



HDE NEWS

4488 SE JERRY DRIVE, PRINEVILLE, OR 97754

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

For the second year in a row water usage for July has demonstrated the conservation practices established in 2013. Both in 2014 and 2015, July water usage was roughly 450,000 gallons less than in 2013. That's roughly a 20% reduction *and* with July weather all three years being very similar. The residents of this association have a right to be proud. My hat is off to us; so...like what a minister I once heard said: "stand up, turn around; shake hands with the person behind you".

Speaking of hats off:

If you get a chance to say "thanks" to Chuck Buys for his vigilance monitoring cisterns 2 & 3 the past few weeks, as well as his monthly reading of the well meters, please do so. Even with one well having problems, there was never a time when sufficient water was not available to both systems #2 or #3 residents. Without Chuck's help it is entirely possible that would not have been the case.

We replaced the pump in well #2 as a result of an apparent well cave-in. After considerable conversation with well drilling people, our pump guy Joe Phillips, Bob Boyce (a recent new arrival in HDE with well drilling background), Chuck Buys, and myself, it was determined that since the pump had been raised 20 feet and was now pumping clear water (in greater volume than before,) doing nothing related to casing the well with perforated pipe, or re-drilling for clean out, or even adding a "sand sock" to the pump, would be cost effective at this point. So we'll do nothing and let well #2 run until a problem develops.

Our water pumping and distribution systems are functioning properly. Our old nemesis at Cistern #1, the 7 ½ hp system, has not failed since September of last year. Nor have we had a failure at our #3 system since the addition of the Variable Frequency Control process for the primary system. The #2 distribution system is gravity flow, so there is nothing mechanical to fail.

With summer winding down and water demand following suit, perhaps we can enjoy a few weeks (or even months) of problem free time. Let's hope.

Al Phillips, President 541-416-1403

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 6:30 PM

HDE Office, 4488 SE Jerry Drive

Check HDE website or with a Board member a day or two before this date to verify that there has been no change



HDE Office Building, 4488 SE Jerry Drive

SOME TIDBITS FROM OUR NEW “WELCOME” LETTER TO NEW RESIDENTS

Thanks to Joanne Bacci for drafting this letter for us.

Water Conservation

Please water your yard, shrubs, or garden only on the odd or even numbered calendar days which correspond to the odd or even last digit of your lot number (see water bill). Increased demand in the summer strains this precious desert resource, so we must keep that in mind when we irrigate.

Committees

The HOA has several committees which can always use help, and it is a great way to keep up with what is happening. We have a yearly residents' meeting in May (location t.b.d.), and all homeowners are asked to attend. This is a good time to hear what has happened in the past year and what is planned for the future, which could include work on the water system, office, or roads. It is also time to elect members to the association board. This is your association, so please give your input and expertise.

Breakfast

There is also a no-host breakfast gathering at Meadow Lakes Golf Course Restaurant on the first Wednesday of every month at 9 a.m. We socialize, share stories of gardening, hobbies, quail tracking, deer sightings, and current local and neighborhood events.

Board Meetings

There is a monthly board meeting that any homeowner may attend. Check the website or with a board member (see website) for date and time. Most of the time it is on the **4th Monday of the month at 6:30 pm.**

If you see vandalism, call the Sheriff's Office non-emergency dispatch number: (541) 447-6398 and also report the incident to a board member.

Please pull up tumbleweeds; they can pile up, cause fire hazards, and clog culverts.

HDE WEBSITE

To access our website: hdehoa.com
(for HDE residents only)

User name: owner Password: 172lots

DOGS

Per Crook County ordinance, dogs are not allowed to roam off their owner's property. Non-compliance could mean a trip to the animal shelter.

Under Crook County and Oregon State laws barking dogs are considered a nuisance and the owner could be fined if a complaint is made to the Sheriff's office. We don't mean barking for a few minutes because the dog saw something or someone. We mean prolonged barking that disturbs your neighbors, day or night. If you leave your dog outside while you're away, consider getting a bark collar. There are different types and different "ZAP" settings to make it unpleasant for them to bark. But remember: the batteries go dead and need changing! Maybe as often as every 2 or 3 weeks.

When you walk your dog(s), please pick up any 'calling cards' left behind. Also: Dogs must be under the strict control of the person walking with them.



IF YOU ARE BOTHERED BY A BARKING DOG:

It's nice to be courteous and ask the offending dog's owner to do something to keep the dog from barking. Suggest a bark collar. If that doesn't stop the problem, call the sheriff. The sheriff will inform you of the next step.