

# Whitney Oaks Community Association September 2025 Newsletter



## Meet the Team

As many of you may already know, our community has recently partnered with FirstService Residential as our new management company. We're excited about this transition and confident that their expertise will bring enhanced service and support to our Association.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to introduce our new General Manager, Josh Peters, and Assistant General Manager, Alla Kolesnikov, who will be working closely with residents and the Board to ensure smooth operations and continued improvements throughout the neighborhood.



We look forward to a strong and collaborative relationship ahead!

## Board Meetings

The Board of Directors meets monthly to discuss community updates, review committee recommendations, and make decisions that shape our neighborhood. Homeowners are encouraged to attend the Open Session and share feedback during the open forum.

Upcoming Open Session Dates:

- October 1, 2025, at 6:00 PM
- November 5, 2025, at 6:00 PM
- December 3, 2025, at 6:00 PM

Meetings are typically held at the Rocklin Event Center located at 2650 Sunset Blvd, Rocklin, CA 95677. Details and agendas will be posted in advance on the Whitney Oaks bulletin board and will be sent out by email.

Executive Sessions are held on the Tuesday before the Open Session. Executive Sessions are closed to the membership and can only be attended by the Board and invited guests.

## Board of Directors

**President** Mike Miles  
**Vice/Treasurer** Rick Jordan  
**Secretary** Phil Johnson  
**Director** Rosalie Hayman  
**Director** Rich Abdalah

## Website

[whitneyoaks.org](http://whitneyoaks.org)

## Management



**FirstService Residential 24/7  
Customer Care**  
800-428-5588

### **General Manager**

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### **Assistant General Manager**

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## Security

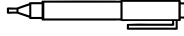
### **Blue Knight Community Patrol**

24/7 Dispatch: 916.299.0911  
Guard Direct Line: 916-512-5144

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## Architectural Review Committee

As a reminder to all homeowners, most exterior modifications, including fence replacements, staining, and painting (even when using existing colors), require prior review and approval from the Architectural Committee before any work begins.



Upcoming Architectural Review Committee Meeting Dates:

- September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM via Zoom - [Submittal Deadline is September 12<sup>th</sup>](#)
- October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM via Zoom - [Submittal Deadline is October 10<sup>th</sup>](#)

Applications must be submitted by email to Alla Kolesnikov, the Assistant General Manager, or mailed to 12009 Foundation Pl Suite 310, Gold River, CA 95670 for consideration.

We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining the standards and appearance of our community.



### Parking

Please be advised that street parking within the Association is not permitted between 12:00 AM and 6:00 AM.

If you require short-term parking, you may request a variance through management. All requests must be submitted in writing via email at least 24 hours in advance. For weekend parking, please ensure your request is received before close of business on Friday, as the management office operates Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

For longer-term parking needs, please complete the Parking Variance Request Form available at:

- <https://whitneyoaks.org/documents/>

## 2025 Pool Season

As summer winds down, we'd like to inform residents that the Hillcrest Pool will officially close for the season on Wednesday, October 1st, to accommodate scheduled resurfacing work.

In the meantime, we're pleased to share that the Black Oak Pool will remain open through October 15th, following its usual seasonal schedule.

Thank you for your understanding, and we hope you've enjoyed another great pool season!

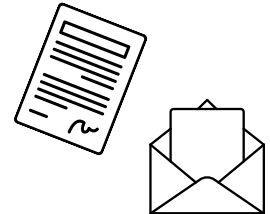


## Board of Directors Elections

The annual Board of Directors election is right around the corner! Homeowners can expect to receive their ballots in early October from our Inspector of Elections, Bellwether Election Solutions. We encourage everyone to take part in this important process.

The following candidate names will appear on the ballot:

- Richard K. Abdalah
- Brooks Borrer
- Phillip M. Johnson
- Rich Jordan
- Simi Keechilot
- Stephen Montgomery
- Patrick S. Scott



Your vote helps shape the future of our community. Please take a moment to review the candidates and submit your ballot by the deadline indicated in your election materials.

## AT&T Work Within the Community

AT&T has notified us that Phase 6 (soon to be completed) of the fiber optic broadband infrastructure work is now underway in our community. This phase involves digging a 2-inch trench to access existing underground equipment and prepare the neighborhood for broadband fiber services with near gigabyte speeds as an option to cable.

Current and continuing work areas include:

- Aaron Dr. (partially completed)
- Wedgewood Way
- Burlwood Ct.
- Thistle Ct.

Scheduled in approximately 2–3 weeks:

- Silver Peak Lane



Please note: Street parking is not permitted while crews are working. If you have tenants, kindly ensure they are informed. Some landscaping may be temporarily impacted during this process; AT&T has committed to working directly with affected homeowners and will repair or replace any damaged areas.

Watch for email updates with specific details as work progresses. AT&T has also confirmed that areas completed in 2024 are now fiber optic-ready. For service inquiries, please contact an AT&T sales representative.

If additional trenching is required to connect your home, you may need to submit an Architectural Change Application, available at:

- <https://whitneyoaks.org/documents/>

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## Whitney Oaks Wildlife Notes

Ed Price

**Hooded Mergansers** are a type of duck found throughout North America. They occasionally visit Whitney Oaks in our winter and spring months and are seen on our golf course ponds. Hooded mergansers are relatively small for a duck averaging about one and a half pounds.

Identification is aided by their thin serrated bill and a collapsible fan-shaped head crest. Males have a prominent black head crest with a white patch while the crest on females is cinnamon-brown (see photos below).

Males are quite colorful with black and white markings and chestnut brown sides while females are relatively bland in appearance. This sexual dimorphism is characteristic of many duck species and is related to the fact that females choose their mates and the more colorful males are most likely to be selected. Male courtship behaviors are also important to females in mate selection. When courting, males expand their head crests, bob and throw their heads back while emitting croaking calls.

Mergansers are often referred to as “fish ducks” since fish is one of their primary sources of food. They also prey on crayfish, frogs and aquatic insects. They are well adapted for underwater foraging since their eyes modify their refractive properties underwater to provide clarity of vision. In addition, a nictitating membrane (i.e. third eyelid) protects their eyes from underwater debris. Webbed feet facilitates swimming underwater and they are less buoyant than puddle ducks which allows them to stay submerged for up to two minutes at a time.

Female hooded mergansers, like female wood ducks, typically nest in tree cavities near water. In 2021 a female hooded merganser nested in one of my wood duck nest boxes in the pond by the big loop of Clubhouse Drive. When I opened the box in late winter to prepare it for the wood duck nesting season, there she was incubating a clutch of eight white eggs (see photo with a wood duck egg for comparison). Unfortunately, she subsequently abandoned the nest and eggs. I felt bad for disturbing her.

Once the female starts her month-long egg incubation she is abandoned by the male. Within 24 hours after hatching, the mother calls to her young from below the nest cavity and they leap to the ground or water below. Young are precocious and take to foraging for food right away. In about 70 days they can fly.

