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DRIVE SAFELY

Help keep Summerfield accident free!



Owners Checklist



1. Remember to get architecture committee pre-approval for exterior changes (paint, lawn, fences, etc.) **See the update on page 2!**
2. Thanks to all for annual dues payments!

OH, RATS!

We love the climate in San Diego - but unfortunately, pests like rats do too. These pests can not only be annoying from the 'ick-factor', but also dangerous carriers of disease and can cause damage to our homes and wiring, even nesting in car engine insulation and eating the engine wire insulation. They are a natural part of our environment, but we can accidentally support unnatural growth of their numbers.

What attracts rats to our yards and homes? Food, water and shelter. Ripe fruit or olives left on trees, accumulations of leaves or trash, pet food left outdoors or even bird seed can invite these unwanted diners. We encourage everyone to be sure to harvest ripe fruit and consider how and where you leave out treats for pets or birds to avoid these unwanted visitors. The author trapped four dozen rats in the yard in one year (we had been leaving out birdseed!)

Educate yourself and take action to protect yourself and your neighbors:

- San Diego County Vector Control has some great advice at <http://sdvector.com>, covering not just rats, but also mosquitos and ticks.
- The county has a very good educational video (22 minutes) here: <https://www.countynewscenter.com/end-rat-race-exclusion-trapping-baiting/> (note that the video does suggest using outdoor rat bait - but poisoned rats could be a danger to outdoor dogs and cats, see: https://www.petmd.com/dog/conditions/toxicity/c_multi_bromethalin_rodenticide_toxicity)
- See this article for ideas for protecting bird feeders: <https://www.todayshomeowner.com/how-to-keep-mice-rats-and-squirrels-away-from-bird-feeders/>

CLARIFICATION OF TIMING FOR ARCHITECTURAL IMPROVEMENTS FORMS

Our HOA Architecture Committee approves all requests for exterior modifications and paint changes. The committee meets to approve these requests once a month, usually the first Tuesday. Responses are given in writing within 7 business days of the first meeting held after the submission of the request. The committee is composed of homeowner volunteers.

Unfortunately, requests have recently been presented with deadlines for approval without considering when the committee will be available to process it. PLEASE: be considerate of the volunteers' (your neighbors!) time and make all requests in a timely fashion so that the committee can act upon it without calling special meetings. Requests that are presented with a deadline for action outside of the normal schedule may not be acted upon until the next regular meeting. True emergency situations should be addressed with the Architecture Committee chair.

However, to streamline the process, the committee will accept scanned online form submissions emailed to summerfieldpoway@gmail.com. (Note: Photographs or scans of paint samples will be inaccurate and cannot be submitted this way.) Requests made this way may be responded to via email. The same timing restrictions apply.

The committee appreciates your understanding and working together to protect the value and desirability of our community.

POOL AREA MAINTENANCE NOTES

Before we know it, April will be here, and the pool will be open again! In the meantime, we are working to get the area ready, with the following projects.

- We appreciate the 39 responses that we received for the West Yard Improvement survey. There was a fairly strong preference to remove the broken sidewalk area (24 had removal as the top choice and most preferring replacement with grass or mulch), but no clear consensus for adding any new equipment (the top item was picnic tables under the patio, but only 13 in favor.) Potential for vandalism and liability for any new equipment was a noted concern. We thank everyone for their input into the process.
- The board is planning to remove the oval sidewalk in the west pool yard. The board has gotten bids and will proceed to level and fill in the area with grass.
- We are working on measures to keep children from climbing over the masonry wall so easily, starting with trimming back the junipers away from the wall.
- New signage promoting safety and keeping the area clean.
- The clogged drains in the pool deck will be cut out and completely replaced.
- Repair bathroom skylights and upgrade pump room venting.
- Repair or replace raised sections of the north-south pool sidewalk..



PUBLIC SAFETY

Given recent tragic fires and mudslides in California, as well as some unfortunate thefts in our own community, we wanted to provide a recap of some of the public safety services for our area.

Emergency Dispatch

The 911 emergency dispatch center provides unified emergency dispatching for the sheriff, fire department and ambulances, to be used in the case of immediate threat to life, safety, health or property. See this document for the sheriff's guidelines on best using 911: <http://www.sdsheriff.net/documents/911.pdf>

Non-Emergency Police Number

The Poway Sheriff Non-Emergency Dispatch Phone is 858-565-5200. For more info and the local station address, see: <https://www.sdsheriff.net/patrolstations/poway.html>

When there is not an immediate threat to life, safety, health or property, use the non-emergency dispatch phone to make your report or inquiry. Noise reports other than barking would be made to this line.

CrimeMapping.com

This web service allows you to get daily updates on crime reports or look back over the last few months to see what types of crimes have occurred in an area. Click this link to see reports for the last week (where our pool is the center of the map):

<https://www.crimemapping.com/map/location/12841%20Oakfield%20Way,%20Poway,%20CA,%2092064,%20USA> Adjust the time range using the menu or subscribe for daily alerts via email using the 'Receive Alerts' button.

Animal Services

Poway contracts with the Humane Society for animal control, including lost and stray dogs and barking dog complaints. The number is 760-888-2275. See this web page for more information: <http://poway.org/798/Animal-Services>

AlertSanDiego

Register your Internet or cellular phone or email to receive emergency alerts from the city and county. See: <http://www.readysandiego.org/alertsandiego/>

Emergency Preparedness

Earthquake, storm, fire and utility outages? Check these links: <http://poway.org/410/Emergency-Preparedness> <https://www.sdge.com/safety>

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 to all owners, renters and property managers via email. Please keep us updated, so we can keep you updated!

FEELING SOCIAL?

Converse with the neighborhood on these independent websites— a great way to keep updated. Need an invite? Contact us by email!

<https://summerfieldpoway.nextdoor.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/summerfieldstates/>

