

Upcoming Meeting Dates

SORRENTO

at Porter Ranch

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

JUNE 2007

Annual Meeting

Monday

June 18th, 2007

At Sorrento Meadows

Pool Area

Registration at

6:00 p.m

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY

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Association Notes

Annual Meeting / Board Elections – Monday, June 18

On Monday, June 18, 2007 at 6:00 PM the Sorrento Home Owners Association will hold its annual meeting. For the convenience of our residents the meeting will take place at the Meadows pool. For quorum purposes, please mail in your Secret Ballot by **June 15, 2007** if you cannot make the meeting.

Two seats are up for election to a two-year term. Those seats are presently held by Glen Blaser and Shahla Sadighi.

This is an important election. The Board will for the first time be controlled by the homeowners not the developer. S & S has been very helpful to our community, but since we are fairly close to being totally built out, they want us to run our own affairs.

The Board of Directors makes the crucial decisions on how our money is being spent. The Board can raise or lower the Association dues. The Board sets policies on things like traffic control, parking, and landscaping.

The Board works with the Management Company to insure that the Management Company is responsive to the community.

The Board hires and fires contractors.

The Board enforces the rules.

The Board works with committees to improve the quality of life in our neighborhood.

The Board is voluntary. There is no financial compensation to the Board members.

To this date every residential Board Member has lived in the older part of Sorrento, close to the Torino gate. Although all of the present and past Board members have worked for the good of the whole community, their day-to-day lives are in just a small area of Sorrento. All new candidates are welcome. If you live north of Sorrento Lane or in the Meadows, you could be doing your neighborhood a big service by running for the Board.

There is a time commitment of a couple of hours a week, but being on the Board can be rewarding as our community grows and matures. Think about how you want your money

Web Site

We are getting several hits everyday on our website www.sorrentohoa.org. The latest news is posted there. There are plenty of links to services that can make your life easier. The Board would like to know if the site is proving useful to the residents. Please contact the Board or the webmaster if you have suggestions about the website or the news letter.

Committees

There are many areas that residents with particular skills or interests could help make Sorrento and the Meadows an even more enjoyable place to live. If you have a financial background you might want to help us with the budget. If you have a green thumb or would like to make the neighborhood prettier, you might consider the Landscape committee. If you use the pool, that committee may be for you. We will discuss committees at the annual meeting on June 18.

Slopes on Rinaldi and Mason

The Porter Ranch Maintenance Association maintains those slopes. They just changed to M&R Landscaping. M&R has noticed many bare spots and watering issues. You should be seeing improvements already. If you see a problem with the exterior slopes like bare spots, weeds or snails contact Accell Property Management at 818-882-4988 or send them an e-mail at: sfeistel@accellpm.com. Since they just raised the rates they should be even more responsive to our concerns.



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.

1st day of Summer



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.

Association Notes contd...

Car Break-ins

We recently experienced a number of cases of residents having their cars broken in, and some of their belongings removed. The Board, the Security Committee, our Security team, and LAPD take this very seriously. We are working to make Sorrento a less appealing target for thieves.

The video cameras at the Torino gate are working, and have recorded some suspicious vehicles tailgating into the community. That information has been turned over to LAPD.

Most of the thefts have been at night from cars parked on the street or in driveways. Many of the cars have been unlocked, but a few had a window smashed.

The biggest way to avoid this is to park your car in your locked garage, as required by section 7.4 of the CC&Rs. Of course you should report any suspicious persons or cars to Security (818-998-7078) or LAPD (911).

The Board and the Security Committee will be implementing plans very soon to make it harder for unauthorized people to enter the complex. This might also cause a delay for your guests, so please be patient.

Please direct your guest to the Sorrento Gate. The Torino gate is for residents only.

Speeding and Parking

There are more and more children living in our neighborhood. It is so easy to lose track of how fast you are going, especially down a long hill. Please keep your speed under 25 MPH. Please ask your guests to drive at a safe speed.

The CC&Rs require you to park in your garage. If you have more cars than you have spaces in your garage, you can park in your driveway. If you have more cars than your garage and driveway have spaces for you can get permission to park on the street in front of your own home, but you will have to prove to the Board that you have more registered cars than space in your garage and driveway. We have precious few guest parking spaces. Street parking is for guests, not for overnight use of residents.

Please do not park on corners. It is very unsafe and causes drivers to make very wide turns.

A few flagrant speeders and parking violators have been cited. Based on the number of complaints Ross Morgan, Security, the Security Committee and the Board members receive we will have no choice but to enforce these rules more strictly.

Complaints and Suggestions

There are several ways to contact Ross Morgan and the Board. Often it's easiest to just call and speak with Michelle or Marinel on 818-363-0399. If you want to have a record of your issue it might be better to use e-mail send your note to matkison@rossmorganco.com. There is also an automated form on our website www.sorrentohoa.org. If you feel that Ross Morgan has not met your needs you can e-mail the Board of Directors. There is a link on the website or you can address your issue to board@sorrentohoa.org. There are also links on the website if you want to send a note

Visiting Ross Morgan

You are always welcome to visit Ross Morgan if you need to drop something off or speak to someone there in person. The office is very busy, so do yourself a favor, call ahead and make sure that Michelle or whomever you want to see is there, and not tied up with another matter.

Pool and Play Areas

We are changing pool services; hopefully you have noticed an improvement in the pools and spas. Please be considerate of your neighbors. They are entitled to use the pool, barbecues, and play areas too. We are going to fix the decking around the Sorrento pool and do some painting as well. There is a big improvement in the pool furniture as well.

Always keep an eye on your children when using the pool and playgrounds. Never tape over the locks so kids can enter and exit at will. The locks are required by law, and they are there for safety.

History of Father's Day...

Father's Day, contrary to popular misconception, was not established as a day in order to help greeting card manufacturers sell more cards. In fact, when the first "father's day" was first proposed there were no Father's Day cards!



Mrs. John B. Dodd, of Washington, first proposed the idea of a "father's day" in 1909. Mrs. Dodd wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart. William Smart, a Civil War veteran, was widowed when his wife (Mrs. Dodd's mother) died in childbirth with their sixth child. Mr. Smart was left to raise the newborn and his other five children by himself on a rural farm in eastern Washington state. It was after Mrs. Dodd became an adult that she realized the strength and selflessness her father had shown in raising his children as a single parent.



The first Father's Day was observed on June 19, 1910 in Spokane, Washington.

At about the same time in various towns and cities across American other people were beginning to celebrate a "father's day." In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge supported the idea of a national Father's Day. Finally in 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day.

Father's Day has become a day to not only honor your father, but all men who act as a father figure. Stepfathers, uncles, grandfathers, and adult male friends all honored on Father's Day.



Recipe of the Month

Summer Stuffed Bell Peppers

Ingredients

8 med. Yellow, green or sweet red peppers | 1 ½ lbs lean ground beef | ½ garlic clove, minced | 1 med. Onion, minced | ½ cup finely chopped cabbage | 1 med. Carrot, shredded | ½ cup shredded zucchini | 1 can (28 oz) tomatoes with liquid, cut up | ½ cup uncooked long-grain rice. | 1 tbsp. brown sugar | ¼ tsp dried basil | Pepper to taste.



Directions

Cut the tops off each pepper and reserve. Cook peppers in boiling water until crisp-tender, about 2-3 minutes. Remove from water and rinse with cold water. Remove stems from pepper tops and chop enough of the tops to make 1/3 cup.

In a large skillet, brown ground beef over medium heat. Add garlic, onion, cabbage, carrot, zucchini and reserved chopped peppers. Saute until vegetable are tender. Add tomatoes, rice, sugar, basil and pepper. Cover and reduce heat to simmer. Cook until the rice is tender – about 20 minutes. Stuff hot meal mixture into peppers.

~ Serve Immediately ~.

Yields: 8 Servings.

One serving equals 3 lean meat, 2 vegetables, 1 starch, ½ fat. 315 calories, 234 mg Sodium, 67 mg cholesterol, 25mg carbohydrate, 28gm protein, 12 gm. Fat.