



SOUTH PARK VILLAGE VOICE

APRIL 2014

BOARD MEMBERS

President: Myron Tuttle (mtuttle@southparkhoa.org)
VP: Trudy Wardrop (twardrop@southparkhoa.org)
Treas: Bruce Johnson (bjohnson@southparkhoa.org)
Secretary: Janet Agnew (jagnew@southparkhoa.org)
Director: Brian Failing (bfailing@southparkhoa.org)
Director: Eric Gelke (egelke@southparkhoa.org)
Director: Brian Moret (bmoret@southparkhoa.org)

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, April 22nd at 6:30 pm
Clubhouse

Homeowners are welcome to attend.

Board meeting agendas are posted on the Clubhouse door at least four days in advance of the meeting date. If you have an item for inclusion on the agenda, please have it to the association manager at least ten days prior to the meeting date.

COMCAST 'CONCIERGE SERVICE'
For South Park HOA: 1-888-824-4142

Santa Clara Police Non-Emergency—615-5580
Emergency—9-1-1

SPEED LIMIT
IS 15 MPH
Within
South Park

City of Santa Clara
Animal Control: 764-0344
Noise Abatement: 615-5580

Our website:
SOUTHPARKHOA.ORG

ELECTION RESULTS The Annual Meeting was concluded on March 18th. Eric Gelke and Brian Moret were re-elected to the Board, the IRS resolution and the 2013 minutes were both approved.

Community Management Services, Inc.,
1935 Dry Creek Road, Suite 203
Campbell, CA 95008
(408) 559-1977 / fax (408) 559-1970
Roger Wert, Association Manager
rwert@communitymanagement.com

Please Don't Plant In The Common Area!

The Landscape Committee has noticed that many residents are planting in the common area. Any area outside your back patio fence is most likely *common area*. When individuals plant there, it can create problems. **Each** of the following examples **has** occurred here in our complex.

- Someone planted a small bush that, when it got larger, blocked sprinklers which harmed other plants and lawn.
- People have planted items right up against the fence, but this is the area necessary for the wheels of the lawnmower
- People have added dirt up against the wall of their home and added plants. But this area is necessary for proper drainage in the rainy season. They moved, but the new owner found water leaking into their home because of the added dirt.
- People have planted items that required special care, then moved away. The plants died and had to be replaced.
- People have planted cactus – which had to be removed for safety reasons.

We all live in this community and we need to be respectful of our neighbors. These actions **cost all of us money** and are unfair to the rest of us. If you aren't sure whether or not the space is common area, please ask first. If you have a special request, again, please ask first. You should be aware that unauthorized landscaping is subject to removal and you could be billed for the cost of removal or replacement.

You can raise any landscape questions or issues by emailing landscape@southparkhoa.org or by emailing any Board Member.

Why feeding the wildlife is not a good idea:
Food put out for "cute" animals like squirrels and birds also attracts not-so-cute animals like skunks, opossums, and raccoons. These animals are pests and are destructive. In the wild these animals do fine on their own and Nature keeps their population in balance between food supply and natural predators. When you put out extra food, the population soars to meet the new supply and these animals begin encroaching into our residential living spaces. The squirrels are also destructive to our trees, stripping the bark off and opening the trees to disease and insects. **PLEASE DO NOT PLACE FOOD FOR WILDLIFE OUT IN THE COMMON AREA.** Leaving food on patios, even pet food, is also an attractant and should be avoided whenever possible.

WATER-SAVING TIPS

Among tips that experts recommend:

Taking a 5-minute shower instead of a 10-minute shower saves 12.5 gallons with a low-flow shower head, and 25 gallons with a standard 5-gallon-per-minute shower head.

Turning the faucet off while brushing teeth or shaving saves about 10 gallons a day.

Using a broom to clean driveways, sidewalks and patios instead of a hose saves 8-18 gallons a minute.

Fixing the worn washers in a faucet with a slow steady drip saves 350 gallons per month, and 2,000 gallons a month if the leak is a small stream. Putting a new flapper in a leaking toilet can save 7,000 gallons a month. To test for leaks, put food coloring in the tank. Don't flush. Ten minutes later if you see color in the bowl, you have a leak.

Installing a water-efficient clothes washer saves up to 16 gallons a load. A water-efficient dishwasher saves up to 8 gallons a load. Rebates are available for water-saving appliances at most Bay Area water agencies.

Soak pots and pans instead of letting the water run while scraping them clean.

Most Bay Area water agencies offer free water-use inspections. An expert will come to your house check for leaks and offer tips on how to save water and lower your water bill.

Replacing a pre-1990 toilet, which can use 5 gallons per flush, with a newer high-efficiency model can save 38 gallons a day per toilet. Most Bay Area water districts offer rebates of between \$50 and \$250 per toilet.

REBATES AND MORE

To learn more about rebates, tips and free water audits, see:

State Department of Water Resources: <http://saveourH2O.org>

Santa Clara Valley Water District: www.save20gallons.org or 408-265-2600

East Bay Municipal Utility District: www.ebmud.com or 866-403-2683

Contra Costa Water District: www.ccwater.com/conserved or 925-688-8000

San Francisco Public Utilities Commission: www.sfwater.org or 415-551-3000