# Whitney Oaks Community Newsletter

# **June 2023**



# 2023 Goat Grazing

The 2023 Goat Grazing Season has begun and will continue through the end of June. Please be mindful of the advisements below during this grazing season.

#### Advisements:

- Please do not place any yard clippings, pesticides, or potted plants in the open areas where herds will be grazing.
- Please keep pets and children away from electrified fencing, herds, shepherds, or shepherd dogs.
- Please be sure to protect any plantings within two feet of fence lines by trimming, moving, or covering.
- Grazing containment fences will be placed near fencing that is adjacent to open spaces. For concerns regarding fencing placement near your property please contact CAPRA directly.

Grazer Contact Information: CAPRA - 916.952.4628

# **Association Management Contacts:**

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### https://whitneyoaks.org/projects/

Please visit the Whitney Oaks website for additional project information and updates.

#### www.rocklin.ca.us/grazing

Please visit the City of Rocklin website for general grazing information and Rocklin grazing maps. ■

# **Town Hall Meeting**

The Whitney Oaks Board of Directors will be hosting another Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. with the City of Rocklin. Representatives from the City of Rocklin will be in attendance, including the Mayor, City Manager, Community Services, Police and Fire. The City Officials will be ready to answer any questions that you may have. Please contact the Association Manager if you would like to attend this event but did not RSVP by the May 31, 2023 deadline. ■

### **Wetlands Preserve**

Did you know that there are wetland preserves in the Whitney Oaks Community Association? Wetlands can be beneficial by improving water quality, storing floodwater, offering habitat for wildlife as well as many other benefits. The wetlands are regulated by the US Army Corps of Engineers and are monitored by an Environmental Biologist. We ask that homeowners do not access the wetlands in the Association as they are protected areas. For more information on the wetlands preserves in the City of Rocklin please visit <a href="https://www.rocklin.ca.us/gosmp">https://www.rocklin.ca.us/gosmp</a>.

### **Volunteers Needed**

We currently have open positions on the Architectural Committee, Landscape Committee, Social Committee and the Board of Directors. If you are interested in joining any of these Committees or the Board of Directors please contact our Association Manager, Jasmine Brinson, for more information. ■

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



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# Rockridge Communities Common Area Reminder

Sometimes common areas are hard to distinguish especially in a detached condominium area; 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, 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.

### **Golf Cart Paths**

With spring and summer brings an eagerness to get outside and enjoy the sunshine and explore areas of the community. However, we have noticed an uptick in pedestrian, bicycle, and private golf cart traffic going through the golf course. Please be reminded that this is extremely hazardous and is trespassing. Unless you have signed up to play a round of golf, please stay off the course.

# 2023 Pool Season

The 2023 Pool season began on May 1st and will continue through October 15th. The Hillcrest Pool and the Black Oak Pool will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. − 9:00 p.m. All members must have their numbered "Member Identification Tag" attached to their common area key to access the pool. If you would like to reserve the pool area for use you must complete and return the Recreation Facilities Agreement to Management. The reservation is not for private use and a maximum of eleven (11) guests are allowed. Please review the Association's Pool Rules and the Recreation Facilities Agreement for more information at https://whitneyoaks.org/documents/. ■

# Parking in the Hillcrest Community

Parking is not permitted on the street in the Association between the hours of 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. Short-term parking variance requests can be made via management. Please be sure that your request is made in writing and e-mailed to mikki.cooper@managementtrust.com, a minimum of 24 hours prior to your needs. Please also note that the management office hours of operation are from 9am – 4pm Monday through Friday. If you are making a request for Saturday or Sunday, please ensure that the request is received before close of business on Friday. For longer-term requests, please be sure to complete a parking variance request form at https://whitneyoaks.org/documents/. Please be sure to follow the instructions on the form and submit photos with your request.

Parking variances will not be permitted for boats, trucks, vans, house trailers, campers, recreation vehicles or other vehicles containing living quarters. Vehicles such as these may be parked temporarily in a driveway or in a street in front of the owner's lot for a period of not more than forty-eight (48) hours for the purposes of loading and unloading. If you have any questions regarding gate remotes and gate access please contact Mikki Cooper at mikki.cooper@managementtrust.com. ■





Blue Knight Community Patrol

24/7 Dispatch: 916.299.0911
Guard Direct Line: 916-512-5144
Please note that this will be routed directly to the guard on-duty during the timeframe that guard is onsite from approximately 10:00
PM − 6:00 AM daily. ■

Blue Knight Patrol has been contracted by the Whitney Oaks Community Association to review WOCA common areas, facilities and, street parking – excluding the Springfield Association.

Please note the Association is not responsible for the safety and security of residents, invited guests or personal property. In case of a safety or security incident please call the Rocklin Police Department − 911 or non-emergency number 916-625-5400. ■



Have questions about gate remotes, keys, or other access devices? Check out some commonly asked questions and answers on the Whitney Oaks website at:

https://whitneyoaks.org/remoteskeys-patrol/

While you are on the site, be sure to check out the projects page for additional upcoming project information.

https://whitnevoaks.org/projects/

# Whitney Oaks Wildlife Notes

# **Ed Price**

One of the largest birds seen in Whitney Oaks is the Turkey Vulture. They are about the size of a wild turkey with a wingspan of up to six feet. While most of the time wild turkeys are seen on the ground, turkey vultures are mostly seen soaring about in the sky, sometimes very high and sometimes close to the ground. When the winds are right, they may soar for relatively long periods of time with occasional short bursts of wing flapping. Turkey vultures are scavengers. If you see them perched in a tree it is often because there is a freshly killed animal nearby. Early one morning I spotted several vultures perched in trees behind our backyard. I went out of the house to investigate and discovered a dead skunk on the path leading to our back fence. The skunk had bloody spots on its head and neck but no other wounds. Since turkey vultures don't kill what they eat, I suspect the skunk was killed by a coyote or some other predator and then abandoned. What I did with the smelly dead skunk is a story for another time.

Most birds have a very poor sense of smell. Not so for these vultures. They have a very well-developed olfactory system and can smell the gases produced by rotting flesh from over a mile away.

Turkey vultures have a unique digestive system that allows them to consume food that would be toxic to most other animals. Their stomachs are so acidic that bacteria and viruses are destroyed during the digestive process. In addition, their livers are uniquely adapted for filtering out toxins.

The bald featherless red head of turkey vultures is quite ugly, in my opinion (see photos below). It makes me think the bird is a vestige from prehistoric times. Actually, the lack of feathers on the head is considered an adaptation to prevent bacteria and other pathogens from accumulating on the head when feeding on animal carcasses.

Turkey vulture nests are minimal and are usually located in remote areas among rock crevices, small caves or abandoned buildings. I have not seen a nest in Whitney Oaks. They usually raise two chicks which both parents feed by regurgitation for 10 to 11 weeks. If they or their nest is threatened, they can defend themselves by vomiting food and stomach acids on the intruder.

Turkey vultures are quite social and will gather in groups around carrion and in roost trees at nightfall. Watching groups of them soaring aimlessly about in the sky gives me a peaceful feeling that all is well.



