

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Board Meeting

When:

Monday, September
24th

Where:

SORRENTO MAIN POOL

Executive Session

5:30 PM

General Meeting

7:00PM

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY

**Please call
818.907.6622
Ext. 811 in the
event of an after
hours emergency.
You may call after
5:00 pm or the
weekends.**

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Association Notes

HOA Meeting Date, Time, and Location

Before the current Board of Directors was in place, the HOA meetings seemed to be randomly held at an early hour at Sheppard of the Hills. There was always way too much to cover and the open meetings ended at 7:00 PM for hearings and an Executive Session. Most of the residents in attendance found that schedule and procedure to be at best, inadequate.

The current Board moved the summer time meetings to the Sorrento pool so that more residents could attend. The meetings have changed to a fixed monthly schedule and the hearings and Executive Session matters are held before the public meeting, which now starts at 7:00 PM. This has allowed more resident members to participate in the meetings. It also has saved us the rental expense at Sheppard of the Hills. The last meeting of the year at the pool will be at 7:00 PM, Monday, September 24, 2007.

We will be moving the meetings to a new location in October, Sierra Canyon School in Chatsworth. Our vice-president, David Sobel is an administrator there. We can use the school at no cost to the HOA. The last Monday of the month presents deadline challenges for the publication of the newsletter. We will be moving the scheduled date of the meeting to earlier in the month in October. Watch the October newsletter and the website for the date and driving instructions.

CERT Training

The Security Committee is working with the Los Angeles Fire Department to add to our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

For the first 72 hours after a catastrophic event like a major Earthquake our community will be on its own. Would you know what to do for food and shelter? Would you know how to help your family and neighbors for three days, probably without power, possibly without water, food, and proper sanitation? Can you use a fire extinguisher, or help an injured family member. Do you know what to keep in your disaster kit?

CERT training will allow you to become part of the solution to help us all survive if a natural or man made disaster occurs. It is taught by Los Angeles firefighters, and it is free. The course is one night a week for six or seven weeks. You will receive a distinctive helmet and vest that will notify your neighbors or officials that you have been trained.

You will be hearing more about CERT in the newsletter and on the website. If you are interested now in this important and FREE training, contact the Security Committee at security@sorrentohoa.org

Santa Ana Winds are Coming

This is just a reminder that Porter Ranch is one of the windiest areas on earth during Santa Ana season. Last year the worst wind always seemed to come on trash day, Please make sure that you have your address on your trash containers so you can find it if it blows down the street. On windy days you might want to put a strip of masking tape on the lid to reduce the amount of trash that blows onto your neighbors' yard.

Remember that we do live in a high fire hazard area; please be extra careful with matches, cigarettes, and other heat sources during the Santa Anas.

Shahla Sadighi

Many of you may not know this, but our treasurer, Shahla Sadighi, was a broadcaster and anchor woman in her native Iran, before the revolution in that country.

Shahla has accepted an on-air position at the Voice of America. She is in our nation's capital right now getting acclimated to the Voice of America's policies and procedures, as well as broadcasting to Iran. She hopes to rejoin us in Porter Ranch by Thanksgiving with a permanent West Coast assignment. She is participating in board matters when she can via e-mail. The two other residential members of our Board of Directors, Pat Pope and David Sobel are helping with Shahla's committees and responsibilities in her absence.

NOTES

Sorrento Board

President

Pat Pope

Vice President

David Sobel

Treasurer

Shahla Sadighi

Secretary

Debby Montero

Member at Large

Gigi McGregor

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.

ASSOCIATION NOTES Contd...

Guests

The new arms at the Torino gate and better enforcement of our entry policy can create delays for your guests passing through the gates. If you have frequent guests please put them on your approved list. The form is on our website, and they have it at the guard houses. The guards need a signed copy of any updates.

If you are expecting guests, please call the guard and let him or her know that visitors are coming. That will speed up the line for everyone. This is most important when you have workers coming and you aren't home. The line behind your workers can get very impatient if security can't find you. Please be considerate of your neighbors and their guests too.

If you have a speed calling feature on your phone, it might be a good idea to have one or both of the guard house numbers programmed in:

Sorrento Guard House: 818-998-7078
Meadows Guard House: 818-772-8983



Website

The Board of Directors is trying very hard to keep you updated between newsletters. Please check our website often for the most current information available. www.sorrentohoa.org.

We have begun a new feature on the website. It is a blog. Every week we ask a question or two about how our residents feel about an important topic in the community. In the past we have asked about our security team, our property management company, speeding, neighborhood gardeners, and landscapers. This gives everyone a chance to express their views to the whole community, and it gives the Board of Directors a chance to debunk myths and rumors. Please check it out.

The association president, Pat Pope, has also started sending e-mail group messages to everyone who has registered to receive updates on a nearly real time basis. If you are not receiving e-mails from the association and would like to send your e-mail address to Patrick.Pope@sorrentohoa.org. You can also ask to be removed from distribution. We have about 200 residents on the list at the present time. Every effort will be made to keep your e-mail address private. The Board does not want to add to your unwanted e-mail list.

Committees

The **Finance Committee** has taken a preliminary look at our reserve study and the reserve fund. They found some flaws in the last study, and will be recommendations on how to fund the reserves properly.

The **Pool Committee** will be looking at better signage at the pool and improvements to the rules and safety equipment.

The **Hospitality Committee** presented a plan for neighborhood events for the next year.

The **Security Committee** reported on their efforts to improve safety in our community and after the committee reports reported on a plan for the Torino gate and a new entry system.

The **Website Committee** reported on improvements to the website, as well as a blast e-mail system to those residents that want the latest news. If you would like to receive an e-mail from the HOA, and have not yet signed up contact Marinel at marinel@rossmorganco.com

The **Landscape, Architecture and Rules Committees** also gave brief reports on their progress. If you would like to join a committee, send that committee an e-mail. Their address can be found at www.sorrentohoa.org/committees.htm. The Security Committee and Finance Committee are the only committees that have full membership at this point.

Change Your Furnace Filters

This is a reminder that your heating and air conditioning will be more efficient, save electricity and allow your furnace and air conditioner to last longer if you change the filters at least twice a year.

A good time to remember this is when the time changes back to standard time.

Speeding

We all have seen speeders in the neighborhood. Some people with expensive high performance cars take corners too fast. Some people slow down, but don't stop at the stop signs, a few don't even slow down. The Security Committee and the Board of Directors take the safety of pedestrians, children, and pets very seriously. As you know, we cannot get LAPD to patrol our streets. We are looking at improved signage, private enforcement of the traffic laws, and possibly speed bumps to slow people down. All of these solutions have a price tag, but the demands of your neighbors who have been impacted by speeding will have to be met.

Since the newsletter comes out monthly, please make sure you check our website for updates in addressing the speeding issue.

www.sorrentohoa.org



Dust off those decorations and start checking the bulbs on your string of lights!

The "Holiday House Decorating Contest" will return!

****More information in next months Newsletter!****

Say Boo! and Save the Date!



Ghost and Goblins big and small join your neighbors for a Halloween Gathering **Saturday, October 27, 2007** at the **Meadows Pool**. Carve a

pumpkin and enjoy some apple cider and donuts! Watch for details to be posted on the website

www.sorrentohoa.org in October!

****You can also email the Hospitality Committee at Hospitality@Sorrento.org for more information.****

Something new is in the air...

Do you know our community now has a new *Hospitality Committee*? We are busy planning some fun events for our neighborhood. But we need YOUR help! We would like know about your interest in the following:

- A Book Club
- A Mom's Club
- A Poker/ Game Club
- A Super bowl Party

If you have an interest in joining any of these groups or would like to join the Hospitality Committee please contact us via email Hospitality@Sorrentohoa.org or call Melissa Centeno (818) 885-6308 so we can organize the group.

Recipe of the Month

JACK O'LANTERN STEW



Ingredients

1 (9 to 12-inch) Pumpkin | 1 Large Onion, chopped | 1 Green Pepper, cored, seeded, and diced | 1 Red Pepper, cored, seeded, and diced | 4 Carrots, thinly sliced into rounds | 3 Celery Sticks, thinly sliced | 2 Cloves Garlic, crushed | 1 pound lean Ground Beef | 1 pound ground Chicken or Turkey | 2 cups cooked Rice (instant is okay) | 1 large can diced Tomatoes | 1 large can Tomato Soup

Directions

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

Cut the top off the pumpkin and scoop out the insides. Rinse well. Carve a spooky face onto the pumpkin, without going all the way through the flesh. Rinse well, oil outside of pumpkin. Bake the pumpkin shell for 30 minutes.

While shell is baking: saute the onion, green and red peppers, carrots, celery, and garlic until the vegetables begin to soften, about 8 minutes. Remove from pan and set aside. Brown ground beef and chicken. Add the veggies and cooked rice and cook over low heat, stirring often, for 10 to 15 minutes to let the flavors meld.

Remove pumpkin from oven and let stand 15 minutes. Stir the tomatoes and soup into the meat mixture. Place meat mixture into pumpkin. Put back in oven for 20 minutes. Serve on a platter with cheesy biscuits- -very yummy.

