



HDE NEWS

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NOTES FROM THE BOARD

Hi everyone, first of all, DON'T PANIC! You should receive two water bills this month. One is your regular bill from Linda Phillips. The other is from a billing service, Munibilling. Linda has expressed the desire to retire from the billing process, and we (the board) have been working with this billing service which will take over that task from Linda. We believe that we are synchronized with Linda's system, and so this month, you will receive two bills. If there is a discrepancy between Linda's bill and Munibilling's, please contact me at 541-416- 2021 so we can resolve the issue. In any case, for this month, Linda's bill is the one to pay. In December, bills will come from Munibilling, and will be paid in your usual manner. The one exception is that we can no longer accept cash, so those of you who are on a cash basis will have to pay by money order. Dorothy Wills has graciously volunteered to retain the drop box at her house on Jerry DR, and there is another drop box at Cistern #3, which is at the end of McKenzie Place, off of David Way.

To all of you who conscientiously reduced your water consumption because of our problems with Cistern #2, thank you very much. In light of this, it was extremely disconcerting to us to find out that 5 of your neighbors completely disregarded our request, and used anywhere from twice the 11,200 gal/month we all agreed to when we moved here, to a high of 91,720 gallons during the month of September. 91,720 gallons is over 8 times the allotment most of us adhere to, and 1-1/2 times the capacity of Cistern #2 that these people are attached to, which, by the way, is the one which has the failed well.

We are still in the process of determining where we can site a new well, and how to pay for it. In light of the above, we are seriously considering whether these homeowners should be contributing to the new well at an accelerated rate. We all need to realize that even though we have permanent water rights, that only means that the State allows us to draw a certain amount of water from the ground, but they don't guarantee to provide it for us. We have to get it out of the ground, and we are living in the High Desert, not the Willamette Valley, where wells are 30-50 feet deep. Our current wells are over 300 feet deep, and the one that failed is 710 feet deep. The estimates we have so far are that the new well will cost in the neighborhood of \$30,000 to \$50,000, not including the cost of plumbing the well to the cistern, and electrical connections to the pump. Let's be clear: the overuse of the water by some of our homeowners did not cause well #3 to fail. The overuse of water in light of our diminished capacity to provide it, creates a hardship on all HDE homeowners.

Al Roth, President

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HDE WEBSITE

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 (for HDE residents only)

User name: owner Password: 172lots

HDE RESIDENTS' BREAKFAST

First Wednesday of every month, 9:00am
 Meadowlakes Restaurant

50th Anniversary

DUANE & SANDY THOMPSON

are celebrating 50 years of marriage on Saturday, Dec 3, 2016. They are having an open house at 4791 SE David Way in Prineville on that day. The hours are 3 to 7. Finger foods will be served along with coffee, tea, wine and beer. Everyone is welcome.

No gifts please.

Opportunity to get rid of your cut limbs

The Crook County Fire Department has hooked us up with a guy named John Jackson who has grant money to come to your home and chip up the limbs that YOU cut off your property. It is a sweat equity program. You MUST first register for the program.

The local person to contact and get your name registered is RUSS DEBOODT at 541-447-5011. Call Russ and get all the details if you are interested in this program. This helps get rid of the debris without burning it and running the risk of losing control of the fire.

NUISANCE DOGS

We have heard a number of complaints from HDE residents about dogs barking for long periods of time. We also received a request to put something in the newsletter on this subject. A lot of people will suffer through listening to their neighbor's barking dogs and complain to others about it, but if you want it to stop, you need to complain to the dog's owner or file a complaint with the sheriff.

Remember: They are the ones breaking the law. Don't be afraid to call the sheriff.

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. Under Oregon State law, there is no specified amount of time. If the barking is disturbing your neighbor and a complaint is made to the sheriff, you are subject to a fine of up to \$100 for the first offense. The sheriff may give you a verbal warning the first time, but a citation is likely the second time.

If your dog barks for prolonged periods or 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:

Keep a log of the dates, times, and duration of the barking. Get a video of the dog barking if you can.

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.