

Whitney Oaks Community Association

Newsletter

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PROPOSED POLICY CHANGE RE: PARKING ENFORCEMENT

Your Board of Directors is working very hard to keep your property values up, and part of that job is to keep the streets clean and clear overnight. In a desire to more effectively enforce the Association's overnight street parking prohibition and guest parking limits (72-hours), the Board of Directors is considering widening the window of time when a tow citation is issued to when the process starts over again from 30-



days to one year. This will mean that if you or your guest's vehicle is cited for towing and at any time is seen parked on the street overnight, for up to a year later, it will be towed without further notice.

Please note that a meeting will be held on March 2nd at which time the Board will review and take comments from Homeowners regarding the proposed change in policy and will vote on whether to adopt the policy. This meeting will be held at The Oaks building in Springfield at 2801 Springfield Dr. on Wednesday, March 2nd at 6:00 P.M. Please submit any comments on the proposed policy change in writing to Vicky in the management office before February 29th or plan to attend the March 2nd Board Meeting to give your comments.

If you have been parking on the street overnight, please do not think that by rotating extra cars from your garage or driveway to the street, you can avoid compliance with the parking rules or avoid being towed. Please take some time to clear out space in your garage and park all of the vehicles belonging to your household in the garage or on the driveway. If you are using your garage to its full capacity for vehicles and cannot fit all of your household's vehicles in the garage and on the driveway, you need to make other arrangements for the extra vehicle(s) or obtain a parking variance from the Board of Directors. Please note however that variances are rarely granted. Thank you for your cooperation.



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HILLSIDE PLANTING

For backyard landscape changes on lots that are not adjacent to the common area open space or golf course property, plans need only to show any structures or trees that will exceed the height of the existing fence or are visible from adjoining lots or streets. Backyard hardscape (walkways, patios, etc.) and decks which are not visible from the streets or do not exceed the height of the fence do not need ARC approval. Please note however that full landscape plans are required for lots adjacent to or backing up to the common

area open space and golf course property. Please don't put any plants in your backyard or in the open space without approval if your home backs up to or is adjacent to the golf course or the natural open space. Thank you.

Happy
Valentine's
Day

GRAZING OF OPEN SPACES



The Board of Directors is currently reviewing proposals and meeting with several contractors, but has not yet decided on a contractor for the grazing program for weed abatement in 2016. Normally, Phase I of this project starts in late February or early March. You will receive an update in the March Newsletter or in a special flier regarding this topic.

SPRINGFIELD FACILITIES

At a recent joint board meeting attended by board members of the Whitney Oaks Community Association and the Springfield Homeowners Association, it was requested that we remind folks that the Springfield pool and facilities (gym, clubhouse, pickleball, and tennis courts) are for Springfield residents only. Those living outside of the Springfield community should use the fitness center and pool on Hillcrest Drive and the pool on Black Oak Drive.

HILLCREST PARKING SURVEY

Here are the results, in summary, of the survey that was taken of residents in the Hillcrest neighborhood. Residents were asked: 1) Are you negatively affected by the congestion at the Hillcrest Pool area caused by student parking, traffic, or drop-off? 2) Are you in favor of parking restrictions that would limit parking on problem streets in all or parts of the neighborhood (as necessary) to 3 hours with an exemption or variance (permits) for residents living on those streets?

| SUMMARY | Affected | | In Favor? | |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| Chasen Court | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Hillcrest Drive | 15 | 12 | 17 | 10 |
| Old Oak Tree Way | 8 | 2 | 12 | 1 |
| Pheasant Lane | 9 | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Vivien Way | 8 | 4 | 10 | 2 |
| Western Way/Ct. | 6 | 4 | 6 | 4 |
| TOTALS: | 48 | 24 | 58 | 17 |

The results of the survey are being reviewed by the Board of Directors, and they are discussing other possibilities for solving the issues with the school district.

LOST & FOUND

A pair of children's roller skates, and a helmet have been left just outside the Hillcrest Fitness Center for over a week. Please contact Vicky in the management office if these belong to you. Thank you!

MISTLETOE

Whitney Oaks Homeowners are generally very good about maintaining their trees and other landscaping and we want to take this opportunity to say thank you for that! This is the time of year, when most plants and trees



are not green, that you can more easily see mistletoe growing in your trees if there is any. The Association is looking at proposals for removal of mistletoe in the trees by gates, parks and common areas that it maintains. Please take a look at your trees as well, and have any mistletoe removed. Thanks for taking care of your trees and other landscaping!

STREET LIGHTING



The new lamps for the LED street lights have been ordered and received, and installation is underway! The rain everyone has been hoping for ☺ has made the installation process painfully slow, but you should soon see the new lights on your streets!

GOLF COURSE HAPPENINGS

The Whitney Oaks Golf Club is holding a special "Sweetheart Dinner" on Valentine's Day with a seating at 5:00 P.M. and one at 7:00 P.M. The dinner is \$49 per person and includes a glass of champagne. Reservations required. Please call 632-8333 to reserve a table!



FEBRUARY MEETING AGENDA

Board Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at The Oaks (2801 Springfield Drive) at **6:00 P.M.** Agendas are posted four days prior to meetings on the bulletin board at the Hillcrest Pool, at The Gables in Springfield, and on the Association website – www.whitneyoaks.net. Here are some of the items that will be on the **February 3rd** Board Meeting Agenda for discussion:

- Hillcrest Neighborhood Survey Results, Continued
- Proposed New Bank Accounts
- Installation of Speed Bumps at High Traffic Gates
- Tree fertilization in 2016
- Request from Springfield re: Security
- 2015 Goals – Wrap Up / Review
- 2016 Proposed Goals
- 2016 Scheduled Reserve Projects
- Insurance Renewal Options
- Annual Meeting and December Meeting Dates

Speed Task Force Report

Over the last 8 months the Speed Monitor Task Force (made up of members from Springfield and areas outside of Springfield) has been monitoring and gathering data on speeds vehicles are travelling on streets in the various neighborhoods. It has been determined from the data below that our community does not have a significant speeding problem. The data depicted below shows that on average, 83% of the vehicles traveling on our private streets are going 25.9 MPH or less. On public streets these speeds would not attract attention from traffic police. The Speed Monitor Task Force will stay in existence and on a quarterly basis will determine a street location to monitor speed and will do so for a period of 4 days. This



information will be presented in future newsletters. I would like to THANK the Task Force members for their support and Dennis Rose, Springfield Maintenance Engineer, for setting up the speed monitoring equipment at multiple locations and for organizing the data in a report for the Task Force to review. Other members of the committee are: Stan Clark, Bob Needles, Bonnie Laderman, and Sharon Theofelis.

| Speed monitor Data/location | Total vehicles during period | Average Car Speed | Average Truck Speed | 0.00-25.9 mph Combined Total count/% | 26.0 – plus mph Total Count/% |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Newland Heights 10/27 – 11/3/15 | 1886 | 21.7 mph | 19.9 mph | 1648/87% | 238/13% |
| Scenic Drive 10/20 – 10/27/15 | 441 | 20.0 mph | 14.9 mph | 372/86% | 69/15% |
| Clubhouse Drive 10/14 – 10/20/15 | 2104 | 21.5 mph | 19.4 mph | 1754/84% | 350/16% |
| Tahoe Vista 10/02 – 10/14/15 | 750 | 22.1 mph | 19.0 mph | 600/81% | 150/19% |
| Coldwater Drive 8/13 – 9/4/15 | 895 | 20.9 mph | 17.8 mph | 786/88% | 109/12% |
| Hillcrest Drive 3/24 – 3/29/15 | 1015 | 22.8 mph | 14.0 mph | 678/73% | 274/27% |
| Crestwood (By Wedge Way) 7/22 – 7/28/15 | 667 | 20.8 mph | 15.5 mph | 548/82% | 119/18% |

The Board is here to serve the residents, so please come to the February Board meeting and let the Board hear your thoughts and ideas on how we can improve our Community.

Have a great month, stay healthy! Happy Valentine’s Day to ALL!

~ *Bill Jarrett*, Speed Task Force Chairperson and President, Springfield Board of Directors