



HDE NEWS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi everyone,

I hope you all enjoyed your Thanksgiving Holiday. This month we are initiating a new billing service, Munibilling. There are some things you need to be aware of concerning your monthly bills. The first is not an immediate concern, because we are not reading meters during the winter months, but it will go into effect come spring, when we resume reading meters.

- Munibilling does not round billing to the nearest dollar as was done in the past. Your basic bill will still be \$35.00 per month, but if you have an overage (more than 11,200 gal/mo), there may be some odd change due. Please pay close attention to the amount owed.
- We can no longer accept cash payments. If you are on a cash basis, we will require a money order or cashier's check, to maintain traceability for auditing purposes.
- Since there will not be any overages calculated in the coming months, if your December bill shows any odd change owed or credited, please let me know, so it can be corrected. My phone number is on the bottom of the bill.
- You should receive this newsletter along with your bill, even if you are being billed by email.
- Email billing does not imply automatic funds transfer. We may implement that at a later date, but currently you still pay your bill the same way you always did.
- If you used a dropbox to pay bills, the locations have changed somewhat. You can still drop your payments in the dropbox at Bob & Dorothy Wills' house, 4830 SE Jerry Drive, because she has graciously volunteered to keep the box. There is another dropbox in the door of Cistern #3, at the end of SE McKenzie Pl, off of David Way. We felt that that it was not advisable to have dropboxes at the other cisterns due to security concerns.

If you want to find out how we operate, and what we are doing, please attend one or more of our meetings. If you have complaints or grievances, the Board wants to know about them. We have a monthly Board meeting, and the date is always published on the HDE website, hdehoa.com. It may be necessary at times to alter the meeting date on short notice, so it is always best to contact one of the Board members to check on the date in advance. Here are some numbers you can call:

Diane Dendy, <i>Secretary</i>	541 280 4113
Karlene Richmond, <i>Member at Large</i>	541 416 9031
Al Roth, <i>President</i>	541 416 2021

Al Roth, President

The Board is always looking for volunteers to help out with some of our projects, so please consider volunteering to help out our community. We are not a municipal water system, we are a community water system, and so we do not have any paid employees. If we can't get volunteers to help us out, we may have to hire employees, which increases the cost to all of us as a community water system. In our conversations with other water districts, the common comment when we talk about rates is: "Wow, that's really cheap! How can you do that?" The answer is volunteering.

WATER BILLS VIA E-MAIL

We would like to see if more residents would like to receive their water bill and newsletter via e-mail rather than regular snail-mail. Of course, those that want to continue getting bills in the mail may do so.

The biggest benefit would be the savings on postage and printing costs for the HOA. These are substantial when you send out approximately 165 mailings every month. It would also make delivery time faster not being dependent upon the postal service.

If you would like to sign up to receive your water bill and newsletter via e-mail, please let us know. You can send a note with your water payment.

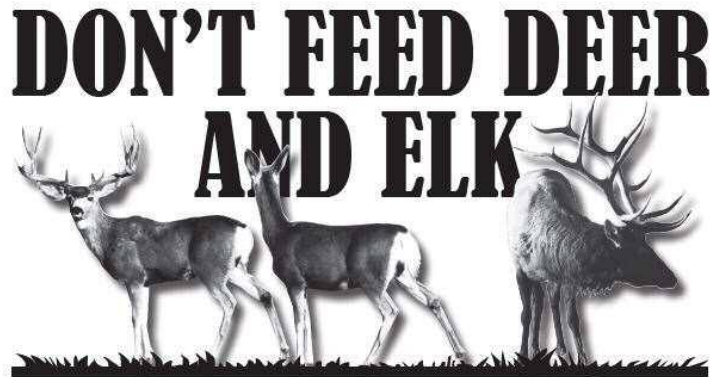
Merry Christmas Everyone!

FEEDING DEER

The Board has heard concerns from one of our HDE homeowners about large concentrations of deer hanging out on their property due to a neighbor who is feeding them several times a day. This causes a problem with their dogs and other neighbor's dogs who bark at the deer as soon as the dogs are let outside. They continue to bark as long as the deer are there, and then other neighbors are antagonized by the barking dogs.

A lot of us love the deer. They are beautiful. It might be fun to feed them, but there has to be a limit! Putting out a little leftover produce is not a problem since it doesn't attract a whole herd. Feeding deer is not against the law and is not a CC&R violation, but some of your neighbors could consider it a "nuisance" if it attracts a large number of deer that hang around waiting for the next meal.

The Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife asks people NOT to feed deer. Their flyer on this subject follows.



Well-intentioned people often feed deer, elk and other wildlife without realizing the problems feeding can create:

- Artificial feeding concentrates wildlife, which leads to the easier spread of disease and parasites and easier take by predators.
- Feeding deer and elk attracts their natural predators like cougars and coyotes to areas of human activity.
- Once wildlife associate people with giving them food, they come to expect it. Feeding will invite more deer and elk to your property and encourage them to stay.
- Artificial feeding can cause deer and elk to become habituated to humans and aggressive towards them.
- Concentrating deer and elk in human-settled areas can lead to an increase in vehicle collisions and conflicts between wildlife and pets.
- Concentrating deer and elk can hurt habitat by encouraging excessive grazing.

Every year, ODFW also sees seemingly healthy deer and elk die because they have been fed the wrong food by well-intentioned people. Their diet requirements actually change with the seasons and are best met by native forage. Deliberately feeding deer or elk may inhibit digestion and lead to death by starvation or infection.

ODFW does feed deer and elk at several wildlife areas during the winter, to keep them off adjacent agricultural lands where they damage crops. These feeding programs are long-term commitments that require significant financial and staffing resources. Feeding starts early in the season so deer and elk's digestive systems do not have to quickly readjust to new food types, and continues every day, no matter what, until forage conditions improve. Feeding areas are located away from human-populated areas to decrease conflicts. ODFW also conducts disease testing at some feeding sites.

For more information, visit ODFW's web page at www.dfw.state.or.us or call your local ODFW field office or ODFW Headquarters at 800-720-ODFW (6339)