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SADDLEHORN HOMEOWNERS' NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

## 2022 MEETING SCHEDULE FOR SADDLEHORN HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

In an effort to save the Association in copy and mailing costs, agendas are no longer mailed in advance of the Association meetings. The agendas are now posted on the website [www.Saddlehorn.org](http://www.Saddlehorn.org) under the "Resources" tab. If you don't have internet access, you can contact Management to have the agenda mailed to you.

All Board of Directors meetings will be held at the new conference rooms inside of the Raley's store located at 14815 Wedge Parkway, Reno NV 89511. Dates and times for the 2022 meetings are below:

January 18th, 2022 at 5:30pm

April 19th, 2022 at 5:30pm

July 19th, 2022 at 5:30pm

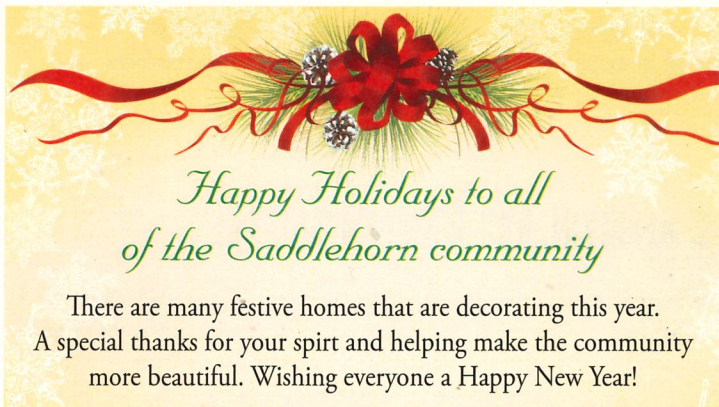
October 18th, 2022 at 5:30pm

All homeowners have the right to have a copy of the audio recording, the minutes, or a summary of the minutes of this meeting distributed to him/her upon request, in electronic format at no charge to the unit's owner or, if the Association is unable to provide the copy or summary in electronic format, in paper format at a cost not to exceed 25 cents per page for the first 10 pages, and 10 cents per page thereafter. Minutes are available for free, upon request by going to [www.gwascorp.com](http://www.gwascorp.com) or [Saddlehorn.org](http://Saddlehorn.org).

## 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Welcome Megan Baroska to the five-member Saddlehorn Board!

The Board directs the day-to-day operations and management of the Association. Megan and her family moved to Saddlehorn in 2017 after having relocated to Nevada from Connecticut in 2014. Originally from Chicago, Megan loves Saddlehorn's open spaces and, as Board Director, she hopes to be a steward that maintains Saddlehorn's livability and the qualities that make it such a great neighborhood. Her professional expertise is crisis and issues management strategic communications. Outside of work she and her family enjoy skiing at Mt. Rose and exploring the trails and many outdoor adventures available in Northern Nevada.



## SADDLEHORN HAS APPLIED TO BECOME A "FIREWISE COMMUNITY"

An application has been submitted on behalf of the Association for acceptance into the program. If the Association is recognized as a new member, it is hoped there will be added resources that all owners can draw upon with regard to fire safety. This would be in the form of education, possible free inspections and other support to help with the ongoing efforts to create more defensible space in both the common areas and on the individual lots. The small brochure included with this newsletter outlines some of the basics for homes.

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## Board of Directors

Tom Wright,  
President

Brett Nelson,  
Vice President  
Secretary

Jenny Darlington,  
Treasurer

Megan Baroska,  
Director-at-Large

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Director-at-Large

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## UNAPPROVED CHANGES CAN MAKE FOR UNHAPPY CIRCUMSTANCES

Before you make changes to your lot — which includes your home, fencing, landscaping and all other permanent fixtures or structures within your lot boundaries — please contact HOA Management and/or review the ARC guidelines to ensure that the changes you are making are allowed and approved by the Association. It appears that a lot of work is being done now and some owners have not gone through the proper process. As such, you may find yourself having to change or remove recent upgrades. It is the desire of the Board to avoid costly and unpleasant decisions of asking owners to remove recently added items.

## OUTDOOR LIGHTING CONCERNS

Now that our days are growing shorter, we would like to call you attention to the outdoor lighting of your property. One of the pleasant features of this community is that it is relatively dark at night. But in this relative darkness and open hillside, a single misplaced light, especially an outdoor flood lamp, can light up bedrooms and living rooms of neighbors hundreds of feet away. This is annoying to others and is inconsistent with our neighborhood covenants.

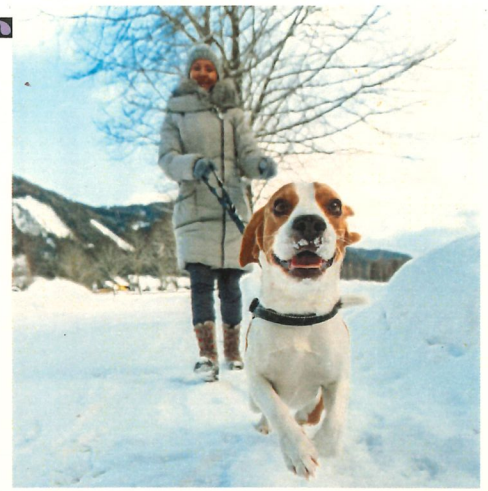
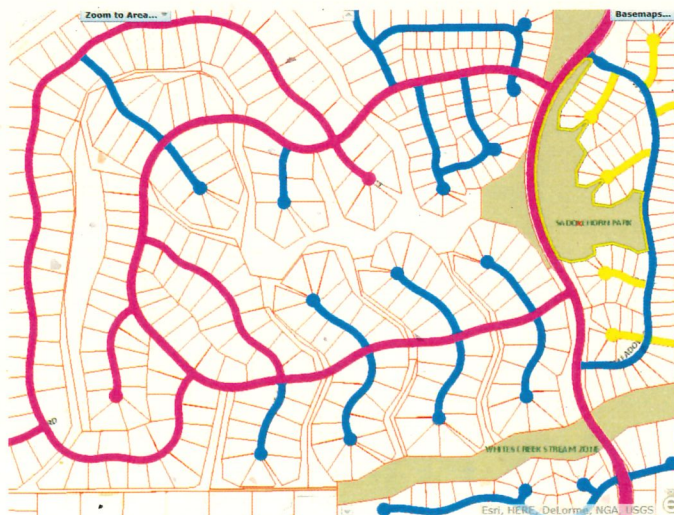
Outdoor lighting should only illuminate your property. That means using fixtures with cutoffs and mount lights to beam downward rather than outward. Many of us are second or third owners and have inherited lighting that may need some updating.

Please take a few minutes some dark evening and look at where your outdoor lighting is going. Have someone cycle the yard lights while you look outward. If you see your neighbor's walls lighting up or shadows crossing the fields beyond your fences, you probably need to make some simple adjustments that your neighbors will appreciate.

## SNOW REMOVAL AND MAILBOX DAMAGE

Who's responsible for snow removal and/or damage to your mailboxes during snow removal? The County is responsible for removal; the owners are responsible for damage. Washoe County has a protocol for street clearing that focuses on the main arteries and then they progress to the smaller streets. This map is from the Washoe County website for snow and ice control. The pink roads are considered the main priority followed by the blue and lastly the yellow streets.

If you have damage as a result of the plows you should call 328-2180 to report the damage. While the plows may have damaged your box, there is a Washoe County code that puts the damage from plows back to the homeowner. As a form of customer service, they do try to replace or repair damage done by plows but sometimes (because of weather and available time) not all repairs are made.



## DOG, DOGS, DOGS.

We have seen increased calls and e-mails to the Board and management about owners allowing their dogs out without a leash. This is occurring where dogs are just roaming the neighborhood as well as on the walking trails. Even if you have a “friendly” dog, some people may not know this or just have a fear of dogs. There are also several occasions where a “nice” dog wasn't so nice when it came upon another person and/or dog. Pet owners must leash and keep pets under control. Allowing pets outside or walking pets and not keeping them under control is a violation of both the Association's governing documents (CC&Rs that all owners agreed to follow when buying into the Association) and Washoe County Code.

*Section 55.100 Restraining animals. 1. In the congested areas, each person who has the care, custody or control of any livestock, domestic animal or exotic animal, must keep the animal restrained by a fence, cage, coop, chain, tether, leash or other adequate means so that the animal shall not leave the premises upon which it is kept. 2. In the contested areas, it is unlawful for the owner of any dog to allow the dog to be in a public area unless the dog is on a leash. This provision does not apply to special areas that may be designated for training programs, dog shows or dog parks. (Adopted November 10, 2015; Bill No. 1751, Ordinance No. 1569)*

## DOG BAG DONATION

The Board would like to thank Rob Burks and Lori Dotterweich (owners of Natural Paws and Saddlehorn residents) for their generous offer to help supply the HOA with the dog bags for all dog stations on the walking trails and the park. Please make use of them appropriately!