



Rolling Hills
Community Services District

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Issue #1

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Message from the President

So...this is the first of many newsletters to come. There is quite a bit to cover, so I may only touch on a few things this issue, and talk more about them in the future.

Let me start by defining the CSD's responsibilities within our community. We are tasked with the job of taking care of our parks and open space, along with the maintenance and safety of our streets. We also control the sidewalks, however, the homeowners are individually responsible for maintaining them. We do not have any jurisdiction over any of the private lots, home construction, modifications, private landscaping, or CC&Rs pertaining to such. Those things are under the management of the Architectural Control Committee (ACC), which is not controlled by or overseen by our CSD.

First, the name change to Rolling Hills CSD from Springfield Meadows CSD, which happened in 2009. The board felt that it was important to bring the whole community together, and give us a name that might represent more than one subdivision within the community. One of our community members came up with the idea, and we really thought that it encompassed our community as a whole.

The two areas that we have received the most concern and comments over the past few years have been the safety and speed on our streets, and the landscaping and maintenance of our parks and entrances. These two areas have been our focus. We have looked at many ideas to slow down the traffic in our community. We have looked at speed humps and speed cushions, however, the fire department has disallowed any measure that would slow emergency vehicles from getting to their destination. So, we decided to make other changes, creating the centerlines and fog lines you see on Stonebriar Dr. Studies have shown, by making a narrower lane, traffic will slow to adjust to it. We have also installed 2 radar speed signs on Stonebriar Dr., which remind each car how fast they are actually going, compared to the speed limit. This has actually made a significant difference in the speeds we have been seeing since they were installed. The signs actually allow us to collect the speeds and times of day of those speeds.



So, here is the information we have collected: We pulled the following data from the speed sign located on Stonebriar, at Stonebriar Court: We average about 690 cars per day. On average, we had about 3% going at or below the speed limit of 25 mph, about 17% going between 26-30 mph, 38% between 31-35 mph, 31% between 36-40 mph, and 11% going over 41 mph. Our highest speed was 61 mph...ouch. The data shows us that we have over 80% of the drivers exceeding 30 mph. Safety

New Ordinances

It is the District's goal to preserve the integrity, use and safety of District facilities and properties and ensure the public's health, safety and welfare. Contrary to what some believe, the CSD cannot enforce CC&Rs. Even though the CC&Rs may cover rules for parking, parks, or open space usage, this isn't a document that the CSD can rely, and doesn't define the scope in which the CSD can enforce such rules. Therefore, the only mechanism that the CSD has for enforcement is to create an ordinance. It is for these purposes that the following Ordinances have been adopted.

2008-01 Regarding Parking Restrictions. This ordinance refers to limiting the parking RVs, boats, trailers, commercial vehicles (inclusive, but not limited to) on the street within the district, to a 24 hour period. Monetary penalties for violations will apply.

2009-02 Regarding Facilities Use of District Park and Fields: This ordinance requires residents and non residents to reserve any park facility or field for organized events, along with other details of insurance required, etc.

2009-03 Regarding Park Rules: Outlines the rules regarding the park, such as use of athletic shoes and cleats, park hours, prohibition of motorized vehicles.

2009-01 Regarding Encroachment Permits: This ordinance establishes a process by which residents needing access through district property, or install physical improvements on district property, can apply for an encroachment permit, prior to work being done.

within our community is so important. It only takes a quick second for a child to run out to get a ball, and if someone is exceeding the 25 mph, the results could be fatal. Let's all endeavor to keep our speeds down.

Prior to this, we were hearing that cars were hitting over 50 miles an hour on a fairly consistent basis. We also have the ability to put a camera on these signs to capture the cars and license plates, so that we can address the individual offenders, if we ever feel it is necessary. This data also helps us give the authorities the information of when the most speeding takes place, so that they could park a patrol car to issue tickets, if necessary, as well. We will continue to be diligent to keep our roads safe into the future, and welcome any suggestions you might have.

Another area of concern has been our parks and entrances, both regarding maintenance and design. The Parks and Open Space Committee has been working extremely hard on developing an overall plan for our parks, entrances and open space. They have been working with an engineering firm to look at forming a general plan, which our community does need. They have also conducted several meetings to get a pulse on what the community might like to see in our parks and open space, as we move forward with a general plan. Bob Hollis has put together and submitted a document on our behalf to the so that we have the ability to apply for grants, including grants for developing a general plan, and many other development grants. We have also put in motion a task force, made up of individuals from all 3 communities, our current landscaper, 2 board members, and our RHCSD General Manager, Bob Hollis. We have met several times, and are getting bids for a complete professionally done project, and also one for a combination of professional labor and community labor. More to come.

AN UNPLEASANT OR DESTRESSING NEIGHBOR?

The answer to that question depends upon the communities that make their homes along White Rock Road in El Dorado County. Presently the Joint Powers Authority is planning to build a Connector Highway from Interstate 5 and Highway 99 to Highway 50 via White Rock Road. The Connector will consist of 6 lanes through Sacramento County and funnel into 4 lanes on our portion of White Rock Road passing through the center of El Dorado Hills, further exacerbating congestion at White Rock Road and La-trobe. This Connector will become a major thoroughfare adjacent to our homes.

In addition to this, three mining companies intend to open three rock mines south of White Rock, near the Boy's Ranch. This is estimated to add thousands of heavy rock haulers, cement and asphalt trucks on White Rock Road 24/7.

Your neighbors, The Four Seasons Community have formed the Four Seasons Civic League to be a "positive influence in the planned growth and development of El Dorado Hills". Our Four Seasons Civic League meets with the JPA Authority, the El Dorado County Board Of Supervisors (John Knight & Ray Nutting), and the Department of Transportation and has formed alliances with other community groups. We ask that you join with us to endorse and support a viable alternative to the current Connector plan. We need viable alternatives that will divert this heavy traffic away from White Rock Road and address traffic issues in a positive manner.

Join your neighbors across the road.
Add your voice to ours,

Contact us at the Four Seasons Civic League: 4scivicleague@sbcglobal.net
John Raslear Chairman 916- 933-2203

Website: www.rollinghillscsd.org

Parks and Planning

The Parks and Open Space Committee (POSC) looks at the overall picture of the existing parks (Stonebriar and Berkshire) and open spaces and ways to improve upon them. The POSC is very interested to hear what the community wants and have had information gathering sessions and we are currently working on an online questionnaire to help with the development of a master plan for our parks and open spaces. Some ideas the POSC has already received are: amphitheater in Stonebriar Park, moving play structure away from corner of street, shade structure for playground, pathways encircling the park for walks and pavilion areas with BBQs. As everyone knows, these are a reflection of our community and it is our goal to enhance the community. Our Committee is also aware of the cost involved in any capital improvements and is looking at creative ways to fund them, i.e. grants, community sponsors.

Look out for signs coming to the park that will include general rules, i.e. park hours are from dawn to dusk, dogs must be on leash, no alcoholic beverages. A list of complete rules can be found on the Rolling Hills Community Services District website at www.rollinghillscsd.org.

The Parks and Open Space Committee is in need of new creative minds to bring new perspectives and ideas to help carry on this vision. Please consider joining us in our work to enhance the existing parks and making Stonebriar a highly desirable neighborhood in El Dorado Hills.

To sign up for the Parks & Open Space Committee, please call our CSD Community line: (916) 235-8671

Thank you for your support.

Chaney Hicks

Parks & Open Space Committee

Newly Enacted Ordinances within the Rolling Hills CSD

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This also prohibits the use of permanent/portable basketball hoops, on or hanging above district maintained roads/property.

2009-03 Regarding Park Rules – adopted by the Board of Directors on July 21, 2009, this Ordinance establishes rules governing the use of District parks and recreational areas and facilities. Important rules to note include prohibitions against motorized vehicles, alcoholic beverages, glass containers, golfing, and athletic shoes with cleats. The Rules are posted in their entirety at Stonebriar Park and on the District website.

2009-02 Regarding Facilities Use of District Park and Fields – adopted by the Board of Directors on

July 21, 2009, this Ordinance requires residents and non-residents to obtain a permit, execute a release and indemnification agreement, and provide proof of insurance when reserving and using a District Park for a group event, youth event, adult event or other. An application fee will be charged. Park and Field Use applications may be obtained on the District website or by calling the District.

2009-01 Regarding Encroachment Permits – adopted by the Board of Directors on July 21, 2009, this Ordinance requires residents to obtain a permit and execute a release and indemnification agreement when planning to install or construct physical improvements to their property, including landscaping, fencing, retaining walls, culverts, bridges, which work requires ingress and egress across District property (streets, sidewalks or district land). In addition, permits are required for the placement, even temporarily, of basketball hoops, portable toilets and the like, on land encumbered by a district facility or dedicated easement or right of way. An application fee shall be charged. Encroachment permit applications may be obtained on the District website or by calling the District.

2008-01 Regarding Parking Restrictions – adopted by the Board of Directors on

May 20, 2008, this Ordinance prohibits and restricts the parking of boats, campers, trailers, similar recreational vehicles, and construction vehicles on all streets within the District. Short term parking of such vehicles for loading or unloading, the performance of service work, other specified necessary reasons, or for a period of less than 24 hours, is not prohibited. For persons seeking to park a commercial or recreational vehicle, boat or trailer under any circumstances other than those specifically allowed, an application for a permit to do so must be submitted to the District. An application fee will be charged. Parking permit applications may be obtained on the District website or by calling the District.

For vehicles in violation of this Ordinance, they will be cited and any person guilty of an infraction shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$100 for a first violation, \$200 for a second violation, and \$500 for each additional violation within one year. In addition to a fine, subsequent violations in addition to 3 in one year will subject the vehicle to being towed at the owner's expense.

2006-01 Regarding Sidewalk Maintenance and Repair – adopted by the Board of Directors on September 19, 2006, this Ordinance establishes that it is the property owner's responsibility to maintain and repair defective sidewalks fronting on such owner's lot or portion of a lot. Tree roots can be a cause of sidewalk damage. Excessive moisture from runoff, leading to algae, making the sidewalks slippery tends to be an issue for maintenance. Nevertheless, all maintenance and repair is the responsibility of the homeowner.

Also, remember, with the responsibility of maintenance and repair comes liability, as well. Be diligent in your efforts to keep your clean and safe for the community.

*The entire text of these Ordinances is available on the District's website or by calling the District.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY

Stonebriar ACC corner....

Here are a few quick things to remember regarding the CC&R's related to the Stonebriar Community:

1. All changes that are landscape/building related need to go through the Design Review process (prior to work being started).
2. No large vehicles (i.e. trailers, RV's, etc) can be parked in driveway for more than 48 hours.
3. All garbage cans should be stored in a screened area except for trash removal day.
4. All fences and landscape irrigation will be maintained in good condition. Dead landscaping material will be replaced.

If you have any questions regarding the CC&R's please find entire text on the RHCSO website, along with applications for design review, and other materials.

Additionally, the ACC is seeking nominees to run for election to replace directors that have resigned or moved. There is minimal time required and the Stonebriar ACC Board has a positive impact within the community. Please consider this an opportunity to help keep our community looking great. (this information was provided as a courtesy to the community, and is not, in any way tied to the authority of the CSD)

Shadow Hills Community...

The CSD will be resealing your roads this summer, so be looking for more information on that coming soon.

Springfield Meadows Community...

Road name signs were just redone with the new increased size requirements. Most of the signs had faded. The last one, which is the one at the entrance will be redone and repositioned after the entrance has been re-landscaped.



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Our Commitment to Communications

We are working on improving our communications with our communities. We have installed two more **bulletin boards** within our CSD. There's one within Springfield Meadows community located where Haddington meets Stonebridge, next to the mailbox. The other is in the Shadow Hills community, located on the left wall as you enter Shadow Hills. We continue to have the bulletin board at Stonebriar Park, as well. These bulletin boards have CSD notices, such as CSD Meeting agendas, etc., and from time to time, information from your Architectural Control Committee. The Rolling Hills CSD's **website has been completely redesigned**, making it easier to navigate, easier to read, with a lot of easy to get to information that all of us would like to have available. Upcoming and previous agendas will be available, along with full text of all of the current ordinances, as well. Go check it out, and let us know what you think, or would like us to add. We want to make it a place to go for most of the information you might need.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR ADVERTISERS! To continue to provide higher quality newsletters, and to be able to communicate a little more often, we would like to reach out to the residents of our CSD, to have an opportunity to advertise in our community, for a very small cost. Send me an email if you are interested: tim@rollinghillscsd.org.



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We Need Volunteers

We are in need of volunteers to help us make this community the best it can be. We need people to help in developing our parks and open space. There are grants available for doing many things to help our community develop our parks in adding many amenities we could all really take advantage. To get involved with our Parks and Open Space Committee, contact John Kennedy at john@rollinghillscsd.org.

The Communications Committee could use help with design and publishing of our quarterly newsletter, website and community communications. We want to continue to keep the community informed, but we need a little help in a few areas. Contact Tim Halverson at tim@rollinghillscsd.org.

We may also need volunteers for the front entrance project, once we have figured out exactly what we are moving forward with. Let Bob Hollis know at GenMgr@RollingHillsCSD.org, if you are interested in helping. We will need as many people as we can get to help with this exciting project.