

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Board Meeting

When:

Tuesday, October 23rd

Where:

Sierra Canyon School
11052 Independence
Avenue
Chatsworth, CA 91311
Tel: 818-882 8121

Executive Session

5:30 PM

General Meeting

7:00PM

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY

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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

Next Board Meeting -- New Location

The deadline for newsletter articles is the first of the month. Since this Board has moved to have monthly meetings we have a deadline problem holding the meeting on the last Monday of the month. We are moving our meetings to the third Tuesday of the month starting in November. Due to a schedule conflict our October meeting will be on Tuesday, October 23rd at 7:00 PM.

Our summertime meetings at the pool have come to an end. Our new meeting location will be at Sierra Canyon School. Take Rinaldi west to De Soto. Make a left on De Soto. Make a right on Chatsworth. Make a right on Variel (Please do not use Independence Ave.) Make a right on Rinaldi. The school is on the left-hand side. From the entrance, take the long driveway all the way to the top of the campus. Come a little early in October so you can find your way.

Torino Gates -- New Arms

As the Sorrento residents who use the Torino gates know, we have finally completed the new arms which allow only one car at a time to enter through the gates. This has taken a lot of effort by the current Board of Directors and the Security Committee to accomplish. There is a lot of red tape and coordination required for what may seem to many to be a small improvement.

S&S could not put in arms at an unmanned gate per their agreements with the city. The Board worked closely with S&S to get the cost of the arms reimbursed to us. Our two S&S Board members, Gigi McGregor and Debby Montero pushed the funding through S&S. The Board of Directors want to thank Debby, Gigi and S&S for working with us and helping us with this milestone.

The Security Committee and the Board also had the cameras upgraded for our security. As you may know, a pickup rammed through the arms shortly after they were installed. Our cameras and an eyewitness were very crucial to our police report on the hit and run.

We also are improving the signs and we have an intercom to the Sorrento Guard in case a guest is confused and needs directions to the Sorrento gate.

Of course, the new arms have caused more guests to use the Sorrento gate to enter our property. You can save your guests some time if you call the guard house on 818-998-7078 before your guest arrive.

Sorrento Guard Gate - New Guard on Duty!

The HOA Board would like to take a moment and welcome our new day guard at the Sorrento Gate, Alan Swann. Alan is a native Californian who grew up in Granada Hills and has lived in the same house all his life! You could call him an expert in this area. He recently attended the North Valley Occupational Center to become a Welder. Now that's not your everyday job! When he's not working our gate you can find him out in the hills riding dirt bikes.

Alan will be working the Sorrento Gate Monday thru Friday 7:00am to 3:00pm. He say's the morning at the gate is a busy time when all the construction workers, gardeners, and housekeepers come through. Remember to make sure your guest is cleared so Alan can get them through the gate quickly!

Shahla Sadighi Resigns - New Board Opening

Our Treasurer Shahla Sadighi has become an anchorwoman for the Voice of America in Washington. We will miss her very much. Shahla spent many hours a week working with our vendors, suppliers, and committees. She had a very positive impact on our community.

At our next HOA meeting on October 23, residents wishing to succeed Shahla will have an opportunity to address the Association and the Board. At the end of the meeting, the Board of Directors will elect a resident to fill out the remainder of Shahla's term.

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...

Sorrento Mom's Club

It's official! The Sorrento Mom's club has kicked off their first play date! Approximately ten Mom's and their little ones came together to play and make new friends. It was a fun filled two hours of snacks and lots of energetic kids running around. The Mom's Club will be meeting every Wednesday afternoon at 3:30pm - 5:00pm at various locations. The Mom's will also be walking every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30am in the morning. Right now they will meet at the Sorrento Pool to start the walks, weather permitting. If you are interested in joining one of these groups contact the hospitality committee at hospitality@sorrentohoa.org or call Melissa Centeno (818) 885-6308.

M&R Landscaping Reviewed Well

On Monday, September 24, 2007 Board Meeting M&R Landscaping was there to answer questions and concerns about our grounds. Over all the review was very good. There were some concerns about running water and sprinklers that run through out the night. Robert from M&R explained that to have our entire grounds watered, the sprinklers must run through much of the night because of the number of stations we have. He also mentioned they are very concerned about water conservation, one of the reasons we water at night. Please notify Marinel at Ross Morgan if you notice water running needlessly or sprinklers malfunctioning. If you have a landscaping concern please contact Marinel and she will forward the information to M&R Landscaping. They have been very receptive to our concerns.

S&S has just turned over a very large parcel of land along Browns Canyon to our HOA. It will now be our responsibility to tend to the landscaping and watering of that land. If you have never been in Browns Canyon go north at the end of De Soto past the freeway and turn right. You may be very surprised at all of the land that belongs to our Association.

The grounds along Rinaldi and Mason (which belong to the Porter Ranch Maintenance Association) have been cleaned out and will have new plantings, which should beautify the area.

Speeding

Speeding is still a major concern in Sorrento/Meadows. We have many long downhill streets inside our gates. Some of the speeders are guests or workers. Many of the speeders are our own residents. At our last HOA meeting many residents expressed the opinion that speed humps are the only solution to the problem. Others feel that speed humps are bad for their cars and the expense is too high. Many of the residents at the meeting feel that Sorrento Lane needs speed humps now, while others feel that the street in front of their house should have a speed hump first. Others feel that we should try having our security team issue violations to speeders before altering the streets.

Now that the Torino arms are installed our volunteer Security Committee is concentrating on the speeding issue. With our current budget we cannot put speed humps at every spot that our traffic study indicated would be good, nor can we have a 24 hour speed patrol.

The Board of Directors will work to reduce speeding inside of our community. We have no choice. The answer cannot please everyone, but we will work to make our streets safer. There is no magic bullet. No previous Board took strong action to fix the problem; a concern building for seven years cannot be fixed overnight. Some of the solutions may have to wait until the 2008 budget is fixed and more money can be allocated to traffic enforcement. Some steps will be taken this year. The most current updates will be on our website www.sorrentohoa.org

Over Watering

It is getting cooler, and the days are getting shorter. Please adjust your sprinkler timers to save water. Turn off your sprinklers if it rains. Please have your gardener insure that you are watering your grass and plants, not the sidewalk or the street. Our residents waste thousands of gallons of water each month, water we could need to drink and take a shower if the drought continues.

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.

A Sorrento Halloween!



It's no trick, we have a treat! Come join us for a **Sorrento Halloween, Saturday, October 27, 2007 from 2:00pm – 4:00pm at the Sorrento Pool.** We've carved out a space for your little ghost so have them decorate or carve the biggest pumpkin they can find for a **Kid's Pumpkin Carving Contest!** And have them scare up their best costume for the **Kid's Costume Contest!** Judging for the contests begins at 3:00pm so have your entry arrive no later than 2:45pm! There will be prizes for best pumpkins and costumes!

Goblins of all ages come enjoy **FREE donuts, apple cider, and hot chocolate!***

If you could RSVP to hospitality@sorrentohoa.org or call Melissa at (818) 885-6308 and let us know how many are in your witches crew. It will help us make sure we have treats for everyone!

Stop in and say **Boo!** to your neighbors! It's sure to be spooktacular!

Weather permitting. Rain Date Sunday, (October 28, 2007)

(*while supplies last. The party is for residents/ family only*)

Brought to you by your new neighborhood Hospitality Committee!



Deck those Halls!

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

The **"Holiday House Decorating Contest"** will return!

There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prize!

More information in next months newsletter!

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 to 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.

Take The Green Challenge In Porter Ranch

There has been a lot of talk lately about "Going Green", taking action to conserve energy and reduce carbon emissions, thereby reversing global warming. But is it all talk or has anybody taken any action? The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council (PRNC) challenges all Porter Ranch residents to Go Green.

We challenge each household to stop using supermarket provided bags. You can buy reusable shopping bags and bring them with you to the store. The best way to remember them is to keep them in your car or collect them when you make your shopping list.

Stores providing plastic bags are now required to offer reusable bags for sale. They are typically \$1-2. Or if you don't want to actually buy reusable bags, you could bring back the paper bags from your last purchase. Ralphs and Whole Foods will credit you 5 cents for each bag that you reuse.

To encourage the greening of your shopping habits, at the November 13th meeting the PRNC will give you a reusable shopping bag when you present this article or your market receipt showing that you used a reusable shopping bag.

The PRNC is forming a Green Committee to further the greening of Porter Ranch. If you would like to participate, please contact GoGreen@PRNC.org. The PRNC will meet on November 13th, 7pm at Shepherd of the Hills Church. You can find out more at www.PRNC.org and sign up for email alerts about upcoming events and issues.

