

CRUMBACHER ESTATES OWNERS ASSOCIATION

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER - JUNE, 2011

PENDING WATER RATE CHANGES

Have you taken the time yet to provide your input on the water rate changes that will soon be adopted? The last newsletter included a questionnaire with various rate changes that could be adopted. The Board is very conscious of the financial impact that these increases will have on our membership, and in order to make the decision that best fits our association, every member should make their opinion heard.

If you wish to participate in the survey, please return them to the Board by June 15th. A decision is anticipated in the June meeting.

Please take a minute of your time and complete the questionnaire. It can be returned by mail, or completed online through the website.

COVENANT REVISIONS

The second important issue for membership consideration is the proposed changes to the covenants. The covenants cannot be altered in any way without the approval of at least 60% of the membership. This makes your input imperative—the document must reflect the majority wishes of the association.

So far, the covenant committee has received only minimal input from the association. While the currently available draft has been assembled with the intention of reflecting the wishes of the membership, there is a great deal of opportunity for further modification. Again, please take just a few minutes to voice your concerns or opinions to a Board member.

Some of the most substantive input has been surrounding the role of the Board in reviewing building plans, enforcing setback requirements, and determining what constitutes “commercial activities” within the association. These covenants are currently in place, but seem to have been inconsistently enforced in the past. Discussion is ongoing about whether such items should be relaxed or dropped entirely from the covenants, or if the Board should become more aggressive in defining and enforcing them.

The covenant committee had previously proposed a review period, followed by a mail-in ballot. Some opposition has been raised to this process, and the

committee will review the process, and consider other alternatives. It has been suggested that one or more neighborhood discussion meetings be facilitated, in order to prompt additional input. If you are interested in seeing a process like this take place, or would like to assist in any way, please contact the covenant committee chairman, Rennie McCormick, at 509-826-8034.

COMMUNITY CORNER

There has been some suggestion of giving space in the newsletter for “neighbor-to-neighbor” items. These could be want ad notices, garage sale advertisements, or other similar announcements. We have decided to test this idea for a while, and see if there is enough interest in devoting space to it. If you would have an item of interest that you would like included in the newsletter, please email the text to the Board email at ceoaboard@gmail.com. We will make every effort to include the item if space allows.

MISSING CATS

A number of owners have mentioned that cats have been missing recently, many of which were out at night. Due to our semi-rural setting, owners should be aware that owls, coyotes, and other predators are always a risk, and should consider keeping small pets in at night. However, if you see an unfamiliar cat hanging about, please contact a Board member, and we will try to help track down the owner. They would be very grateful to find their missing pet.

WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS?

As always, we value your input and support. Please use any of the following options to contact your board.

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