



# ***HDE NEWS***

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## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Not much to report this month. Our water systems continue to function as expected and nothing of consequence has occurred, other than the completion of our early spring roadside weed spraying and annual maintenance of Davis Loop access road.

We have tentatively planned Wednesday, May 11, for our annual membership meeting, once again to be held at Meadow Lakes golf club. Mark your calendars; details forthcoming.

The board has been investigating ways to increase the yield on our reserve savings account. We are currently only getting .08% interest. Yes, that is less than 1%. We have interviewed two prospective investment companies and we are busy digesting what we have learned. There are a multitude of variables involved and we will, to the best of our abilities, draw conclusions and make recommendations from what we've learned and present our plan at the annual meeting. The main objective of course is to preserve our principle amount plus get a better yield.

The board is in the process of developing an administrative change to accommodate a board member's at-home health issues. The details will be finalized soon and we will report more about that in the next newsletter.

Our website experienced a temporary interruption of service recently, but is working fine now. Check it out for recent newsletters, board contacts, member list, and scheduled board meetings.

HDE website: [www.hdehoa.com](http://www.hdehoa.com)

User name: owner

Password for HDE owners: 172lots

Please consider throwing your hat in the ring at the annual meeting to run for a position on the board, or at least to get involved as an "at-large", or non-voting, member.

### **CC&Rs, Article I**

#### ***NO LOT SHALL BE USED EXCEPT FOR SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES***

The board has seen enough evidence around our community lately to suggest that a reminder is in order about our CC&Rs Article I and III, stating that lots in HDE are to be used as "single family only" residences. The board in the past has been tolerant with temporary circumstances that, obviously, can affect any family. But please be aware that anything other than temporary is in violation of Article I or III, and the board is obligated to address those cases and insist upon resolution.

### **CC&RS, Article III**

***No trailer, camper, or outbuilding shall be used at any time as a residence except for a period not to exceed one year during construction of a permanent residence on said lot.***

This means that having a person or persons living in an RV or outbuilding on your property is a violation.

*Regards,  
Al Phillips, President*

## **NO-SEE-UMS**

***Warning to new residents!***

***WEAR A HAT when working outside.***

***Long sleeves and long pants too.***

Trust me on this. If you ask around the neighborhood, especially women, you will hear horror stories of how some extremely itchy bites appeared on their scalp after working outside with no head covering. For some reason, women seem to get bitten more than men, but I have talked to a few men that were victims.

I've lived in western WA and Winnemucca NV and never encountered these pests until I moved to Prineville. I suffered multiple bites on my scalp a couple times before I looked online and asked neighbors what the heck was causing this. They are way worse than mosquito bites.

I don't know what the scientific name is for these mini vampires, so will just call them "no-see-ums" as they are commonly known due to the fact they are so tiny you usually don't see them. The no-see-ums are about 1/16-inch long. They are so tiny they could pass through window screens, but they don't usually. However, they can and do slip beneath loose clothing, unnoticed, to get a blood meal. The bites usually appear in groups. I don't know if one of them "grazes" or if they invite their friends. Like mosquitoes, only the female no-see-ums bite. The insects breed when the weather warms in the spring, usually in May and June, (or earlier), and they remain a pest for several months. They need a blood meal to complete their reproductive cycle. They also bite domestic and wild animals and birds.

The females inject saliva into the skin, which pools the blood just beneath the surface, resulting in a small red dot that becomes excruciatingly itchy. A single bite can welt into a one-or two-inch diameter spot, which lasts about two weeks.

Do not scratch the welts, as scratching makes the itchy bites last twice as long and can lead to infected sores. Benadryl spray helps stop itching and dries up bites. Taking a Benadryl tablet helps in some cases as it has an antihistamine. The only repellent that seems to work is DEET.

I bought a hat on Amazon.com that has mosquito netting that comes down around your neck to the shoulders. I wear this if I'm going to be out working or sitting in the yard for very long. I also spray my clothes with a DEET repellent and wear gloves along with long sleeves and long pants. They are attracted to dark colors, so it is best to wear light colors when you're working outside. Also, if you have a cool straw hat that has holes in the crown for ornamental or ventilation purposes, believe me when I tell you those thirsty blood-suckers will find their way through the holes! Oh yeah, make sure that your shirt is long enough to not expose skin on your back when you bend over, or (you guessed it) they will find that exposed skin.

## ***HAPPY GARDENING!***

*Helen Willis*



**Don't forget HDE residents' breakfast.**

**First Wednesday of every month**

**Arrive 8:30 or 9:00am**

**Meadowlakes Restaurant**

Order individually as you arrive.

Since we didn't get any SERIOUS responses to our breakfast survey in last month's newsletter, we will continue to meet at Meadowlakes as usual.