



# HDE NEWS

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PHONE COMING SOON

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### RECENT HDE ACTIVITY

**Water Related:** It's worth repeating that due to conservation efforts by virtually all residents coupled with some improvements in our ability to get water out of the ground, and shuffling of who gets water from where, we have had no trouble this summer with water availability. But the primary reason for the improvement has been the conservation efforts by everyone. *For example, 18% less water used this July than last. So...once again, the board's hats are off to our entire population.*

It's not clear to me exactly why, but our wells today do not have the gallons-per-minute capability that initial testing demonstrated a decade or so ago. Given that, over time it's reasonable to expect slow but sure deterioration of our wells' GPM availability. This means that eventually we'll be drilling a new well or wells. Our reserve fund will prove real handy when that time comes.

**Mainline Repair Project:** The parts problem was resolved and Tom Cooper finished the project. Our water line valving is now complete which allowed us to add the additional 9 homes to the #3 system as we planned to do earlier this year. We also can now continue documenting the entire system.

**Office Project:** With exception of adding a couple pieces of roofing on our porch roof, and finishing the ADA requirements, construction is complete. Clean up and landscaping work remains. Expenses to date are approximately \$14,000. What does not show on the expense sheet are the savings we realized from the generosity of Juniper Rock Products owner Jim Perrigo. Jim is a resident here and he gives us bargain prices on all that he provides. Say

thanks to Jim if you get a chance, or better yet, if you need his type of work done (rock products, paving etc.) give him a chance to bid the job. Thanks to Bill Huret also for donating his time and expertise.

**Back-flow Testing:** As perhaps you will recall, Tom Cooper has agreed to be our "vendor-of-choice". Tom has finished his re-certification process and he and I will be discussing our back-flow sites and details of those shortly. I see us in a partnership with Tom: He will know what needs to be done and when it needs to be completed. He will fit that work in with his other work. You may not know that for health reasons, Tom has stopped doing some of the plumbing work he's previously done. Doing so has created the time for him to be our back-flow testing vendor. It's a clear win-win situation for both parties.

**Looking Forward:** We are beginning in earnest to identify tasks and responsibilities of what will eventually be our Office Manager's position. Putting tasks together, determining how and when we will transition to that mode of operation and what will be a reasonable salary, is the work that lies ahead. Frankly, it will be a chore.

**Misc:** Earlier this summer, our Secretary Helen Willis agreed to sit in my seat until October. The break has provided me much needed R&R. She has filled in for me quite nicely and I am grateful. Also, since Larry Willis had to back away, Chuck Buys has agreed to get more involved with our water committee.

Regards,

Al Phillips, 541-416-1403

## **NEW NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SIGNS**

Most of our current Neighborhood Watch signs have become faded. Some are on fence posts that are leaning over or obscured by brush.

We have purchased new signs which will be installed the first week of October on existing posts where applicable, and on new posts where needed.

We are also putting in a new permanent stop sign at David and Morningside and re-setting the two stop signs on Jefferson that were recently pulled out. They will be set in concrete to make them much more difficult to pull out!

### **LET'S ALL WATCH!**

Since we are claiming to be a "Neighborhood Watch" neighborhood, let's try to keep an eye out for any suspicious behavior. If you are going to be away for any length of time, tell a close trusted neighbor and ask them to watch for any strangers or suspicious activity on your property.

Be aware of small groups that gather and "hang out" in the area. The suspected vandals were apparently drinking beer and "hanging out".

There seem to be quite a few insomniacs in HDE that are awake in the middle of the night. Look out the window since you're up anyway. You never know what you might see.

**Call the sheriff and report anything that looks suspicious!**

### **BREAKFAST GET-TOGETHER** **1<sup>ST</sup> WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH**

Get together with your HDE neighbors!  
Meet new people or visit with friends  
from the neighborhood.

#### **Meadow Lakes Restaurant**

(At Meadow Lakes Golf Course)

**Arrive 8:30 – 9:00 am**

Everyone orders individually as you arrive.

If you would like to get on the monthly breakfast  
reminder list, e-mail Joanne Bacci:

**j14bacci@att.net**

## **TUMBLING TUMBLEWEEDS**

*A reminder from our Roadmaster, Bill Huret:*

The tumbleweeds are maturing and will soon break away from their roots to cause seed scattering problems. They also seem to like plugging up our culverts. Please help by removing any tumbleweeds on your property and burning them when appropriate. Best to use a burn barrel with a screen so the wind doesn't blow flaming tumbleweeds around!

For current burn regulations, check the Crook County Fire Department website: [www.crookcountyfireandrescue.com](http://www.crookcountyfireandrescue.com) under Burn Regulations, or call: 541-447-BURN.

In general, burning is prohibited July through October, and allowed November through June.

### **OFFICE BUILDING**

As mentioned on page 1 of this newsletter, the work on our office is nearing completion, except for landscaping. The porch has been built, the porch roof is mostly done, the parking area is graded and blacktopped. The top of the driveway onto Jerry Drive, which serves the office and two residences, has received a blacktop "apron" to make a smoother approach entering Jerry Drive.

HDE records, maps, historical data, etc. have been placed in files and binders in the office. Board meetings are being held there as well as meetings with contractors and service people. The telephone and wireless internet are operational. The telephone number will be in the next newsletter after we make arrangements for answering it efficiently.

We hope to have an Open House soon so residents can drop in and see the finished project.

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occasionally for copies of newsletters,  
current news, or to contact the Board of  
Directors via e-mail.

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