

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Board Meeting

When:
Wednesday, June 4th

Where:
Sorrento Pool Area

Executive Session
6:00 PM

General Meeting
7:00PM

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY

**Please call
818.907.6622
Ext. 811 in the
event of an after
hours emergency.
You may call after
5:00 pm or the
weekends.**

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Association Notes

Sorrento HOA Improves Security

By now you should have seen that we have made huge security upgrade. On May 1, 2008 we changed our Security Company to the Centurion Group. Centurion has a well established reputation for customer service and professionalism. They are already advising us on ways to improve our traffic and parking issues, improve our access control, emergency planning, our signage, and our summertime issues at the pools and play areas. We have upgraded our security computer system to insure that authorized guests enter our community quickly and hassle free. We also want to insure our residents that unwelcome visitors and solicitors are denied entry.



Our Board is working with other HOAs in Porter Ranch to maximize the number of Centurion patrols we have in the area at all times. Our guards are in radio contact with each other and the patrol officers to insure that any security issue is handled quickly. Centurion is improving the guards' "Post Orders" to meet the specialized needs of our community.

When we changed computer systems, not all of the data in the old system directly translated to the new system. The old software is obsolete and the old software company is out of business. You should have received a request for an updated profile from Ross Morgan. If you have not filled it out, please take a few minutes to update your information. Your guest list, your housekeeper, your gardener, or pool service could have changed. Your car license numbers could have changed. Your kids could have moved out, or you could have a new nanny. It will help security and your guests if you update your profile as soon as possible and return it to the guard station near you. If you tossed the update request, you can get it from Marinel, or the guard shack, or on line at: www.sorrentohoa.org

The guard shack numbers have not changed. The Sorrento guard shack is 818-998-7078. The Meadows guard shack is 818-772-8983. If you contact one guard house about your guests, the other guard house will be quickly notified.

The Board of Directors wants to build a positive, long-term relationship between our Association and Centurion. If you have any issue with security that is not resolved to your satisfaction quickly contact Marinel as soon as you can. If you want to talk to Centurion management, their number is 800-721-4996.

The owners and managers of Centurion are all retired LAPD officers. They know security. The founder of Centurion, David Rosenberg, and his management team, came to our last HOA meeting to meet with the residents who were there. David's team will be at our next HOA meeting on Wednesday, June 4th at the Sorrento pool to answer any questions or concerns you have.

NOTES

Sorrento Board

President

Pat Pope

Vice President

David Sobel

Treasurer

Neil Estrin

Secretary

Debby Montero

Member at Large

Gigi McGregor

Safety within the Community

Please be alert- we have received reports of vandalism and break ins into vehicles parked on the street. Police have been notified to keep an eye out on unusual activity.

Architectural Submittals

Please be advised that all homeowners are required to submit their architectural plans to the management company prior to any commencement of work. We strongly urge that the reliance of your landscape contractor to submit plans is prohibited. This is in violation of your Architectural Guidelines and CC&R's. If any work begins and your hardscape/ landscape plans have not been approved you will be called to a hearing with the Board of Directors. Non compliance may result in fines being assessed for violation of the CC&R's.

ASSOCIATION NOTES Contd...

Election

Some important dates are coming up quickly. As noted above, our next regular HOA meeting will be on Wednesday, June 4th at 7:00 PM at the Sorrento pool. After our security discussion we will be having a candidate forum. This will be your opportunity to meet the candidates you don't know and hear what their positions are on things like the budget, speeding, landscaping, parking, etc.

On Tuesday, June 24th also at 7:00 PM at the Sorrento pool we will hold our annual meeting. Prior to the meeting you will receive a ballot listing all of the candidates.

There are four Board of Director seats up for election. The three candidates receiving the most votes will be elected to two-year terms. The fourth place candidate will get a one-year term. There will be full voting instructions with the ballot mailed to you. We need at least 25% of the voting power of the Association, about 160 homes, to vote so that we have a legal quorum. If we do not get a

quorum, the Association will have to re-run the entire election in July. That would be very costly, and in these very tight economic times the election costs would have to come from some other part of the budget.

Please vote!

Water Conservation

It's been all over the news. Whether it's global warming, La Niña, population growth, or just a bad couple of rain years, California is in another drought. We all need to do our part to save water or risk dirty cars, ruined landscaping, and huge price increases for water.

S&S built our homes to very high water conservation standards. We have low flow showers, high efficiency toilets, and water conserving dishwashers. Still, taking shorter showers, and washing only full loads will help.

The area that our residents can have the biggest impact on is in landscape watering. Most of us have automatic sprinklers. Most people water their lawns in the most efficient early morning hours.

Automated sprinklers also have some built-in problems. When was the last time you ran your sprinklers to insure they were aimed properly? The driveway will not grow no matter how much you water it. When did you last check to see if all of the sprinkler heads worked properly? A blown sprinkler head will flood one area and deprive water from another.

The biggest problem in our community is overwatering. Every morning hundreds and hundreds of gallons go down our gutters and into our storm drains. Some of our gutters actually have moss growing in them. If you have established landscaping it usually does not have to be watered every day.

PLEASE try to cut back and use water efficiently!

If you see or hear a broken sprinkler on our slopes or mud in or common areas, call Marinel. Please don't assume a neighbor has called.

If we all don't save water the consequences could be drastic. If we can't water our landscaping because of mandatory rationing our beautiful neighborhood will turn brown. If the DWP implements mandatory rationing the cost of water will rise faster than the cost of gasoline has this year. If the hillsides are all brown our fire danger will increase too.

Website

We have added a master calendar to our website. If you want to know when and where the next HOA meeting or committee meeting is, check out the calendar. We will have the Mom's Club, the Book Club, and the Poker Club dates on line. Our special events will be on the calendar. We hope to have trash day, and street cleaning days on the calendar as well. We may also include special Porter Ranch events too.

Check it out at www.sorrentohoa.org.

Sorrento/ Meadows Mom's Club!

Calling all moms with little ones of all ages! The Mom's Club meets once a week. As the weather gets nicer we will be getting together in new locations including the pool and park. Once a month we will try and make a group trip to the zoo, beach, or other fun kid hot spot. If you'd like to find out more about the Mom's Club contact the hospitality committee at hospitality@sorrentohoa.org or call Melissa (818) 885-6308.

Sorrento/ Meadows Book Club!

If you like to read or would just like to get out of the house for an evening of great conversation then join the Book Club! It meets every third Tuesday of the month. Some of the books we have enjoyed reading include "*The Kite Runner*", "*Love in the Time of Cholera*" and "*Water for Elephants*." For more information about the Book Club contact the hospitality committee at hospitality@sorrentohoa.org

Sorrento/ Meadows Poker Club!

The cards are being dealt and the chips are flying! The Poker Club now meets on a Friday once a month! If you are a card player and would like to join, please contact the hospitality committee at hospitality@sorrentohoa.org for meeting times and dates

Porter Ranch Summer Events

The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council will be sponsoring a number of events in Porter Ranch this summer and we hope you can join us.

First up is a **Playground Celebration and Disaster Preparedness Fair** in honor of the new playground shade coverings at Holleigh Bernson Park on Saturday, June 7, 2008 from 11am to 2pm. Lunch will be provided, sponsored by local merchants, and prepared by the Red Cross as part of their continuing emergency training. Also on hand will be Carol Parks of the LA Office of Emergency Preparedness, Brownies, Cub Scouts, Girl and Boy Scouts, Boy Scout Venturing, Fire Explorers, Red Cross Youth Volunteers and the YMCA. All will offer emergency related information, volunteer and participation opportunities and freebies.

Sponsors include Councilman Greig Smith, American Red Cross Disaster & Preparation, Castlebay Lane Elementary School. Goodies and giveaways abound. Holleigh Bernson Park is located at the corner of Porter Ranch Dr. and Sesnon.

Next is Councilman Greig Smith's **Movies Under the Stars**, scheduled for the Holleigh Bernson Park on Saturday, June 14, 2008. This year the movie will be Shrek 3, which will air at 8pm or when it's dark. Bring your lawn chairs early for a good seat. Free popcorn.

Finally, the Los Angeles City Clerk will be conducting the next **PRNC Election** to elect board members on Saturday, June 28, 2008 from 8 am to 2pm at Shepherd of the Hills Church. Please come to our Candidate Forum, where you can meet the candidates and ask questions. This is scheduled for June 3, 2008 at 7pm after the regular 6 pm business meeting at Shepherd of the Hills Church. Then come cast your vote on June 28 or you may vote by mail. Check the PRNC site for more information.

Help Make Porter Ranch a Better Place to Live, Work and Grow. Check our website www.PRNC.org for more information. The next PRNC meetings are: June 3, and July 8, and August 5 at 6pm at Shepherd of the Hills Church.
