

CAMINO VILLAGE NEWSLETTER – April 2014

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Committee Member Contacts:

Gate Keeper: Doug Baty – 482-6555
Landscaping: Myra Steward – 514-9289
Parking Permits and questions: – Call any Board Member noted above or Laura Summers at 483-7797



Annual Spring Clean Up!

Please join us for the Annual Camino Village Clean-up. You may want to wear a hat and bring garden or work gloves. Everyone is welcome to join and no experience required!

Saturday, April 26, 2014

9:00am to 11:00am

Meet near the back gate.

Drought Landscape Plans for 2014

In light of current drought conditions, we anticipate severe limitations on landscape watering from the Carmichael Water District.

By restricting the watering this year, our lawns may die back and shrubs and trees may not look ideal. Our existing trees and shrubs are well established and should survive. Lawns should come back next year provided we do not have a long term drought. Drought tolerant replacement alternatives are being considered for the future.

The HOA Landscape Committee is implementing the following steps this summer:

1. Limited annual color planting.
 - Pink and white Begonias, which are more drought tolerant than the Impatiens, will be planted across the front entry area.
 - No annual color plants will be planted in any of the other usual color spots. Bark will be installed in these areas to help retain moisture and provide a consistent look.
2. Severe cut backs on lawn sprinkling.
 - The landscapers have already reduced the watering volume and are resetting timers consistent with directions from the Carmichael Water District to avoid run off.
 - Residents must not change the irrigation timers for the front landscape areas. If you have questions or concerns, please contact a member of the Landscape Committee.
3. Many or all of the narrow mow strips between driveways and parking pads will be changed to bark only and have the sprinklers capped. Some experimental plantings with drought tolerant ground cover are being tested in a few shadier locations with minimal water.
4. No new trees or shrubs will be planted this season because of the extra water required to establish new plants and trees. This includes requests from homeowners to plant new trees or shrubs at their own expense.

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Although the HOA has no responsibility for the care and watering of the back yards, residents are encouraged to reduce watering to be consistent with the Carmichael Water District's recommendations. Planting only drought tolerant plants/ground cover and use of bark is encouraged.

The Landscape Committee members are available to answer questions and concerns. Landscape

Committee Members:

Anne DeStefano – 487-6770

Myra Steward - 514-9289

Laura Summers – 483-7797

Gloria Yeater – 616-9504

Water conservation tips we can all use!

We all need to do our part to conserve water in this time of severe drought. Please be mindful of using water in any way possible.

- Fix all dripping or leaking faucets.
- Take shorter showers and be sure to use a low flow shower head.
- Collect water in your shower to water plants.
- Wash fruit and vegetables outside over the garden or catch the water in a basin, using this water for plants.
- Get low water toilets, or flush less often.
- Wash only full loads of clothes or dishes.
- Turn off the tap while brushing teeth.
- Use a broom or blower instead of a hose to clean the driveway or garage.
- Check out water conservation websites and: www.h2ouse.net

Please remember - Rodents are attracted to fruit and pet food

Remember the article about rats in the last newsletter? Please check your yard for fallen fruit and over-ripe fruit on trees. It must be removed.

If you are still leaving food outside for your own pets or for feral animals, **please stop!** Animals should be fed indoors or under your supervision if outside. If you are concerned about a feral or apparently homeless pet, they should be trapped and taken to a shelter. You can now call **311** if you need help dealing with a feral animal.

Parking Reminder

Please remember that parking in the driveway or in guest spaces for

ANY time between
12am (Midnight) and 5:00 am
requires a permit!

It doesn't matter how short the time. Why risk a possible \$50 fine? Use your green permit or if you've lost it, call Gloria for a replacement (616-9504). Replacements are \$10. If you have extenuating circumstances or guests staying longer than 3 nights in a row, you'll need to request a yellow variance permit from a board member. Phone numbers are listed on the heading of this newsletter or you can send an email to: caminovillagehoa@gmail.com.

Don't forget the website:

www.caminovillage.com

If you haven't checked it out, please do so soon. On the website, you will find everything you need to know about Camino Village HOA: Past and current Newsletters, meeting dates and minutes, list of board members and phone numbers. Also find CC&R's and complete parking rules.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PLEASE REPORT ALL SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT. CITIZEN COOPERATION IS VITAL IN DETERRING CRIME AND MAKING OUR NEIGHBORHOODS SAFER.

ALWAYS Call 911 if you think you have an emergency.

NEW 311 Service

You can now call 311 for other county related issues such as code violations or nuisances such as excessive noise or dog barking.