cleaning

The Board is working to establish a regular street cleaning day, possibly Thursday. You will be notified when the negotiations have been completed, so you can be sure not to park on the street on the appointed day.



Torino Gates

The motors on the exit gate have been replaced. There should be far fewer gate problems. The Board is in the final stages of approving arms which will allow only one car to enter the gate at a time. Tailgaters have been the most significant security issue in Sorrento. You may notice work being done in the gate area.

Mapquest, Google, and Yahoo often direct visitors and deliveries to the Torino gate. If you expect a guest or delivery save that person some time and aggravation by directing them to the Sorrento Gate before they look up your address.

Trash Receptacles

Residents living near the bottom of hills or on corners have complained about trash and trash containers piling up in front of their homes on windy days. Please place your address on your trash barrels and go pick them up if they get blown down the street.



Normally trash collection day is Tuesday. Your receptacle should be returned to your side yard or back yard Tuesday night. You will get a violation letter if you store your trash containers in your front yard. There appear to be many abandoned trash containers on Sorrento streets. Any trash container left on the street for days after the normal collection day will be gathered up and the Department of Sanitation will reuse them elsewhere in the city.



Street Drains

The iron drains leading to the street need to be cleaned out at least once a year so your property can drain properly. If you have a gardener, ask him to clean out the drains, or do it yourself. It is very easy to do and could avoid a very costly flooding condition in your yard.



St. Patrick's Day History

The person who was to become St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was born in Wales about AD 385. His given name was Maewyn, and he almost didn't get the job of bishop of Ireland because he lacked the required scholarship.

Far from being a saint, until he was 16, he considered himself a pagan. At that age, he was sold into slavery by a group of Irish marauders that raided his village. During his captivity, he became closer to God.

He escaped from slavery after six years and went to Gaul where he studied in the monastery under St. Germain, bishop of Auxerre for a period of twelve years. During his training he became aware that his calling was to convert the pagans to Christianity.

His wishes were to return to Ireland, to convert the native pagans to Christianity. But his superiors instead appointed St. Palladius. But two years later, Palladius transferred to Scotland. Patrick, having adopted that Christian name earlier, was then appointed as second bishop to Ireland.

Patrick was quite successful at winning converts. And this fact upset the Celtic Druids. Patrick was arrested several times, but escaped each time. He traveled throughout Ireland, establishing monasteries across the country. He also set up schools and churches which would aid him in his conversion of the Irish country to Christianity.

His mission in Ireland lasted for thirty years. After that time, Patrick retired to County Down. He died on March 17 in AD 461. That day has been commemorated as St. Patrick's Day ever since.

Much Irish folklore surrounds St. Patrick's Day. Not much of it is actually substantiated.

Some of this lore includes the belief that Patrick raised people from the dead. He also is said to have given a sermon from a hilltop that drove all the snakes from Ireland. Of course, no snakes were ever native to Ireland, and some people think this is a metaphor for the conversion of the pagans. Though originally a Catholic holy day, St. Patrick's Day has evolved into more of a secular holiday.

One traditional icon of the day is the shamrock. And this stems from a more bona fide Irish tale that tells how Patrick used the three-leafed shamrock to explain the Trinity. He used it in his sermons to represent how the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit could all exist as separate elements of the same entity. His followers adopted the custom of wearing a shamrock on his feast day.

The St. Patrick's Day custom came to America in 1737. That was the first year St. Patrick's Day was publicly celebrated in this country, in Boston.

Today, people celebrate the day with parades, wearing of the green, and drinking beer. One reason St. Patrick's Day might have become so popular is that it takes place just a few days before the first day of spring. One might say it has become the first green of spring.



NOTES

President's names

President- Glen Blaser
Vice Pres.- Gigi McGregor
Treasurer- Shahla Sadighi
Secretary- Debbie Montero
Member@Large- Pat Pope

Safety within the Community

Please be alert- we have received reports of vandalism and break ins into vehicles parked on the street. Police have been notified to keep an eye out on unusual activity.

Architectural Submittals

Please be advised that all homeowners are required to submit their architectural plans to the management company prior to any commencement of work. We strongly urge that the reliance of your landscape contractor to submit plans is prohibited. This is in violation of your Architectural Guidelines and CC&R's. If any work begins and your hardscape/landscape plans have not been approved you will be called to a hearing with the Board of Directors. Non compliance may result in fines being assessed for violation of the CC&R's.

Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council

Interested in learning more about the Porter Ranch community and how you can help?

You may contact the Outreach Committee via e-mail at pamjb@socal.rr.com to learn more about PRNC and to find out how you can become involved.

PHONE NUMBERS YOU MAY NEED:

Fire Station - (818) 756-8121
Police/Non-Emergency - (877) 275-5273
City Hall - (818) 756-8121
Utilities/DWP - (800) 827-5397
The Gas Company - (800) 427-2200

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EXT. 811**



Street Cleaning

Venco Western Street Cleaning service date has changed to the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month effective February 22nd. Monday holidays will not effect the scheduled dates.

