

# SUMMERFIELD SCOOPS

## Summerfield Annual HOA Meeting

*Wednesday, May 27 at 6:30 p.m.*  
**Lutheran Church of the Incarnation, 16889 Espola Road.**  
**HOMEOWNERS – PLEASE TURN IN YOUR BALLOT**

## City of Poway Water Restrictions

On April 1st Governor Brown issued an Executive Order calling on every Californian to reduce water use by 25% through February 2016. On May 6, 2015, the State Water Resources Board is expected to adopt new statewide regulations. The current proposed rules would establish water reduction targets from 20% to 35% depending on a City's water use. Poway's water use is considered high and therefore our anticipated water reduction is 35%. Proactively, the City of Poway has updated the Level 2 Water Shortage Alert effective August 1, 2014. The new regulations are effective May 1, 2015. The residential landscape watering schedule and restrictions are as follows:

- Homes with street addresses ending in an odd number: Sunday and Thursday.
- Homes with street addresses ending in an even number: Saturday and Wednesday.
- Watering may only occur before 8:00 am and after 8:00 pm.
- Landscape irrigation is limited to no more than 10 minutes maximum per watering station per assigned day.
- The requirements do not apply to drip, micro-irrigation or stream rotor systems.
- Watering of landscaped areas that are not irrigated by a landscape irrigation system may occur no more than two assigned days per week by using a hand-held container, hand-held hose with positive shut-off nozzle, or low-volume soaker hose.

Additional details can be found at [poway.org/332/Water-Conservation](http://poway.org/332/Water-Conservation) and or by calling the city at 858-668-4400.

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## SHOA Annual Dues

As a strictly volunteer and self-governed Board we are able to keep our HOA dues at a minimum. At our last meeting, the SHOA Board approved *annual dues of \$320 for 2015*. This year's dues are reduced from previous years after significant efforts to build the HOA reserves as required by California state law. Invoices will be mailed out in June and are past due on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

## *New to the neighborhood? Change of email address or phone number?*

Please notify us of any changes to your contact information. If you would like to receive this newsletter and other important community updates via email, let us know by emailing the HOA.

## ***Water Restrictions and Summerfield***

The implications of the new water restrictions for Summerfield are significant, as we can already see several front lawns being replaced by drought tolerant landscape, and other lawns being left to die. While we applaud any efforts to reduce water usage, and by law we cannot cite homeowners for lawns that turn brown, we wish to point out the following:

(1) All plans to re-landscape a front yard must be reviewed and approved by the Architectural Committee, and

(2) Letting a lawn turn brown and waiting for the next rainy season is not a long-term solution.

Lawns that are allowed to go brown should be kept trimmed and weeds removed, while the lawn is dying. Once the lawn is dead, the homeowner must develop and submit plans for an alternative landscape, and there are several examples found throughout Summerfield. We realize this is not an easy or inexpensive undertaking, and we will give the homeowner some flexibility in their timing, but simply turning off the water is not the solution. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation on this matter.

## ***New Door Colors Approved***

The list of approved colors for front doors has been expanded to include four shades of dark green. The specific shades can now be found in the copies of the paint book held by Dunn-Edwards; a copy of the approved color book is also held by the Summerfield Architectural Chair, Dick Woodward, and can be borrowed by calling him at 858 451-6186.

## ***Summerfield Pool***

In the coming months, we are planning to update the irrigation and lighting around the landscaping and pool area. This will give more light in the evenings and reduce the amount of water we use. As a reminder, anyone under the age of 18 requires adult supervision at the pool. Also, please make sure to place any trash in the cans provided at the pool.

## ***Palm Fronds***

Homeowners are reminded of the requirement to trim dead fronds on their palm trees at least annually. We sent out courtesy notices to those homeowners with palms with dead fronds in early April. Unlike most courtesy notices that ask for compliance within 1 month, we will grant a 5-month period to comply. The purpose in doing so is to encourage homeowners to actually remove the dead fronds before October 1. This accomplishes two things: (1) it will ensure that the palms do not have dead fronds when fire season arrives in October; and (2) it gives the homeowner the opportunity to remove dead fronds and seed pods during the same maintenance event, rather than require the palms to be maintained twice per year. Seedpods are a nuisance, often triggering unwanted palm seedlings at the base of the tree.

## ***Community Involvement***

Recently, the SHOA Board emailed the community with a request for candidates to run for open Board positions. Unfortunately we did not receive any candidates other than those that already sit on the Board and are up for re-election. Hopefully you all see the value in the Board and our HOA. Our costs are considerably lower as compared to other HOA's in the area. In addition, our neighborhood looks fantastic, which increases home values. In short, families want to live here.

Next June we anticipate there will be two or three openings on the board. We will certainly need your help to keep our dues low. Please consider becoming involved in the HOA. Along those lines, if you have any ideas for committees that could be formed please let us know. Especially those centered around community involvement - double especially if you would like to lead the committee. Each year the budget includes a small line item for community events. This would be a way to give back to the community without actually having to serve on the Board. Although hopefully this is something all of us will consider in the future. We are open to suggestions to any other ideas.

Finally, while we are obliged to communicate via postal mail in some cases, our primary mode of communication with you is email. If you have not received an email from the HOA in the last six months, it likely means that we do not have your current email address. So, please take a moment to email the HOA with your address, phone number and that all-important email address.