

# Upcoming Meeting Dates

## Board Meeting

When:  
Tues., March 25th

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

Executive Session  
6:00 PM

General Meeting  
7:00PM

## AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY

**Please call  
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event of an after  
hours emergency.  
You may call after  
5:00 pm or the  
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## Association Notes

### **Our Annual Election is Coming June 28<sup>th</sup>**

On June 28, 2008 we will be holding our Annual Election. You will be receiving plenty of information about it throughout the spring. The most important thing is that you return your proxy or attend the meeting. If we don't get a quorum we have to re-mail everything at a huge expense to our Association. We will also be electing four homeowner Board members, three for two years and one for one year. Everyone will receive a candidate profile form in the mail by the end of April. Being a Board member is your chance to influence the future of our community. If you are interested in joining the HOA Board of Directors, please take some time to write the short paragraph required on the form. Homeowners are interested in your background, experience, qualifications and what Sorrento/Meadows issues interest you so that they can cast an informed vote. Your statement will be sent to homeowners and posted on the Sorrento/Meadows website.

### **Survey**

At our last HOA meeting Pat Pope presented the results of our HOA Survey. The views of our residents will be the biggest factor as the Board reviews any vendor changes, or changes in the rules. The survey results are still on our website at:

<http://www.sorrentohoa.org/2008%20Survey%20Results.pdf>

All of the comments are at:

<http://www.sorrentohoa.org/2008SurveyAnswers.pdf>

Pat pointed out that in some areas the association seems to be nearly evenly split. That means that no matter what the Board does, some residents will be pleased while others will be disappointed. For example, speeding is much more of an issue on many of the Sorrento streets than in the Meadows. Some residents absolutely hate speed humps, while others are very fearful that without adding some humps in strategic areas a speeding car will injure a child or hit somebody backing out of their driveway.

There were no specific complaints about the new speed hump on Vercelli. One resident suggested that we put signs up near the hump. The signs are up. The Board will consider each street very carefully, and try to meet the needs of most of our residents.

The consensus of the association is that people should be allowed to park in their own driveway overnight, and that residents should not park overnight in front of their neighbor's homes. In order to insure that residents don't park in front of their neighbor's home overnight we will have to make sure every car is registered and has a decal or Sorrento card visible. The Security Committee and our security company will have to work together to make sure that registration goes smoothly and that ample warning is given to everyone before tickets are given.

Any changes to the rules cannot be in conflict with any laws, the CC&Rs, and the Bylaws. Once the Rules Committee is re-established they will craft rules to meet the needs of the

### **Is It Time to Paint Your House?**

Believe it or not, the older phases of Sorrento are seven years old. Some residents may be considering painting their house or trim this year. If you are going to repaint your house, or touch up the trim you do not have to get permission from the HOA if you plan to use the exact same colors and textures that were on the house when it was new. Those colors are in the package that was presented to the first owner during the walkthrough.

If you wish to make a color change you will need to submit plans and have an architectural review.

# NOTES

## Sorrento Board

### President

Pat Pope

### Vice President

David Sobel

### Treasurer

Neil Estrin

### 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...

### **Security Gates and Cameras**

If you live in Sorrento you may have noticed a lot of work near the gates in the last couple of months. All of us have had frustrations over recurring gate and arm problems. Some of the problems are normal wear and tear. Some are caused by the extra strain our high winds place on the gates. Many of the problems have been caused by motorists hitting the gates and arms.

We can't do anything about the wind, although the Torino gate may be closed and not available on those especially nasty Santa Ana days. We have started an aggressive program of preventive maintenance on the gates and arms. We are taking measures to insure that the gates are not struck by cars. We have rewired the cameras from the Torino gate and have all of our gate cameras aimed properly to capture the image of any car at all of the gates. This will help us to continue our successful program to collect the repair costs from the person hitting our gates. Just as a reminder, it costs \$186 to replace a broken arm. We pass on the actual charges to the driver who breaks an iron gate or motor. Those charges can be \$1,000 or more. We have been very successful in recovering repair costs from the drivers. We have filed a couple of police reports on drivers less willing to pay for their damages. Encouragement from the police has proven to be very successful in recovering the damages.

The Board of Directors would like to thank S&S for helping us fix the gates and the wiring. We have found S&S to be a great partner in keeping our neighborhood safe and beautiful.

### **Porter Ranch K-8 Span School Initial Design Review Meeting: April 2, 2008**

One of many Community meetings has been held recently to discuss the progress of the proposed K-8 span school to be built in Porter Ranch. On February 26, 2008 the latest meeting was held at Germain Middle School to meet the chosen Architect, Rikki Binder FAIA Architecture and Planning, and to allow our Porter Ranch community to express ideas we have for the new school.

To answer your first questions, yes it looks like we really might have a school built here in Porter Ranch. But when? As we all know, Rome was not built in one day and neither will our school. It takes many years of planning by the LAUSD to build a school. The construction of the school will not begin until 2010. If all goes well the school will be ready to open its doors in the fall of 2012.

However, it does seem like LAUSD is doing everything in their power, with the help and urging of S&S to fast track the school. The site has been chosen and approved and the school will be built on 12.5 acres at the Southeast corner of Mason and Sesnon. They are conducting the Environmental Impact Report. They are now working on the design of the school and will have a community meeting at Germain on April 2, 2008, 6:30 pm to show initial building placement and design ideas.

At the pre-design meeting many important and intelligent ideas were brought forth to the organizers and architect for the school. Some of which included the need to consider the high wind and fire hazard area we live in. The Development team also confirmed they have taken into consideration earthquake hazards. Other concerns included a need for a good flow of traffic to drop off and pick up the children, classrooms with enough storage for teachers, a need for a multi purpose room that would be used not only for the school but the community, and for the school to be built appropriately for the ever changing technology we live in.

This is an important time in the development process of our new school. If you are interested in the school and one day might have children who attend the school, now is the time to get involved. We can help mold this school into one of the best schools LAUSD has ever produced. For more information you can visit the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council's website at prnc.org.





### Common Area Upgrades

We hope you notice a few of the little things that our committees and volunteers are trying to do. Many of the stenciled lines and street painting have been redone. Cathy Serksnas from our Security Committee surveyed every intersection to see which streets needed re-painting. We hope that improves safety. We have had the overhead repaired at the Sorrento guardhouse, after the stucco was smashed by a tall truck. We are making efforts to insure that Security doesn't allow tall trucks to enter that side. We have instructed Security and the gate company that duct tape on the Sorrento arms does not give a good first impression to visitors. We are insuring that the color at our entrances gets replanted to enhance the beauty of our neighborhood.

If you have a suggestion to improve safety or to enhance the beauty of our neighborhood, send Marinel an e-mail.

[Marinel@rossmorganco.com](mailto:Marinel@rossmorganco.com) Although we can't build a tennis court or golf course, you may be surprised about how quickly

### Devonshire Community Police Station Semi-Annual District Meeting

If you are interested in safety in our are neighborhood, plan to attend the Devonshire Community Police Station's Semi-Annual District Meeting Thursday, April 3 at 7:00 pm in Porter Ranch and be part of the public safety dialogue in our community.

This District Meeting is hosted by Devonshire Captains Sean Kane and Beatrice Girmala with the Senior Lead Officers of the Devonshire Community Police Station.

At this District Meeting, guest speakers LAPD Officers Gary Crump and Danny Carreras will discuss the Anti-Terrorism and Intelligence Sections of LAPD. It should be very informative.

Thursday, April 3, 7:00 pm at Shepherd of the Hills Church, 19700 Rinaldi St. Porter Ranch

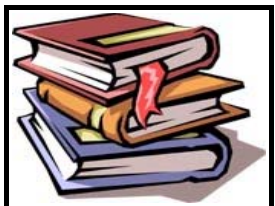
### Parking in Front of Mail Boxes

It seems that every once in a while one of our letter carriers decides that they will not get out of their delivery vehicle to deliver the mail if a car is blocking the mail box. Please ask your guests, gardeners, or other workers not to block anyone's mail box during the day. We have asked S&S to make sure that the construction workers do not block the mail boxes of any occupied home. Please let Marinel know if you are not receiving your mail because your box has been blocked.



#### Sorrento/ Meadows Mom's Club!

Calling all moms with little ones of all ages! The Mom's Club meets once a week. As the weather gets nicer we will be getting together in new locations including the pool and park. Once a month we will try and make a group trip to the zoo, beach, or other fun kid hot spots. If you'd like to find out more about the Mom's Club contact the hospitality committee at [hospitality@sorrentohoa.org](mailto:hospitality@sorrentohoa.org) or call Melissa (818) 885-6308.



#### Sorrento/ Meadows Book Club!

If you like to read or would just like to get out of the house for an evening of great conversation then join the Book Club! It meets every second Tuesday of the month. Some of the books we have enjoyed reading include *"The Kite Runner"*, *"Love in the Time of Cholera"* and *"Water for Elephants."* For more information about the Book Club contact the hospitality committee at [hospitality@sorrentohoa.org](mailto:hospitality@sorrentohoa.org).



#### Sorrento/ Meadows Poker Club!

Let's deal! The Poker Club had its first gathering in March and it was a big hit! The club will meet once a month on a Friday. If you are a card player and would like to join, please contact the hospitality committee at [hospitality@sorrentohoa.org](mailto:hospitality@sorrentohoa.org).