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SADDLEHORN HOMEOWNERS' NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

2020 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

October 15th at 4pm

All Board meetings will be held 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) 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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ELECTION TIME IS ALMOST HERE

Four seats are open for elections. Two are for two-year terms and two are for a one-year term. The first part of the election process is the Nomination Form, which is included within this newsletter. The duties of the officers, directors and committee members are not too taxing; nonetheless, each individual is required 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. It is important for each Director to understand the duties and responsibilities of the Board as well as the tools of effective leadership and management.

A MESSAGE FROM THE HOA PRESIDENT

contributed by Tom Wright

In my daily walks around the neighborhood, I get a chance to say hi to many of our Saddlehorn HOA residents. Sadly, one thing I have learned involves the recent theft of multiple U.S. flags and political signs from the property of multiple Saddlehorn homeowners. On a personal note, our U.S. flag was one of the flags stolen. These acts are crimes in Nevada and should be reported to the Washoe County Sheriff's Department. Obviously, feelings are running high and the 2020 presidential election promises to be the most contentious in recent memory. As both HOA President and a proud Saddlehorn resident, I hope that we can all agree that this type of behavior is not welcome in our wonderful community. It is only through honoring the rights of our friends and fellow citizens that we can expect that our own rights are similarly honored.



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PLEASE BE FIRE AWARE

As fire season is now upon us again, the Board would like to reiterate a position taken in previous years by prior Boards. Any owner who has property adjacent to common area may clear the common area side of their fence up to 10 feet, at their expense, if they feel it is needed. Thank you for being fire aware and doing your part to keep Saddlehorn safe!



MAILBOX DESIGN

Board requested survey regarding mailbox design stone pillars vs. decorative wood bases. There has been a long standing interpretation of the CC&Rs that if you were in an area that had wood or stone you had to replace with the same to keep the look of the street and neighborhood consistent. There is actually only a small area of the Association that was ever designed with the stone pillars consisting of only about 20% of the homes built.

The number of owners requesting a mailbox style that is in the Association but not on their current street is increasing as the age of the mailbox stands increases along with the snowplows doing damage. Before the Board considers adding/changing the ARC guidelines they would like to hear from the members they represent. This is your opportunity to voice your support or opposition on how these particular structures are addressed by the Association.

Do you think the Board should maintain requirement that each owner can only have the type of base originally designed for the home?

Are you in favor of allowing owners to have the choice of either wood or stone mailboxes?

- a. If this option were enacted, there would be strict ARC guidelines and adherence to minimum standards of replacement to match existing wood or stone in the community.

FIRE FUELS REPORT/WORK FOR 2021

With the increase in fires all around our region, the Board is electing to have a new fire fuels evaluation done this year so that bids can be obtained and work done in the spring of 2021. However, because of the fires the expert — High Sierra Fire — will not be able to prepare the report until late fall or early winter.

The Board has asked that vacant lot clearing standards also be included for future enforcement to ensure the vacant lots have proper fire fuels work done to keep the neighboring homes more fire safe.

THEY'RE B-A-A-A-A-C-K!

Bear reminders are normally sent out at the end of the fall season as the animals come into the neighborhood to fatten up before hibernation. This year there have been several reports into Management that the bears are in the neighborhood just out of hibernation. We've never had reports this early so the Board asks that everyone be reminded to keep food out of reach of bears. Bird feeders, dog food and trash are all easy targets for bears and only encourage them to roam the area more frequently.



CAN YOU REVIEW HOME DESIGNS?

The SDRC (Saddlehorn Design Review Committee) consists of five members. The Board would like to see if there is any interest from members of the Association to participate in reviewing new home plans and submission for changes to existing homes. The SDRC meets once per month for about an hour. If you would like to have a more active role in the look of the community, this is a great place to participate. There are many professions that the current SDRC members bring to each meeting. Architects, builders, landscape professionals are some of the current members' backgrounds. If you have some background or expertise that you think would be a benefit to the committee and would be willing to participate in monthly meetings, please contact Management for more details on how you can get involved.

COMMON AREA DRAINAGE WORK NEARING COMPLETION

The Board contracted with Padovan Engineering to review and research all common area drainage to ensure there is adequate mapping, tracking and funding for future cleaning and maintenance. The Board approved getting the work completed in 2020 due to the cost savings in bids submitted due to Covid 19 work slowdowns in other areas.