



Whitney Oaks Community Association

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Open Board Seat, Get on Board!

The Board did a little shifting which included the resignation of a long-time board member, Rick Jordan. Rick started on the Board in 2013 and served as CFO, Secretary and President.

We would like to thank Rick for all his service and countless hours of helping the community.

This leaves the board with an open seat. Vacancies on the board may be filled by a majority of the remaining directors on the board. The term of the seat currently available will end in November 2017. If you wanted to serve on the board but weren't sure you could commit to a two (2) year term, this would be a good time to "get on board".

Do I need certain qualifications to serve on the board? HOA board members must fulfill their fiduciary duty in accordance with Corporations Code §7231. This means board members must act in good faith, in the best interests of the association, and using such care, including reasonable inquiry, as an ordinarily prudent person would under similar circumstances. As a director, *you cannot make decisions that benefit your own self-interests, you must make decisions that do not negatively affect the association financially, legally or otherwise and you cannot act in the best interests of a group or minority interest of an association. You must also be a member in good standing.* If you fit these qualifications, please go to the association's website and download the application of interest. Submit it to management on or before March 1, 2017. You may also contact our office and we can send you an application.



Grazing on the way!!



The City of Rocklin encourages the use of managed grazing for fuel load reduction and suppressing noxious weeds. The Association has been using grazing for its open space weed abatement for several years now. Benefits of this program include cost savings effectiveness, and soil and plant health. Additionally, (over time) grazing helps control the composition and growth rate of invasive plants. Additionally, it is more eco-friendly than other methods. To find out more, please visit the City of Rocklin's website at:

www.rocklin.ca.us/grazing

We are happy to report that Lee Hazeltine has been hired once again this year to handle the Association's grazing needs. Please note that the grazing program is only for the open space areas that the Association has been charged with maintaining. The grazing contractor will stay in the open spaces and off private property to the extent possible. Some areas will be string trimmed (at the Board's discretion). In some cases, we recognize that the boundary lines between private property and Association property are not clearly marked. PLEASE clearly mark your property boundary with flags during the project if you do not want the animals on it. Also, please plan to have any fire protection weed reduction completed on your private property before the deadline.

Please come to the March 1, 2017 meeting. The Rocklin Fire Department will be in attendance to talk about the upcoming grazing project. It will be a perfect time to have any questions answered.

Keep your Dog Leashed



Dogs do love to have their freedom, but there are many reasons why it's best to keep your best friend leashed! It's not just good fashion sense, it's the **law!** Dog leash laws protect both the dog and the dog owner from unexpected accidents. And let's face it, you may have your dog under control, but are you 100% confident

that the person walking towards you with two dogs off-leash has his dogs under control?

- Leashes prevent your dog from chasing animals, people, or bikes
- It's courteous to your neighbors, especially if they do not know your dog's level of obedience
- A single lost dog is one too many
- When used properly, most canines don't mind dog leashes or collars, in fact most like them
- You can pull your dog back to protect them, should there be something dangerous in the environment
- A dog leash could save your dog's life



Sure, we all know that it's rude and disgusting to not clean up after your dog, and some of these facts may really surprise you.

Did you know that dog poop is the #3 cause of water pollution and 40% of Americans don't pick up after their dogs!! Here are some facts for those who don't scoop the poop.....

•Stormwater carries pet waste and other pollutants directly into waterways. •Animal waste adds nitrogen to the water. Excess nitrogen depletes the oxygen in water necessary for beneficial underwater grasses, wildlife and fish •Animal waste may contain harmful organisms such as Salmonella and E. coli that can be transmitted to humans and other animals by ingesting contaminated water •Roundworms and hookworms deposited by infected animals can live in the soil for long periods of time and be transmitted to other animals and humans •No one likes to step in pet waste and spread it into homes, cars and businesses

Finance Committee Update

There is an opening on the finance committee. We would all like to thank BILL JARRET for his long commitment as a volunteer serving on the Finance Committee. What is the role of the committee? The role of the finance committee is primarily to provide financial oversight for the organization. Typical tasks include budgeting and financial reporting, develop an annual operating budget with the board, monitor adherence to the budget, set long-range financial goals along with funding strategies to achieve them and to present all financial goals and proposals to the board of directors for approval.

The presence of a fully engaged finance committee is a strong indication that an organization is committed to good stewardship and is actively building and preserving the financial resources necessary to support the accomplishment of its mission, both for the short and the long term. You interested? Please contact management.



Management Minute

If you missed the February 1, 2017 Board of Directors meeting. Below is a brief summary of the business conducted:



- Set Annual Meeting Date
- Board Liaisons for Committees
- Hillcrest/RHS walkway (membership vote required)

There were a total of 78 new violations, 22 of the violations were issued for refuse cans, 9 landscaping, and 9 unsightly. The remaining violations were for a variety of other compliance issues. Let's work on hiding those refuse cans.

For more details, meeting minutes are posted on the website approximately (30) days following the meeting and at the Hillcrest Pool.

REMEMBER: Join the Open Meeting on March 1, 2017 at the Oaks in Springfield at 6:00 p.m. The special guest is the Rocklin Fire Department.