

HASLEY HILLS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Board of Directors

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2005/06 Board Meeting Schedule

Thursday, April 6

Thursday, June 1st

Thursday, July 6th

Thursday, August 3rd

Thursday, September 7th

Thursday, October 5th

Thursday, November 2nd

Thursday, December 7th

Please note that if the Board determines that additional meetings are needed; the date, time and place is noted on the Association's website. In addition, the Board meets in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation, third party contracts and personnel as necessary. These meetings are also posted on the Association's website.

(www.hasleyhillshoa.org)
Meetings are held at the Castaic Union School District Office at 28131 Livingston Drive. Castaic

HELP KEEP HASLEY HILLS CLEAN

The Hasley Hills Homeowners Association CC&Rs require that trash containers not be out for more than 24 hours. Please remember to bring your trash containers in and place them behind your gate the same day as trash collection.

The other problem is having trash containers so full that the lid cannot be properly closed. Between the wind and the ravens the streets quickly become cluttered with garbage. If you cannot securely close the lid on your trash container, please consider placing the excess garbage in a trash bag and placing it on top of the can or holding it for next week's pick up.

Association Committees

At the present time, the Association has six various committees. They are Architectural, Annexation, Finance, Homeowner Compliance, Neighborhood Watch and Social.

The Board is looking to bring new volunteers onto all of these committees. If you are interested in serving on one or more of the Association Committees, please contact us in writing. Your request will be forwarded to the Board for consideration.

Your involvement with the Association is important to the well being of **your** community.

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Nancy O'Neil
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Vicki Olson
Ext 211

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Vicki Olson
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IF YOU SELL YOUR HOME

As a reminder, it is your responsibility if you sell your home to notify your agent and/or escrow company that you are part of a Homeowners Association and are required to turn over all Governing Documents.

IF YOU RENT YOUR HOME

Please notify the management company in writing of the name of the tenant, address, and their phone number.

Help Wanted

Three seats on the Board of Directors will be up for election at the annual meeting scheduled for May 4, 2006. The term of office will be two years. Candidates should be able to volunteer up to ten hours per week to the Association activities. If interested please prepare an election bio and send it to Crown Management - Vicki Olson by April 13, 2006 for inclusion with the Annual Meeting Notice.

Association Landscaping

We have received several complaints regarding the association landscaping. The irrigation was reduced over the winter months but will be adjusted for the warmer weather. Many of the shrubs and plant materials used in Hasley Hills are dormant in the winter but with the change in weather we should begin to see an improvement in our landscaping.

The Board of Directors is considering some plant replacement in an effort to improve the year round appearance of the landscaping. Many of the shrubs and plantings that were installed by the developer are not aesthetically pleasing year-round and if changes are made the overall appearance will greatly improve our community.

Recreation Vehicles

Please remember RV parking is for 24 hours in a 7-day period of time.

Spring Tour

Again, we would like to thank all of our homeowners who have taken the time to address the violations that were reported last year. We have seen a great improvement and we know that many owners received reminder letters and took the appropriate steps to comply with the governing documents.

Because of the number of violations that were outstanding when Crown took over last April, our focus was on the larger issues. With that said, in April, we will begin a vigorous program to address the balance of the violations.

The winter months are over and it is time to spruce up your landscaping by completing portions of landscape areas that are not finished, weeding planter areas, and fertilizing your landscaping.

Many owners have planter areas that have not been landscaped making the appearance of the front yards and slope areas look incomplete.

We know you don't want to receive a reminder notice from us and we don't want to send it to you, so please take a look at your landscaping and take the necessary steps to complete it.

If you have a circumstance that prohibits you from completing your landscaping, please provide the Association with a written response outlining the reasons and estimated time frame for completion.

Spring Garden Tips - Ron McRae, The TruGreen Companies

For customized tips and answers to many gardening questions, visit www.trugreen.com and click on TruGreen ChemLawn For Your Home.

Spring is an ideal time for planting in almost all areas of the country, as warming temperatures and regular rainfall makes conditions ideal for plant establishment. Make sure you wait until the threat of frost is over before planting. Spring is a good time to make sure your irrigation or sprinkler system is in good working condition, and that your lawn tools and equipment are ready for the upcoming busy season. And remember, any season is the right time to make sure your shrubs and trees are properly mulched in order to moderate temperatures, maintain soil moisture, deter weeds, and enhance the attractiveness of your yard. However, avoid mulching directly around the trunks of trees and ornamental plants, as this can lead to rot.

Why should I fertilize landscape plants?

In the forest, soils are rich in humus and decayed leaf and twig material that is recycled as nutrients. However, landscapes surrounding homes are typically planted in soils low in nutrients and organic matter because the nutrient-rich soils were removed or disturbed during construction. When we choose ornamental plants that can't grow in poor soil conditions, they require additional nutrients to survive. Fertilizers provide the nutrients to help these plants grow and adapt to the site.

Fertilizing makes your landscape stronger and healthier. It helps older landscapes maintain their health and vigor against the stresses caused by disease, insects, winter damage, and dry weather.

How Should Fertilizer Be Applied?

Fertilizing landscape plants can be tricky, primarily because of the equipment necessary. You can use liquid fertilizer or dry, granular fertilizer. Depending on the type of soil, plant, and climate, fertilizer can be applied to the surface of the soil or it can be injected into the ground. Generally, fertilizer should be applied under the spread of the branches (the drip-line), but not too close to the trunk of trees.

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Liquid fertilizer

Liquid fertilizer is either injected into the root zone within the soil, or applied as a drench to the soil surface above the root zone. For ornamental trees growing in grassy areas, liquid fertilizer should be injected below the turfgrass root zone but within reach of the tree roots to avoid over-stimulating or burning the turfgrass.

Dry fertilizer

Non-turf areas, such as landscape plant beds, ground covers, and natural wooded areas, are better suited to using a dry, granular fertilizer. Use a walk-behind push or handheld crank rotary spreader. Avoid spreading fertilizer by hand because it is difficult to distribute it evenly and consistently

Since every landscape has different fertilizing needs, request an analysis and estimate for tree and shrub care from the experts at TruGreen ChemLawn.

Portable Basketball Backboards

At the July Board of Directors meeting, the Hasley Hills Board voted to allow basketball backboards to remain on the sidewalks and streets.

The Board, in reviewing the current Rules and Regulations, determined that this vote was in direct violation of the approved Rules and Regulations and have taken the proper steps by rescinding that vote and the Association has begun strict enforcement of this regulation.

Therefore, we are requesting that portable units be stored in an owner's driveway away from the street and sidewalks.