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2007 MEETING DATES

Last Thursday of every month
(except December) at 7:00 PM

April 26th
May 31st
June 28th
July 26th
August 30th
September 27th
October 25th
November 29th ♦Annual Meeting



MEETING LOCATION

Mary Phillips Senior Center
41845 Sixth Street
Old Town Temecula
(just behind the fire station)

ACTIVE BOARD AND COMMITTEES WORK TO KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE AND BEAUTIFUL

The Rainbow Canyon Villages Home Owners Association is governed by Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs), Articles of Incorporation, and By-laws that were written and recorded in 1984 and have not been updated since. In addition, the Association has written Rules and Regulations (R&Rs) which have been updated several times over the years to conform to changing life styles and current laws that govern homeowner associations. Last December, every RCV homeowner received through the mail the current edition of the R&Rs with revisions proposed by the Board of Directors. Association Members were given over 30 days to review the revisions and offer feedback. These revised R&Rs (the Fifth Edition) have now been approved by the Board and you will receive a copy in the mail.

The Board of Directors is charged with the administration of the Association. This charge is accomplished with the help of several committees each chaired by a board member or community resident. In addition to the volunteer board and committee members, a professional management company (S&L Association Management, Inc.) has been contracted to help with the legal and administrative business of the Association.

Thanks to the volunteer efforts of so many different people over the years and the cooperation of our homeowners, we have been able to keep our neighborhood safe and beautiful. It hasn't been an easy job, and today we are faced with many new challenges. We are fighting a proposed quarry that would be practically in our own backyards. Pechanga Parkway has gone from being a quiet two lane road to a four to six lane highway with a speed limit of 50 miles per hour. Thousands of new homes, condos, and apartments are in different stages of development off of Pechanga Parkway. And, Pechanga Casino is growing by leaps and bounds. The Board and our committees (especially the Neighborhood Watch, Safety, and External Affairs committees) will work to keep you informed about these developments but help is needed. If you have an interest in working on any of these committees, please call the Hot Line (698-4030 x208) and volunteer.

Mark Broderick has been the voice for our neighborhood at City Council meetings for many years. Mark is now on the Board of Directors and heads the External Affairs Committee. Please read the article he wrote for *The Californian* ("Larger Casino Would Doom Area") which is reprinted on the next page.

The Californian/Community Forum (February 9, 2007)

Larger Casino Would Doom Area

By Mark Broderick

What part of doomed don't they understand? That's what Bill Hughes, Temecula's public works director, now calls future traffic projections for Highway 79 South. He also recently claimed that traffic circulation on Pechanga Parkway will eventually fail. But that's not what he stated in 2001 during the Wolf Creek planning process.

City traffic studies indicated that Highway 79 South and Pechanga Parkway would operate at acceptable levels of service, even when figuring regional cumulative traffic impacts, as well as utilizing three times the projected traffic increases the Pechanga casino expansion planned to generate.

Last year, city officials approved the Temecula Lane multi-family housing project just off Pechanga Parkway, so that the project would include an affordable housing component. Good idea, wrong location.

Residents of southern Temecula are paying the price for inaccurate traffic projections and poor planning. The problem is it's going to get much, much worse.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposed balanced budget relies on revenues from some new and untested sources. He is counting on more than \$500 million in revenue from Indian gaming compacts that are currently pending in the Legislature.

These compacts would erase the limitations on slot machines approved by voters in 1999 and 2000. The approval would allow the Pechanga Resort & Casino to add 5,500 more slot machines to their current 2,000, nearly quadrupling the number of slot machines. Unlike other Indian Casinos located near freeways, Pechanga patrons must travel three miles along surface streets to reach their casino.

Anybody who has waited in casino gridlock, especially on the weekend, can verify the "doomed" scenario.

The Temecula general plan charges the City Council to preserve residential neighborhoods: "Temecula is composed largely of single-family residential neighborhoods. These neighborhoods are the building blocks upon which the quality of life enjoyed by all Temecula residents is based. Preserving the desirable characteristics of quiet, calm, safe, family-oriented neighborhoods is a high priority for the City."

Southern Temecula neighborhoods are no longer quiet, calm or safe. Traffic roars down a deteriorated Pechanga Parkway. Inconsiderate drivers and traffic accidents have become commonplace. Sirens wail throughout the day and night.

Twelve-foot-high sound walls don't stop the noise. Drunken drivers are common. Theft and vandalism have significantly increased. God forbid we have to evacuate because the two creeks that border our community flood, there is a dam failure at Vail Lake or there is an earthquake along the Elsinore Fault through southern Temecula.

To be fair, the Pechanga Indians have participated in efforts to minimize their traffic impacts. They have petitioned the Bureau of Indian Affairs to provide some of the funding for the Pechanga Parkway Bridge, contributing \$4.4 million to the Pechanga Parkway widening project and paid into the state Indian gaming fund.

However, it's hard to imagine how the tribe could possibly mitigate the impacts from a tripling (or more) of traffic.

I strongly urge the Temecula City Council to officially register its opposition to the pending Indian gaming compacts. Our Quality of Life depends on it.

HOME IMPROVEMENT GUIDELINES

The Architectural Control Committee (ACC) is responsible for reviewing home improvement requests. The guidelines for improvements such as painting your house, replacing garage doors, maintaining and/or replacing your fencing, construction of outdoor structures/room additions, and maintaining or improving your landscaping can be found on the Rainbow Canyon Villages website (www.rainbowcanyon.org).

You must submit a Home Improvement Request (HIR) to the ACC and receive approval prior to starting any actual work. This form is also available on the RCV website or through S&L Association Management, Inc.

The ACC meets the second Monday of every month so be sure to have your application submitted prior to that to avoid any delays.

MAILBOX UPGRADES

RCV HOA has approved the Armadillo Mailbox as the standard upgrade for a security mailbox which is also approved by the U.S. Postal Service. The mailbox can be seen on the manufacturer's website (www.armadillomailbox.com) and a number are already installed in our neighborhood. The U.S. Postal Service requires the replacement boxes to be set in the same position and order as the old boxes, therefore, homeowners need to have their neighbors whose mailboxes share the same

post agree to the installation and sharing of the cost. Today, the cost per mailbox is \$345. That is, the cost to install a cluster of three boxes on a post would total \$1,035 to be divided equally by the three homeowners. The manufacturer has given us a significant break on the price which includes installation because we hope over time that our whole neighborhood will convert to these boxes. Not only do they look much nicer than our old boxes on wooden posts, but they are extremely secure. The HOA does require the box to be black with 2 inch by 4 inch black on white laminated mailbox numbers. If you need to replace your address number plaque you can purchase a new one at Staples or Home Depot.

The phone number for Armadillo Enclosures based in Escondido is (760) 480-2354.

Remember, a Home Improvement Request must be submitted to the ACC before work begins.

COMMON AREA LANDSCAPING

Freezing temperatures took its toll on plants and groundcover in our neighborhood. The HOA Landscaping Committee has a plan to replace the groundcover along Pechanga Parkway with new plantings. This will be done in stages beginning with the monument corner at Rainbow Canyon Road. There is also a plan to remove the old trees along Pechanga Parkway and replace them with more appropriate trees. This, too, will be done in stages and is a more long-term project due to the cost.

HOMEOWNER LANDSCAPING

Palm trees were hurt the most by the freezing temperatures. A landscape professional can tell you if your tree will survive if given some time. If, however, the tree is dead, please take the time to remove it this spring. In addition to not looking good, dead trees and bushes can be a fire danger.

NOTICE: GAS EASEMENT FENCING TO BE PAINTED

The HOA Board has contracted to have the black wrought fencing that crosses the gas easement in several places painted. The date for this painting is the week of April 23rd. No cars should be parked in front of this fencing during this week.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT

Neighborhood Watch, hosted an informational meeting in February with representatives from the Temecula Police Department, Code Enforcement, Community Action Patrol, and Temecula Citizens Corps. According to the Police Department, the district south of Pechanga Parkway which includes much more than our neighborhood has a low rate of calls — only 1½% of the total calls for Temecula. This is good news, but remember, it is important to report crimes to the Police Department because they allocate their resources where the need is the greatest. To volunteer to help Neighborhood Watch please contact Sue Pierce at S&L Management by phone or email (sue@slpropmgmt.com).

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WEEKLY REMINDERS

Trash Pickup: Wednesdays

Place trash cans on the curb no sooner than 24 hours before pickup and return them to your backyard by the next morning.

Street Cleaning: Thursdays

Please move all cars off the street before 7 AM on Thursday morning.

STOP THE QUARRY

Save Our Southwest Hills is the primary anti-quarry organization in Temecula. SOS-Hills meets at 6:30 PM on the second Thursday of every month at the Mary Phillips Senior Center for a series of ongoing planning/informational meetings.

How you can help:

- Attend SOS-Hills meetings;
- Alert neighbors;
- Volunteer your time;
- Ask SOS-Hills for flyers to pass out to your neighbors;
- Donate funds to SOS-Hills (non-profit Tax ID #33-0807157)

Mail checks to: SOS-Hills, 42890 Calle Corto, Temecula, 92590

For more information go to their website at www.sos-hills.org or call (951) 676-6912 or (909) 661-9737.