

TIERRA OAKS ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

November December 2022 Newsletter

Season's Greetings Tierra Oaks Owners:

With the Holidays and year end fast approaching, it is important to thank all those members for the time they have donated to our association in the past year. Thanks for all you have done.

We just completed our annual election process. We have added two new Board Members Charanbir "Ken" Kandhola and Wendy Pelote. I want to welcome both to the board and thank them for volunteering their time to our community. I want to thank all those who attend our bimonthly board meetings and invite others to involve themselves in helping our community self-manage the HOA and keep our community working towards improved property values.

As a final note in my opening remarks, I wanted to wish the best to Chris Bayless (Board member) who is at home recovering from a stay at the hospital. Our thoughts are with you for a speedy recovery. Chris, thanks for all you do to help the community. Chris is currently on leave from the Board so I will be filling in for the immediate future.

A Review of 2022 Activities and Projects:

1. Improved maintenance of the front entrance. This included revisions of the sprinkler system and oversight of our new landscape maintenance firm. Replacement of over 30 plants. This has been a very time-consuming project and was only successful due to the involvement and effort of one of our members. Pat Munson who is chair of our ARC was diligent in his oversight and work on this project. Thanks Pat.
2. Installation of a new gate entry system (currently taking place).
3. Maintaining the Photinia around the overflow parking area. The goal here is to create a natural green barrier so the fencing is obscured. This is a long-term project with 5 or more years until the plants can create a natural screen. It is off to a rough start with irrigation issues (now overcome) and deer eating the new growth (on going). We will continue to monitor the situation and work to get the plants to survive.
4. Road work including a 2-inch overlay on several streets and crack seal and slurry coat on San Vincente and Alicia Pkwy. In 2023 or 2024 we will address issues with the balance of Tierra Heights.
5. Fire protection included goats which removed most of the ground brush in an area along the creek between Tierra Heights and San Vincente. Additionally, the area along La Crescenta (south side) was cleared of overgrowth. I would be remiss if I did not mention the continued work of our Fire Committee Chair, Bill Carlson and the committee members. The fire we experienced this summer was another test of our fire-break system. It clearly showed that the fairways tied into clearing by our organization can provide an effective help to firefighters when a fire approaches our community. We will continue to be diligent in regard to our fire protection policies. Thanks to everyone in the community for removing dead trees, brush and weed abatement on your lots!

Our next meeting is in February, at that time we will establish our project list for 2023. At the top of the list is working with surrounding landowners to clear dead brush and weeds on the southwest side of the community. If you have other ideas on projects for our community, please

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attend our February meeting and let us hear your thoughts. See the last page for 2023 meeting schedule.

Parking:

Most owners/residents (over 95%) have been adhering to the HOA community parking guidelines. Thank you all for working towards our common goal regarding parking. As a reminder, unless you are having numerous guests, street parking is not allowed. Except for guests, overnight parking in driveways should be avoided. All members should try to follow the parking rules as established by the community. **If you have a special situation and have a car in your driveway, please call or email Monica Gale (her contact information can be found on the last page of this newsletter) or Chris Bayless (on temporary leave from the board). Provide them a heads up on your situation, otherwise you will get an email regarding parking. Our goal is to be accommodating but at the same time follow the rules as established by our members.** Keep us apprised on parking issues and it will make it easier for us to meet your needs as HOA members. If you need additional parking space (at our overflow lot), call Monica Gale at Hignell. Once again, Monica's contact information can be found on the last page of this Newsletter.

As a final note, with Chris currently not watching the neighborhood, please report any parking issues to Monica at Hignell. Thanks

GATE ENTRY CODES:

Because of the change in our gate system each member has been or will be given their own gate code. If you need a code for other family members, please contact Monica at Hignell. The temporary gate code is 5566 (no # necessary). Once the new system is fully functional the code will be disabled.

The new system will allow guests to call you on your cell or home phone and activate the gate system. Additionally, with your cell phone you can be anywhere and accomplish this activity. We are still working on getting the window magnetic stickers to work for everyone. If you have a remote fob for the gate call or write Monica with the number off the inside of the remote and she can activate it to the new system.

Monica will continue to send out new information and updates on the gate as we move through November and December.

FIRE PROTECTION UPDATE

Fire protection update: There has been a new "mutual threat zone agreement" approved by the City Council and Cal Fire. This agreement means both agencies will send units to fires within City Limits. This is great news for us, as the Cal Fire Station at Shasta College is less than 5 miles from our community. Five miles is the magic number and should improve our fire rating over time. We have updated our fire protection packet on the website and are requesting the new Fire Chief to submit this new information to the appropriate rating agencies. This is a 2023 project. If you have an issue with obtaining fire insurance, copy our fire protection

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packet from our web site (or obtain a copy from Hignell) and deliver it to your insurance agent. It has helped several of our community members stop possible cancellations of their fire insurance. Questions can be directed to Bill Carlson, chairman of our Fire Protection Committee, (his phone number can be found on the last page of this newsletter).

WHERE TO GET MORE INFORMATION:

Please check out our website for information on past meeting minutes, our fire protection packet, current board meeting agendas, the fire exit map, Bylaws, CC&Rs, HOA Guidelines, our reserve study and more: www.tierraoaksestateshoa.com

Best Regards,

Steve Boero

Board of Directors, President