



HDE NEWS

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PHONE COMING SOON

FROM THE PRESIDENT

RECENT HDE ACTIVITY

Water system: Our water system has handled the demand so far this summer with relative ease and that has been a pleasant surprise to say the very least. It is clear that residents have been mindful of what the board has asked, and of the conservation suggestions published in this newsletter. **The board thanks everyone very much!** But caution remains prudent since the summer is not over, so please remain aware of and continue with conservation efforts.

Water Quality: Joanne Bacci manages the water testing process for us. Recent revisions to the testing process will assure that we will be testing water from all three of our systems from now on. Our maintenance efforts (treating the cisterns twice yearly) results in us rarely having compliance issues. Diane Dendy has recently agreed to be Joanne's back-up. Many thanks to Joanne and Diane as well.

Water right certificate: As expected we received our second and final certificate. Both documents are now stored in our safe-deposit box. This ends a long and expensive process that has assured that we will have the right to use the State's water forever. It's not general knowledge but prior to receiving final water right certificates, organizations like ours "live" off water right permits. Certain criteria, dates and progress update deadlines specifically, must continually be met to maintain valid water right standing with the State during the tenure of such permits. That criteria, which is very easy to innocently

overlook, can create (potentially quite sticky) compliance issues with the State. That's behind us now. Again, many thanks to Larry Willis for his efforts with this project.

Documentation project: We are making significant progress with the water system documentation project. Before you receive this newsletter we will have completed our repair/valve addition plans. At that point our understanding of the function of each of the system's valves should be complete. But there is much more to be done.

Office project: We are making progress here too. Wayne Martin has been managing the construction work regarding the porch and covering. Bill Huret uses Jim Perrigo's equipment as it is available to move fill material into place. Dan Johnson finished the concrete work the week of July 30 and as soon as it dries, the office will be useable once again. Construction of the porch covering will begin soon after the concrete dries. Putting the proper fill in place, doing the paving, which will include an apron at the entrance off Jerry Dr, and getting ADA requirements met, will complete the basic project.

Misc: HDE Board member, Chuck Merriam is once again a full time resident here after working for several months out of the area. While he will continue to work full time, his presence here will be welcomed.

Regards,
Al Phillips

JUNK MAIL

We have a situation by the mailboxes at the end of Jerry Drive that's been going on for a while now. Someone delivers shopper sale papers to a box under our mailboxes. This seems to have become a place for some people to throw the mail they do not want. It has become unsightly and some of the junk blows over onto the neighboring properties.

Please take your junk mail home and put it in your recycling container or garbage.

VOLUNTEERS ABOVE AND BEYOND

Wayne Martin volunteered to oversee the work of building the porch on our office. We didn't expect him to get so involved in the "grunt" work. He and his wife, Marie have been seen surveying and laying out the placement and dimensions of the porch, building a short retaining wall in 90+ degree heat, and shoveling fill into the concrete foundation and compacting it.

Many thanks to Wayne and Marie for their hard work. Larry Willis captured a little on video that you can view on our website under "What's New" at: www.hdehoa.com Password for residents only is: **172lots**.



Wayne & Marie building the retaining wall in front of office.

GOOD INFORMATION

Oregon State University Extension Service

Website: extension.oregonstate.edu

There is a wealth of information on this website. Everything from fire information to food preservation.

Under **Fire information** there is a link to the Washington-Oregon fire map showing current fires and their status. There are fire prevention tips, a list of fire resistant plants, evacuation preparation tips, what to do if you need to evacuate, and what to take with you. Also what to do if you get trapped and can't evacuate in time.

Under **Landscaping & Gardening** you will find a list of native plants for home landscapes in Central Oregon, lists of deer-resistant and fire resistant plants, and plants that don't require much water. There is advice on planting and maintaining trees, landscapes and lawns, including many water conserving ideas. A multitude of gardening tips along with food preservation information can be found by searching their online catalog which has over 1200 items. Most of this information can be downloaded and printed.

There is an **OSU Extension office** in Prineville near the fairgrounds at **498 SE Lynn Blvd, 447-6228**. They have some publications on hand there and can tell you how to get others.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We picked up two volunteers last month, but we still need help with the following:

- **Paint cisterns**
Scrape and paint cement portion of cistern. Cistern #1 needs it the most.
- **Dig post holes and install signs**
We have 9 new Neighborhood Watch signs, 2 No Trespassing, 1 Dead End. Some posts are already there, some need posts.
- **Clean out culverts**
If you can just clean one or two near your house it would help.

Call 416-1403 or 362-5009 to volunteer, or e-mail the Board from our website.