

# **Fairmont Hill Happenings**

## **October 2015**



### **WATER BOARD REFERENDUM RESULTS**

Great news!!!! We stopped the water rate increase by the YL Water District. The necessary 2,200 signatures ended up being 5541 in 19 days. The penalties are still there but with a change in the Water District Board of Directors, that can be changed as well. Channel 4, Channel 7 Eye Witness news and the OC Register were there for the turning in of petitions by the Yorba Linda Taxpayer's Association with 111 books. About 50 volunteers helped gather the signatures. No Senior Management of the Water District was there despite 48 hours notification.

The penalties did not go away; neither did the unfair allotment of water. A 100 sq foot lot with one meter gets 115 units of water. A lot the size of several football fields gets the same 115 units of water. There is no way we can avoid penalties without letting plants die. The cost of new plants is more than the penalties so we along with other HOA's are going to keep the penalties as low as possible to keep the plants and trees from dying. The expected El Nino in January should give us relief. There will be a movement to replace the Water Board Directors in next year's election.

Also I'd like to thank the FOUR homeowners who came to the drought and irrigation presentation put on by Douglas Landscape an hour before the Board Meeting. We don't expect to hear much in the future from the other 492 residences. This was a golden opportunity to get informed.

### **DUES INCREASE JANUARY 2016**

The budget committee and the Board agreed that due to the uncertainty of the water situation, the projected effects of the El Nino causing more damages than the drought, and staying on track to increase our reserve account from 57% funded to an ultimate goal of at least 75%, a \$5 dues increase is warranted. Small increases greatly reduce the necessity of special assessments in the future to "catch up". Therefore, the vote was to implement the increase January 1, 2016.

History has shown that some owners don't "get it" until several months after January and incur a late fee of \$15 for not paying the full amount of the dues as a result. Not reading the newsletters is usually the cause. We will remind you in the November and the December Newsletters as well. Please prepare and if you aren't on an automatic debit from your checking account, we advise that you do so. That way you won't ever have to deal with late charges, forget to pay them and lose your pool and spa privileges. Accounts must have a zero balance for you to not lose your pool and spa use.



## **VANDALISM**

Someone dumped construction type tacks along Echo Hill and the walking trail on Esperanza in front of Echo Hill. Several residents got flat tires including two patrol cars. There were enough to fill half a plastic bag. Although this could have been an accident from a business, the person who collected them said that a lot of the tacks were straight up so they would puncture a vehicle tire. If you know anything about this or can identify the vandal (if it was truly vandalism) then there is a reward as we have stated before and you will remain anonymous. Contact Taryn at Stonekastle. A Good Citizen award will go to Marwan Younes at the next Board meeting for collecting all of the tacks from the street to prevent further damage to tires or feet. Thank you Marwan !!

## **P.S. TO IRRIGATION PRESENTATION BY DOUGLAS LANDSCAPE**

The following email was received relating to the hundreds of unpaid hours Douglas has donated to our Association to save us money on irrigation. I'm leaving the writer anonymous.

"Thank you... for arranging for the water info. mtg. last night. Though there was a small turnout, all of us gained from Doug's clear presentation. His sketches were sufficient. I'm impressed with his attention to the many fine details of his work. He's hard-working, personable, and has done more than we residents will ever know for our community. I was glad I could be there. P.S. Grateful, also for Sergio and Reggie"

## **DOCUMENTS YOU WILL RECEIVE IN NOVEMBER**

Be on the lookout for the following documents in your mail before the end of November. The 2016 budget, Holiday lighting rules, Collection policy, ADR/IDR disclosure, owner maintenance requirements, etc.

## **HOLIDAY LIGHTING, HALLOWEEN, THANKSGIVING, CHRISTMAS**

Some of you will be decorating for Halloween, we know, so as an advance reminder to avoid penalties for damages here is some information. Lights must not be nailed into the stucco or any wood unless it is your exclusive use patio cover. Plastic clips can be used. Nails loosen with time allowing for termite intrusion and water damage leading to dry rot.

If you already have old nails in the eaves or fascia boards before the last painting 4 years ago, leave them there as the paint has probably sealed the nails. Removing them would leave an open hole for water and termites. Thanks.

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Customer Service related issues, we are here to help!

### **Emergency Numbers**

Emergency Services – 911  
Y.L. Sheriff Sub Station office  
Fire Department Non-emergency  
O.C. Patrol 800 525-1626

Y.L. Police Services Non-emergency Dispatch 714 647-7000  
714 779-7098  
714 744-0400  
Yorba Linda Disposal 714 238-3300

Next Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2, 2015. Newsletter and alerts email sign up  
owners and tenants: fairmontcable@aol.com Web page [www.myhoa.com/fairmonthill](http://www.myhoa.com/fairmonthill)