

SUMMERFIELD SCOOPS

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Trees

“I think that I shall never see a poem lovely
as a tree.”

Yes, Joyce Kilmer was right. Trees are beautiful and can contribute to an improved neighborhood appearance. They absorb carbon dioxide and return oxygen to the atmosphere. Unfortunately, there can be a downside to trees, and we are seeing more of that in Summerfield these days. Summerfield was built in the early 1970s. The original landscape for many of its homes included young trees. The intent was logical...improve the overall lot appearance and gain some shade in the coming years. Many of these trees planted in the 1970s have grown considerably, and they now present problems in many cases. Problems can include (a) tall palms whose annual requirement for pruning dead palm fronds has become very expensive; (b) large pine trees whose ongoing shedding of needles poses a major cleanup challenge; and (c) trees whose roots intercept water lines or push up major sections of concrete, sometimes in adjacent lots. In some cases the homeowner may have to remove a tree, with expenses sometimes greater than \$5000.

We recommend that when you plant a new tree, consider the long-term consequences. A tree root barrier is an excellent idea. Ask the nursery where you buy the tree, or

consult the internet, to find out how tall the tree is likely to grow and what its root growth tendencies are. While it's easy to say that you'll be long gone from Summerfield before the tree is big enough to be an issue, it might surprise you to find out that a large tree can make it more difficult to sell your property.

We appreciate your conscientiousness in making judicious tree choices and in ensuring that the amount of unintended adverse consequences is kept to a minimum. Don't forget: if you do take out a tree, the tree stump must be removed, and the ground around where the tree once stood will need to be landscaped.

Thanks in advance for helping do your part in keeping Summerfield an attractive community.

Water Line Leaks

In Summerfield within the past two years there has been an increasing incidence of water line leaks between the water meter near the sidewalk and the house. The evidence is often a “higher than normal” water bill, or sponginess in the lawn. When the water line gets repaired, the cost can exceed \$2000, and there is often an unwelcome interruption in water supply. The original piping is plastic, and generally the best solution is to replace it with copper.

Residents who have not yet faced this problem might wish to take proactive steps to replace the water supply line to their house. Doing so can probably reduce the cost, and you can arrange to have it done when an interruption in water supply is less problematic.

Community Events

Thanks to everyone who attended the neighborhood BBQ in August. The kids enjoyed several water games and treats and the adults enjoyed meeting new neighbors and chatting with old friends. There was a fantastic turnout and we hope to make it an annual event.

Tomorrow's Upcoming Event!

Summerfield Spook-tacular
Halloween Bash

When: Saturday, October 29th
3:00-5:00 p.m.

Where: Field next to pool

Join us for: fun, games, treats and more!!!

Costumes are optional

Feel free to bring a "ghoulish" treat and/or
Halloween themed cocktail to share.

Please RSVP to
summerfieldpoway@gmail.com

We hope to see you there!

maintenance items taken care off. The goal is to complete:

- Upgrades and repairs to bathrooms
- Plumbing and outside shower repairs
- Cleaning and repairs in the pool pump room

Although a few minor repairs were already completed during this past pool season we are hoping to have a spruced up pool area when we open next year.

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

Please email the HOA at summerfieldpoway@gmail.com to notify us of any changes in your contact information. This newsletter and other important community updates are sent via email.

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Pool News

Now finishing up our second full season with solar water heating, we again had lots of community pool use this year. The pool will be closing for the season on October 30th and will reopen at the beginning of April next year.

During the off season, the Homeowners Association will be getting some