



Whitney Oaks Community Association

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THE FUTURE OF THE NEWSLETTER

You may have noticed we have been requesting email addresses in order to send documents via email, and offered gift cards as incentives. The reason for the push is to save your association money. It costs approximately \$2,000.00 each time a newsletter is copied and that does not include the postage of approximately \$1,200.00. That is an annual total of \$38,000.00!!!! Not to mention, we can save a lot of trees! We understand that some of you may not have, nor want, to receive your documents this way, that is your choice and we are happy to accommodate this. Going forward the Board agreed that Newsletters (*only*) will no longer be mailed via first class. Newsletters will be posted on the WOCA website (*new design is coming soon*). Those of you who have registered to receive documents via email will still be sent your newsletter electronically. We will also post the Newsletter at the Hillcrest Pool bulletin board. A copy of the newsletter will also be sent to the staff at Springfield to post. You are always welcome to contact management for a form allowing electronic document delivery. Please note, this only applies to the WOCA newsletter. Any other required documents will be mailed (*budget, rule changes, year-end financials, etc.*), unless you have submitted a form agreeing to have these documents emailed.

CONGRATULATIONS!

THE LAST ROUND OF EMAIL WINNERS:

- Judy Cranston • Shayne Roberts • Jennifer Gibson • Joe Wuelfing
- Garth Tanner • Robert Phillippi

Your \$50.00 gift cards are on the way! Thank you to everyone who participated!

ASPHALT PROJECT CANCELED

We apologize for any inconvenience, but due to unpredictable weather the paving project scheduled for April 10-13 is **CANCELED** and has been re-scheduled for May 7-10. New notices will be mailed out in the coming weeks.



GRAZING NEWS

Submitted by Lee Hazeltine - grazer

The 2017-2018 winter season has been most unusual with the weird weather pattern. The mid valley weather conditions produced outputs similar to those typically found in dry areas such as the southern portion of the state. While this has been great for the animals it has been very challenging for animal owners.

The dry winter has resulted in growth conditions in the range lands that are a bit difficult to understand. With very little moisture soaking into the deeper soil profile many of the annual plant species have not developed large root systems. This has caused the plants to be at a disadvantage in terms of ability to use the recent rains as they normally would. If you observe the growth along the various freeways and road sides you see tall normal looking growth. If you move out into the lands you see oats heading out much shorter than normal. This was a result of the road edges getting a deeper soak from the accumulated water run off as compared to the broad landscape where the rains don't get multiplied.

In terms of open space areas like Whitney Oaks this means that the weeds have been very slow to develop and are now pushing like crazy trying to catch up as much as they can. My proposal to graze once and start at a later time is in response to these events.



Starting in April will be the latest start date for the Placer projects in all my years of grazing here. I typically start in

mid-February in order to complete all the work timely and well. I graze portions of the lands twice with the two activities happening early and late with the other lands getting grazed once in the middle weeks. This tends to balance the relationship between plant growth and animal appetite and capacity. It also keeps the system healthier for both the animals and plants as compared to just grazing the weeds after they have all turned yellow for the summer.

In order to adapt to the strange winter weather I am starting later and planning to graze more total animals. In order to complete the work timely I am bringing many more animals to Placer than normal. This will result in us moving a bit faster in some places where we can graze larger bands. For persons used to seeing us move through at a more leisurely pace this may seem odd. Please understand this is required in order to best manage the grazing upon the land.

On a different note the winter has been a sequence of bad news good news items repeated several times. Each time things looked bad they turned out good as I had the

courage to trust there was an answer. The most significant example of this was in our herd health and reproduction.

My sheep breeding was impacted last summer by the hot spells occurring when the ewes were cycling which caused many of the girls to have delivery dates in the normally wet months. This started out as an unpleasant prospect. The reality of the dry winter meant the herds had less mud to walk in and the babies were born into drier and warmer fields. The young sheep and goats have grown faster and stronger than normal. What started out looking terrible, ended up being wonderful from the sheep and goat perspective. There will be some little babies in two of the bands, but compared to past years there will be less "cute" critters for people to observe.

The supplement program I developed in late 2015 in response to the constant challenge of foot rot fungus that is ever present in the soils of Rocklin and Lincoln, has continued to deliver great success. I keep trying to make it better with adjustments to ingredients as I learn more.

If you see me out and about with Tazz as I am checking on the herds please say "Hello".

WHITNEY OAKS FITNESS HOURS CHANGED



The fitness room will now be open at **5:00am!** No excuses anymore, you can now get up early and work out!! Health is a dynamic process because it is always changing. We all have times of good health, times of sickness, and maybe even times of serious illness. As our lifestyles change, so does our level of health. Those of you who participate in regular physical activity do so partly to improve the current and future level of health, an optimal state of well-being. As our lifestyle improves, our health also improves and we experience less disease and sickness. So take advantage of that exercise equipment and the new hours!

Please also be aware that the Springfield Clubhouse is for Springfield residents only. Springfield is an active adult community and the facilities are separate from the Whitney Oaks facilities. Thank you for your understanding. The address to the Hillcrest Fitness Room is 2870 Hillcrest Drive.

PLEASE KEEP THE TRAILS CLEAN

There have been reports of residents using the trash bins along the trail for personal trash dumping (Black Oak Trail and Foothill Trail). Please do not use these bins to get rid of your personal trash.

