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SADDLEHORN HOMEOWNERS' NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

## NEW LOCATION

### 2019 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

April 11th, July 18th, October 3rd

All Board meetings will be held at 6 p.m. at the Wolf Run Golf Course, 1400 Wolf Run Road, Reno NV 89511. Agendas are posted in advance of each meeting on the Association's website ([www.Saddlehorn.org](http://www.Saddlehorn.org)) under the "Resources" tab. All owners are encouraged and welcome to attend — to contribute ideas and to volunteer your help if you're willing! The Board meets in Executive Session on the third Tuesday of each month, as needed, to review delinquencies, compliance matters and hold hearings in a timely and efficient manner. By statute, these are closed meetings unless an owner has been invited to attend a hearing, however it is still a requirement of law to notice such meetings.

### QUESTIONS FOR YOUR MANAGER?

If you have any questions for our Community Manager, please feel free to contact her:

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## BOARD MEETING LOCATION CHANGE

The location for the 2019 Board Meetings has changed (times remain the same). The previous location, the UNR/TMCC Redfield campus, will no longer allow associations to hold Board meetings at the campus. As a result we have had to find a new location. In the interest of trying to keep the location convenient for members to attend, the new location will be at the Wolf Run Golf Course, 1400 Wolf Run Road, Reno NV 89511.

Should there be a need to meet in Executive session, your Board will meet at the same location, right after the scheduled open meeting times posted. Executive sessions are closed to members except if a member's presence is requested. Board meeting dates and agendas will also be posted on the Association's web site [www.saddlehorn.org](http://www.saddlehorn.org) under the "Resources" tab.

## 2019 BOARD FOCUS WILL BE ON COMMON AREA DRAINAGE SYSTEMS

Not only are the drainage systems within the Association over 20 years old but they have also been heavily used over the past three very wet seasons. The Board and Management will be working to identify all of the drainage systems located within the common areas as well as hiring an engineer to consult on the areas with the most critical needs and a long-term maintenance plan to keep all drainage operating as designed. Reserve Funds will be used for this work and will be added to the future Reserve Study to ensure there are adequate funds in future years to keep the drainage systems in good working condition.

## 2018-2019 STORM/SNOW REMOVAL DAMAGE

As most of you just experienced, this has been another record season of snowfall and rain. Management has received many calls expressing concerns about the poor snow removal service, damage to mailboxes and new potholes in the roads. The best thing owners can do is contact Washoe County about the concerns. Residents are encouraged to report problems so they can be added to the repair list. The County number to report problems is 775-328-2180.

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## BE A BEE-UTIFUL GARDENER

by Marianne Denton. A Saddlehorn resident of over 15 years, Marianne is a professional scientist. You can frequently find her in the common areas or in Whites Creek looking for wildlife of all shapes and sizes.

While it's hard to believe with the incredible winter we've had, soon our gardens will burst forth with spring dreams. Bulbs will push up from the soil, buds will appear on trees and flowers will bloom on bushes. Throughout spring with ornamental fruit trees blossoming, into summer with the Russian sage bursting with purple, and all the flowering landscaping in between, this is a beautiful banquet for pollinators. Honeybees and bumblebees, hummingbirds and moths that mimic hummingbirds, and a variety of butterflies visit our yards. It's the beauty of living in Saddlehorn; an area at the suburban-wildland interface where we can enjoy a diversity of wildlife living up to the motto, "Pretty. Wild".

I would like to ask you to consider how you can keep our neighborhood both pretty and wild. One of the most important ways is to maintain a garden that's pleasing to you and inviting to pollinators. Your flowers are the result of pollinator-plant interactions over millennia. By carefully choosing plants best suited for the high desert, and caring for them in the least invasive way possible, you create a place of pollinator refuge. And the best way to accomplish that is to carefully choose when and where — and even if — you apply pesticides throughout your landscaping.

For over a decade now, news coverage of honeybee colony collapse has been widespread. While many factors have been proposed, the exact cause is undetermined, complicated and based on additive factors. One of the additive factors is the development of and widespread application of pesticides with neonicotinoids. Neonicotinoid is extremely toxic to all species of bees and other pollinators. This chemical can persist in your garden for over many seasons, is absorbed by the plant, and is found in pollen and nectar. Unfortunately, just one application of a neonicotinoid-based pesticide can kill hundreds



of pollinators. Seeing less butterflies? Could be the pesticides. Vegetables not fruiting? Many of those blossoms need pollination to mature to fruit.

In an effort to keep your garden pretty and wild, I'm asking you to consider limiting your use of pesticides and to choose pesticides that are garden safe. Sometimes you will need to carefully read the label. Just because a smiling bee is on the front label, doesn't mean that the back label doesn't have the disclaimer: "Not safe for bees." Great alternatives are insecticidal soaps, diatomaceous earth and neem oil extracts. All of these products are available at home and garden centers. Ask your landscaping crew not to apply pesticides broadly, and if they do, only to apply with natural products. "What about the spiders?????" you exclaim. Besides spiders being very beneficial, and a completely different topic, the only way to kill spiders is by direct application; broad application of pesticides does not routinely kill spiders.

So, please consider the pollinators that you invite into your yard with your beautiful landscaping. They see it as food. Don't poison them. And I would love to talk to you about insects and pollinators. You can contact me at my email ([mariannedenton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mariannedenton@sbcglobal.net)) or via my cell (775-843-9550).

## NEEDED: A VOLUNTEER FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Your Saddlehorn HOA is managed by a Board of five Directors. Due to the resignation of Jim Clouser, a position is presently open and the current Board of Directors is soliciting interest from the membership. The open position will serve the remainder of the term that expires in November 2019.

The duties of the officers, directors and committee members are not too taxing; nonetheless, it requires each individual to make a personal commitment and investment in the association. The decisions and actions of the Board of Directors shape the character of our community and impact the lifestyles of us all.

If you would be interested in the open seat, please contact Management for more information.



## MANAGER'S CORNER

Several homes in Saddlehorn have native vegetation that is part of the approved landscape plan. While native, it still needs to have some occasional maintenance performed.

- ☞ Vegetation should be trimmed back to stay off and out of the gutters.
- ☞ Debris from the vegetation should be cleaned from the gutters.
- ☞ Weeds, leaves and pine needles should be cleaned out of the vegetation periodically.
- ☞ If you have a corner home, you must also ensure that the bushes don't grow too tall and impede vehicular line of sight.