

# SUNSET RIDGE HOA

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## Lost Something? Call Us!

“Where is that thing? I had it when I was...Oh yeah! It must be at the clubhouse.”

Clubhouse lost and found – If you leave something at the clubhouse, please call the clubhouse phone number:

**335-0682**

Leave a description of the item along with your name, address and phone number.

## BOOK EXCHANGE FOR NEIGHBORHOOD AT CLUBHOUSE

For a lot of people, having some time off means a chance to catch up on things we normally don't have time for. Reading books is what I normally do, but so often books are expensive and can take up a lot of extra space over time. Several time-share places and resorts I have stayed at have had a book exchange set up, where you can leave one or trade for one, and I've found some of the best summer reading just by doing that.

As summer approaches this year, I started thinking about how great it would be to have something like that at our nice clubhouse. It gives everyone a chance to clean off their bookshelves at home, and have lots of books to choose from without even leaving the neighborhood. It would take a lot of time to keep track of where each book came from and went to, so I think if you give a book, you should take one or trade one, but not just take, or we may have a shortage of books to choose from. And, consider the books a donation, so if a book is really special to you, keep it at home.

Reading opens the imagination, and books should be shared and enjoyed by all. Hopefully this will encourage all to indulge in some reading time this summer and all through the year. So, starting soon, there will be a bookshelf in the game room with used books to trade or give to. Please go through your books at home, and bring some to share with the neighborhood!

Hilary Ecklund  
Sunset Ridge Homeowner

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## CLUBHOUSE REPORT

If you use the clubhouse you have probably noticed the new air exchange system in the poolroom. The air exchanger works well at removing the moisture in the poolroom. It makes the room much more pleasant and it will help to protect the clubhouse from water damage.

You may have also noticed a change in personnel. Katie, our current clubhouse manager, is leaving to pursue her career as a massage therapist. Andrea and Jennifer have been training with Katie and will take over as co-managers effective 7/1. If you see Katie, wish her well and thank her for her years of service to our community.

## FiOS comes to Sunset Ridge!

Later this month, Verizon will be out in Sunset Ridge to install FiOS in the development. FiOS stands for Fiber Optic Service.

John Bielec of Verizon filled homeowners in during our June Board meeting. In case you missed it, here are the highlights:

- ✓ Verizon will be out in late June for the install
- ✓ Sunset Ridge already has conduit throughout the development where the fiber will be placed.
- ✓ Existing pedestals will be used (the light green boxes between every couple of homes). They will be putting in new hand holes, below grade, for fiber coil at the same locations.
- ✓ Restoration will be back to original or better condition.
- ✓ Some trenching may be needed.
- ✓ The work will take 3-4 days with FiOS service available in about 2 months.
- ✓ Each homeowner will get a door hanger about 2 days before construction.
- ✓ Jay's landscaping will also assist with locates

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## The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

Regular maintenance and clean up of the park and trail area has been ongoing. The long, wooden retaining wall along the trail between the retention pond and the totlot has been replaced due, in part, to damage by children. A new retaining wall made of cottage stones has been built along the short trail between K and L streets that connect phase 2 and phase 4. It will help control the extensive erosion problem we have had there. Slope behind the wall has been flattened, filled with 3-way mix, and landscaped with candy tuft and lithodora ground cover.

Our park and trail system is one of the reasons living here is so great. To help keep them that way the Board adopted **Park and Trail Rules** at their April meeting. Signs that summarize the rules have been installed at the common areas, with the full set posted at the clubhouse and on the website. Here is why we need them. We have had some problems in our common areas and several complaints from homeowners: dumping of yard debris along the trail; graffiti on the play structure; tree branches broken. At least one birch trees has had extensive bark stripped from it and has been pushed over. It may not be saved. Children have been too hurried to go home and have relieved themselves along the trail. Young people have been in the park/playground areas after hours. Animal waste has lessened, but is still a problem.

Homeowners, please help take care of common areas by knowing the park rules. Parents, as summer weather finally arrives please be aware of where your children are and what they are doing. Also be aware that you are responsible for any damages to the park areas caused by your loved ones. The Board will send warning letters and impose fines.

Maintaining parks and repairing damage is paid for by all of us. If you can document specific problem and can identify who did it, you may contact the Board confidentially. We will respond. If you see problems in the common areas you may also call the police, just as you would if you saw someone in your backyard.

The Reserve (Phase 6) is still under the control of Pacific Lifestyle Homes. Maintenance or safety issues should be directed to Mary Evenson at: 573-8081 x 328.

### *Did you know?*

Your HOA Board meets on the third Wednesday of every month at the clubhouse?

Homeowners are encouraged to bring issues to the board's attention during the first part of the meeting.

### **WE ENCOURAGE YOUR INPUT!**

As Editor of this Newsletter, I would like to encourage you, the members of SRHOA, to submit article ideas and items of interest.

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