

# **Fairmont Hill Happenings**

## **March 2016**



### **SNAKES, COYOTES, AND SLOPES**

There have been multiple sightings of coyotes in Fairmont Hill Community. One report was at Tanglewood near the White Springs pool and was between the buildings near the slope. Another was in the back side of Echo Hill pool near the slope. The third was on Twin Creek. If you are leaving pet food out or leaving your pets out, you may be providing a meal for the coyotes and encouraging them to come. We will report the sightings to the City as they have a coyote control division. Be very careful especially this time of year when the coyotes are looking for food for their pups. They have been known to try to take small children as well.

A rattlesnake was also spotted going up the hill to Ridge Manor by the slope. Children have been reportedly making trails on the slopes there. Not only is that a violation to be on the slopes but it is dangerous for snake bites. Do not use the slopes for travel or taking your dog there to do his business. You may get a big surprise from a rattlesnake and lose a dog.

### **LAST REMINDER FOR GARAGE DOORS THEN HEARINGS AND FINES MONTHLY**

April 1 is the deadline for replacing your garage door. We have a list now and notices for hearings at the May board meeting will go out within 10 days of the May meeting or a special meeting may be called. Fines will be monthly until the garage door is replaced. This was initiated 8 years ago so there has been plenty of time given. To repeat, they must be Amarr long panel and not any Mesa Garage doors. The guidelines are on our web page or you can get them from Stonecastle. If you haven't replaced your garage door opener in 38 years you may need a new one for a roll up as the length is sometimes 2 feet too short.

### **ANNUAL MEETING OF HOMEOWNERS AND ELECTIONS**

Please return your ballots before or at the annual meeting to be held April 4. We need 50% plus 1 for a quorum in order to hold an annual meeting and election. If that quorum is not met, The meeting will not be held and either postponed until May or the members present may vote to adjourn until the following year. The regular meeting will be held if no quorum is met.

### **WATER BOARD RECALL OF KILEY AND MELTON**

Recall papers were served to two members of the Water Board, Robert Kiley and Gary Melton. Two other members are up for reelection in November, Ric Collette and Mike Beverage. There are 120 days to collect signatures to put the recall on the November ballot.

The facts are that the Water Board has raised the water rates 380% over the next 5 years. This affects individual homeowners here doubly, once for your home and a second time for the Association water bills in your dues. The Water District is making 1.69 million dollars off of the penalties they have imposed on all of us who have conserved in the last two years.

They projected a 3.6million dollar net profit justifying the rate increases/penalties and the real figure is 10 million dollars from the rate increase. Yet they refuse to roll back the prices and accept the petitions to put this on the ballot from the legitimate over 5,000 signatures. (Only 2500 were required) John and Ken's radio show has called them crooks. There are 5 board members and all 5 are in this together so in order to change things we need to get 3 new Board members for a majority vote. Please consider signing the recall petitions when you see them at events, markets and maybe get signatures of your friends and neighbors as well. I can get petitions for anyone.

## **BOARD MEETING INFORMATION: PAINTING CONTRACT AWARDED**

It is noted by our most of our vendors that Fairmont Hill is more on top of maintenance than most HOA's. Therefore we have less problems with falling trees, wood failure, leaking roofs, streets, etc. We are on schedule to paint the trim every 5 years and the stucco every 10 years. This is our 5 year trim project. The contract was awarded to Jeff Hutton Painting who has done our last two paint projects over 10 years. There were 4 companies competing. This will start in April, possibly around the 10th and take about 3 months to complete. The warrantee is for 4 years for wood but due to the excellent job they do we can stretch to 5 years and many areas are still looking good after 5 years.

Information as to when your building will be painted will be provided by Hutton. They are going to start on Flower Gate, Green Hill and the other lower streets off Echo Hill. Wrought iron will be painted as well so all mesh will need to be removed. Anything attached to the wood must be removed, lights, etc. but not satellite dishes. Deck items must be away from the walls. More information will be given as needed.

Patio covers, if you have one, are exclusive use and not covered. For an extra fee Hutton will paint them. Original doors will be painted but there would be a charge for painting any upgraded doors.

## **CAR THEFT FROM CLOSED GARAGE DOOR**

This is a repeat for those of you on the email list but needs to be for everyone. The message is don't leave anything valuable in your car even if it is in your garage with the door closed. A car was stolen in Fairmont Hill by going down various streets with a garage door opener and eventually the code matches someone's garage door opener. With a purse in the car they can steal your identity as well as the car since the keys are there usually. The victim left the door into the house from the garage unlocked as well but fortunately the burglars didn't enter the home while the family was sleeping.

## **POOL FURNITURE**

So far so good and we haven't lost any of our new patio lounges. If we get through spring break without vandalism or theft we will be buying more as we said we would.

## **ARCHITECTURAL GUIDELINES REMINDER:**

Nothing can be attached, or nailed into the wood or stucco on the buildings. It breaks the moisture barrier and causes damage to the building that the owner is responsible for.

## **Reminder that the Dues increase went into effect January 1 to \$335**

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## **Emergency Numbers**

Emergency Services – 911	Y.L. Police Services Non-emergency Dispatch 714 647-7000
Y.L. Sheriff Sub Station office	714 779-7098
Fire Department Non- emergency	714 744-0400
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Next Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 4, 2016. Newsletter and alerts email sign up owners and tenants: fairmontcable@aol.com Web page [www.myhoa.com/fairmonthill](http://www.myhoa.com/fairmonthill)