

# Whitney Oaks

## Community Newsletter



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### Common Areas – Condominium Edition

Sometimes common areas are hard to distinguish especially in a detached condominium areas, Abby Court, Lawton Court, Kensington Court, and Sterling Drive.

Here are some things to consider:

- If you see a weekly service provider (Bianco Landscape Management), chances are the common area landscaping is completed by the Association. Common areas may include locations in the front, back and side of your home, but will not include any areas or plantings in your fenced yard areas.
- Making changes to common areas are prohibited unless Board approval has been granted. For example; adding gravel/step-stone paths, adding concrete, plant removals, plant additions.
- It is also wise to be mindful of where outside décor items like statues and pots are placed. Items placed in common areas may be damaged during service.
- Like all other homes in the community, exterior alterations, like fencing changes, do require ARC applications submittal and approval prior to work beginning. ■

### Email Sign-Ups

Do you know someone that hasn't signed up for electronic deliver of documents? Ask them to go to the Whitney Oaks website for the form. Link below.

[https://whitneyoaks.org/assets/files/WOCA\\_Email%20Distribution.pdf](https://whitneyoaks.org/assets/files/WOCA_Email%20Distribution.pdf) ■

### Association Meetings

While group gatherings are prohibited/discouraged, Association meetings are being conducted virtually or by teleconference. Please be sure to review the Whitney Oaks website for agendas and contact management for participation information. Agendas will be posted at the Hillcrest bulletin board and on the website. The tentative 2021 meeting calendar will be posted on the meetings site. <https://whitneyoaks.org/meetings/> ■

### Volunteer Spotlight – Jennifer Zhender

Jennifer Zhender was recently appointed by the Board of Directors to the Whitney Oaks Landscape Committee.

Jennifer is a life-long Rocklin resident and a Springfield homeowner since 2009. She has two lovely daughters, one high school-aged and the other college-aged. She is a residential realtor, a yoga instructor at Sun City Lincoln Hills and HPE, and is an avid hiker.

We are so appreciative that Jennifer has volunteered to assist with trail and landscaping reviews with the Landscape Committee. Don't forget to say hi to Jennifer if you see her out on the trails! ■



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# Whitney Oaks Wildlife Notes

Ed Price

The **wild turkey** is one of the most commonly observed animals in Whitney Oaks. They are everywhere and are growing in number. One day this past winter I counted 71 turkeys in a single flock near the first green on Clubhouse Drive. That was not always the case. I still remember seeing a few turkeys on the hillside off Clubhouse Dr. when my wife Marti and I were picking out our lot in 1999. That was exciting since I had seen wild turkeys only once before and never in Davis where we were living at the time. Shortly after moving into our new home Marti and I had just driven through Gate 23 near the golf course parking lot and were heading up Clubhouse Drive. Suddenly, we saw four or five huge “things” in the air gliding down the street toward us. At first, I didn’t know what they were; they looked like miniature stealth bombers or something out of Star Wars. Soon we recognized them as turkeys as they flew over the top of the car.

Mature male turkeys (“toms”) sport long beards that hang down from the base of their necks. These beards are really modified feathers. One year old males, called “jakes”, have beards about an inch or so long. Hens do not have beards. Flocks of turkeys typically roost together at night in trees, particularly tall digger pines in the open space on the hillsides. Early morning gobbling by males announces their position to turkeys in other flocks as if trying to keep track of their whereabouts. For human residents living near roost-trees it can also announce everyone’s wake-up time. Males and females usually stay in separate groups except during the spring breeding season when you see the mature males attempting to impress females and other nearby males by showing off their chests and large wings and spreading their tail feathers. The dominant male in each male group usually is the first to mate with receptive females. After mating, the hens find a secluded spot on the ground to build a nest and subsequently incubate their eggs. They leave the nest periodically to feed; that is when you see hens wandering about alone.

Once in a great while, a “love-struck” adult male courting a group of hens will show aggression toward humans. Several years ago, in Davis the city was “abuzz” with news that big toms were chasing bikers and walkers in the city cemetery. I once had one come at me on a country road when I was taking photos of him and his harem. My foot was the only thing that stopped the assault. I have not had a similar incident in Whitney Oaks, but I do watch carefully when I get near them.

*Ed “Buzz” Price developed an interest in animals and nature growing up in a dairy farm family in New Jersey. He picked up the photography “bug” from his father and has run with it ever since. In 1976, Ed assumed a position to develop a teaching and research program in farm animal behavior in the Department of Animal Science at UC Davis. He has been retired since 2002. Many of his photographs of wild animals and wildflowers can be viewed on his photo website [www.edwardprice.zenfolio.com](http://www.edwardprice.zenfolio.com).*





## Homeowner Spotlight – Wen Ma



Wen moved to Whitney Oaks in 2012 and owns two properties on Clubhouse Drive. Wen loves to take walks in the community and has two young children, 6-months and 2-years old.

Wen is one of the founders of a new independent school in Rocklin, which will open in August 2021. This is how Wen started in the education profession:

*My family has been in the Education field for more than 30 years. It started with my mother. She was a preschool teacher first and started her first preschool in China in 1988. 30 years later, she has built and operated 40 preschools and one K-9 school in China. Educating children to become global citizens has always been our vision. We want to achieve our vision by building a school for families who have the same value and global mindset. Our school will create a learning community to embrace diversity, respect each individual, and value collaboration.*

Wen also likes to take walks through the community, so be sure to say 'hello' to your friendly neighbor. ■



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