



HDE NEWS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

No news is good news they say, and the last month has been rather uneventful. Vacations and personal life priorities absorbed most of this board member's month, as it did for other board members as well.

We had to replace the pump in our #2 well again and are hoping it is covered by warranty.

Thanks to Chuck Buys for his monitoring of the cisterns and working with our repair people. Tom Cooper worked on finishing repair chores on the failed backflow devices.

There were personnel changes at our water testing vendor creating confusion for them (and us) and our own internal process is undergoing updating. Diane Dendy is working hard to help establish a complete testing process.

Additional crack sealing is planned to be done on Jerry Dr. before cooler weather prevents it.

The documentation project will be continuing this fall. It is coming along nicely and we have discovered a couple more valves that we have identified and added to our record of the water system. Al Roth is working on a detailed map of the system that will be valuable for future reference.

Going unnoticed, as it should be, is a major dynamic change for the board and the HOA. We have gradually evolved from an administrative *growth mode* and are evolving into an administrative *sustaining mode*. The HOA's administrative foundation is complete. What lies ahead is day to day "stuff": such as water system maintenance and water quality; pay bills; water billing; miscellaneous monthly requirements; roadway maintenance and winter weather road care. Stuff that is important and necessary but somewhat mundane.

We have capable people now doing the work of running HDE, some work full time and some do not. But this HOA needs more leaders to step forward; people who perhaps led in their work life or people who want to see the quality of life we have now, remain at least as good. In the future the HOA will be only what the residents allow it to be. If you are not willing to take a turn, don't complain about what you may not like about the way things are run.

Al Phillips, President 541-416-1403

PROTECT YOUR ELECTRONIC DEVICES!

The recent lightning storms passing over us caused at least two residents to experience problems with power surges. Both lost their TV reception which they eventually managed to recover. One needs a new box from the cable company. One had his computer go out and was only able to revive it with help from a computer expert.

There are many surge protectors on the market. Purchasing one is a small investment to make to protect your TVs, computers, microwaves, and other electronic devices. It's a good idea to research online and read user reviews before buying one. Some of the cheaper ones are not effective at all.

Another option is to have a qualified electrician install a surge protector near your electric meter that protects your whole house. I just found out about this option and do not have information on this method yet. Jared Cooper from Cooper Electric is going to write up something for our newsletter as soon as he has time. In the meantime, you can call Cooper Electric or any other licensed electrician for more information on this type of installation.

In the meantime, if the thunder and lightning are close by, unplug your computer, TV, or whatever until it passes over.

MORE COYOTE INFO

It appears that most residents are not bothered by the coyotes, and even like them. They do serve a good purpose by keeping the rodent population down, as well as the rabbits that people complain about getting into their gardens. And WOW! I just heard tell that rabbits will get into your car wiring and chew it up. If you see bunnies under your car, chase them off. One HDE resident just spent \$140 repairing wiring on his truck that a rabbit had chewed on.

Anyway, back to the coyotes....in a few cases, the coyotes appear to be getting bolder about going into people's yards.

Be sure to take measures to protect your cats and small dogs from coyote visitors, especially at night. Do not leave pet food outside where it's accessible to coyotes. Put your pets inside at night. Put them inside anytime if you see a coyote sitting by your yard looking at your pet and licking his chops!

We have posted a couple articles on the website under "What's New" that have tips and hints for ridding your property of pesky coyotes. The board is not recommending or promoting any of these suggestions, but we're just posting them so residents will be more informed about coyotes and may want to try one or more of the suggested remedies. In case of any reported incidents of rabies in our area, DO NOT approach any coyote. There have been no known incidents reported as of this time.

If you have a persistent coyote coming into your yard that doesn't go away after you've tried some of the suggestions in the articles, you can contact Gary Madison, our resident coyote expert, who will try to help solve the problem, up to and including re-location of coyotes to some other area. This doesn't always work when dealing with a coyote who is too smart to enter a trap.

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HDE WEBSITE

To access our website: hdehoa.com
(for HDE residents only)
User name: owner Password: 172lots

NO HOST HDE RESIDENTS' BREAKFAST

First Wednesday of every month

Arrive 8:30 or 9:00am

Meadow Lakes Restaurant

(At Meadow Lakes Golf Course)

Order individually as you arrive.

*Come and meet new neighbors or visit with others
that you don't see very often.*

BOARD MEETINGS

All HDE residents are welcome to attend any regular meeting of the HDE HOA Board of Directors. We apologize for the lack of meetings during the summer months, but since board members are just regular people who have volunteered their time, some are off on vacation or tending to other personal business more in the summer than at other times. We do, however, conduct business by e-mail or phone if need be.

As a general rule, board meetings are held at the HDE office, 4488 SE Jerry Drive, on the 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. Check the website or contact a board member to verify that time before going to the office expecting a meeting.

NEED SOME WORK DONE?

On two occasions the Board has hired the same laborers to accomplish a specific task. We recommend these guys if anyone needs some temporary help with a project. They installed the moisture barrier under our office building, and more recently, cleaned up a large accumulation of garbage on a repossessed lot.

The Board member who found them for us has this to say: "Adam is also a pretty good carpenter, roofer, etc., pretty reasonable, and trustworthy."

To contact Adam:

leave a message at 541-610-3251

(Adam has a regular job and does this work in his spare time.)