

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Board Meeting

When:
Tuesday May 19, 2009
Business Meeting 6:30
General Session 7:00

Where:
New Sierra Canyon
High School
20801 Rinaldi Street,
Chatsworth.

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



Our Annual Election will be June 23rd

By Alan Cohen

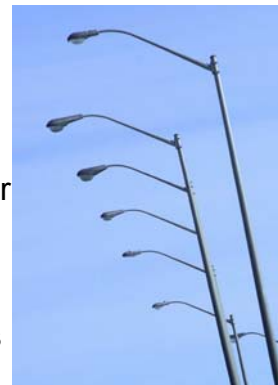
On June 23, 2009 we will be holding our Annual Election. Ballots will be mailed to you by May 23. The most important thing is that you vote, either by mailing your ballot to Ross Morgan or bringing it to the meeting. If we don't get a quorum we have to re-mail everything at a huge expense to our Association (and you). We will be electing 2 homeowner Board members, each for a two-year term.

Everyone will receive a candidate nomination form in the mail by the end of April. Being a Board member is your chance to influence the future of our community. If you are interested in joining the HOA Board of Directors, please take some time to write the short paragraph required on the form and return it by May 8. Homeowners are interested in your background, experience, qualifications and what Sorrento/Meadows issues interest you so that they can cast an informed vote. Your statement will be posted on the Sorrento/Meadows website. Candidates will also be allowed to speak at the May HOA meeting. If you have any questions about becoming a nominee or the election itself please contact Al Cohen at alcohen3@yahoo.com.

What Do I Do About A Broken Street Light?

From the PRNC

How do street lights know when to turn on? Why do I sometimes see only one street light on in the middle of the day? If a street light turns off when I drive by, is God trying to tell me something? Street Lighting in Porter Ranch will be the subject of the May 5, 2009 Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council meeting. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Stan Horwitz, Senior Project Manager, Bureau of Street Lighting, and Department of Public Works. Come, celebrate Cinco De Mayo and get your street lighting questions answered! The business meeting starts at 6pm, the presentation at 7pm, Shepherd of the Hills Church.



Come and learn how you can Help Make Porter Ranch a Better Place to Live, Work and Grow. Our next meetings are May 5, June 2, and July 7 at Shepherd of the Hills Church. Find out more at www.PRNC.org.

NOTES

Sorrento Board

President
Pat Pope

Vice President
David Sobel

Treasurer
Greg Norris

Secretary
Melissa Centeno

Member at Large
Phillip Minton

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.

Editor and Chief of the Newsletter

Mary Cooley-Lopez

Newsletter Chair
Melissa Centeno

Newsletter Liaison
Marinel Agbunag

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.

Security in the Summer Months – Fast Approaching

By Cathy Serksnas



Spring is in full swing and the summer months are just around the corner. Soon our children will be out of school, the pools will be open and BBQ's with friends and family will commence. It's a time to celebrate and enjoy more outdoor activities as we emerge from our mini "hibernation".

This means more children will be out and about playing, riding their bikes (remember those safety helmets), playing ball or riding a skate board. More friends and family will also be visiting our community to enjoy a backyard get together or watch a 4th of July fireworks show. Whatever the case, there will be an increase of outdoor activity and with it, higher traffic volume. While having fun in the sun and during the evening hours, each one of us has a responsibility to do our best to ensure everyone else's safety.

One of the biggest problems and complaints we have in the community is SPEEDING and failure to STOP at stop signs. Please, for the safety of all our residents and visitors, obey posted speed limits and stop signs. The speed limit in our community is 25 MPH and for good reason. Going at these slower speeds should allow you enough time to react and stop your car should a child dart out to catch a ball or ride their bike out onto the street. So please, when arriving through those gates or leaving, remember SAFETY...slow down, watch your speed and stop at those stop signs.

Additionally, if you do plan on having parties or gatherings with a large number of people, say 10 or more, let the guard house know in advance. Centurion, our security company, can make arrangements to have pre-printed passes ready for your guests at the main gate. This will help to move visitors through more quickly and reduce long lines of cars. Simply email or call the guard house and inform them that you need "open access" with the date, time and number of visitors. Finally, have FUN and be SAFE at the same time.

Sorrento Community Clubs

Book Club

Our Book Club meetings are at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. Everyone is notified about location at least a week before the meeting. Here's our upcoming schedule.

April 29	A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini
May 27	Defiance of Ohio by Terry Ryan
June 24	The Reader by Bernard Schlink
July 10	Movie Night (One of the books we have read.)

If you are interested in joining, please contact our Book Club Chair, Mara Cohen at maracohen3@sbcglobal.net.

Mom's Club Boot Camp

Swim season is upon us and the Mom's are getting into shape! The Mom's Club has started a new Boot Camp every Tuesday & Thursday at 10:00am and Saturday at 8:30am at the Sorrento Pool. Come try out a class for free. If you can't make every day, the trainer also allows for smaller sessions and private training. Contact Melissa at melissa.centeno@sbcgloabl.net for more information or about details regarding the Mom's Club play dates and outings!



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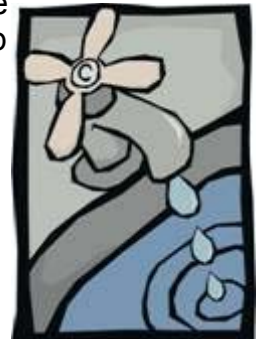
By Mary Cooley-Lopez

Sometime in early March, some of you residents may have received the "The Unofficial Newsletter". This newsletter is **not** endorsed by the HOA Board. It makes some false claims and accusations that are not grounded in the true facts. You might note that whoever wrote this did not identify themselves as the author and did not want to take credit. The Board understands that any member of the community has freedom of speech and is entitled to their opinion but consider the anonymous source and the wild claims as opinions not supported by the facts.

Reimbursement from the DWP

By AJ Silvia

After two months of diligent research and analysis along with multiple phone calls to the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and the Secretary of State's office, Phillip Minton and AJ Silvia were able to eliminate a fee charged by the DWP for services it did not provide to the association. Over the past 12 months the fees paid for the identified meters were approximately \$31K.



Since inception of our community (2001), LA DWP has been charging our association sewer service fees for sewers that don't exist or are not connected to specific water valve locations (meters). This came after Mr. Minton analyzed all water bills for our association and discovered the 8 meter locations that were non-existent. After several weeks of phone calls, AJ met with an Engineer from LA DWP to verify the aforementioned accounts. LA DWP verified all 8 meters as inappropriately charged with two of eight being dual use meters (guard house / irrigation meters).

By reviewing all meter accounts for the past four years AJ & Phillip's analysis uncovered an estimated refund of \$81K that is owed to our association for all of the meters. Further research by Mr. Minton uncovered a senate bill passed in 1990 that provides a legal basis for remuneration back to the initial hook-up date. Phillip submitted the required package to LA DWP requesting a full refund for the non-existent services.

LA DWP has confirmed a refund owed to the association of \$11K for six of the eight meters and up to \$50K for the same six meters from the initial hook-up date. With the recent water price increase of 11% this is a significant savings for our community.

In 2008 we spent approximately \$205K on water-related services and have projected spending \$230K in fiscal year 2009. Over the next ten years it is estimated that the projected savings would amount to \$300,000 for the association. We have only received \$707.70 to date but we hope to receive more.

