

4488 SE JERRY DRIVE, PRINEVILLE, OR 97754

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

There is nothing of operational significance to report this month. Hopefully no more snow removal or de-icing at mailboxes will be necessary. Many thanks to Bill Huret for the plowing and Jim Perrigo for the use of his equipment, and Norman Hanks for de-icing around the mailboxes.

Our water systems are working well. I continue to be amazed that our old nemesis the #1 system's 7 ½ hp pump, has run 16 months without failure. For newcomers, a failure with that pump every 6-8 weeks was commonplace in times past. The improvement comes from proper adjustment of "cycle-stop" devices in that system.

We were able to conduct what we expect will be a one-time-only maintenance chore at our #3 system well house. We also treated all three systems with our Clorox formula of 1 pint to 30,000 gallons this past month. And even though we dilute the Clorox prior to pouring it into the cisterns, some residents taste the stuff for a while. I wish there was a way to prevent that part but we have no choice; the twice yearly treating keeps us in good standing with Water Quality requirements.

The board is currently exploring investment possibilities for a portion of our reserve fund monies. That process is in the "talking stage" at the moment, but the board feels that it would be wise to find out what is available. And even wiser to take advantage of opportunities that would increase the interest we receive while avoiding the risk of loss of capital.

HDE website: www.hdehoa.com

User name: owner

Password for HDE owners: 172lots

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

Weather permitting, on February 23rd, Sid Robinson from Central Oregon Weed Control will do our roadside spraying. Often times HDE residents have Sid do spraying on their personal property. If you would like that done please contact Sid at 541-788-2009 as the association will not be involved with personal spraying activity. The weather last year prevented good spraying success, but because of the winter we are having, i.e., lots of moisture compared to last year, expectations for spraying success this year are quite high.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Perhaps it's worthwhile to remind residents of our unofficial "neighborhood watch" program...which amounts to all of us being mindful of suspicious activity at residences near our homes. Also, anything looking suspicious near our cisterns or along the HDE roads. We have had vandalism to some of our traffic signs in the past and last year had trespassers at Cistern #2 on Jerry Drive.

If you see any such activity, call 911. You may prevent a disaster for a neighbor or the HOA.

Regards, Al Phillips, President



DON'T FORGET.... HDE RESIDENTS BREAKFAST GET-TOGETHER

Every 1st Wednesday of the month Meadow Lakes Restaurant

Arrive 8:30 – 9:00, order as you arrive.

MONTHLY BREAKFAST

Since attendance has been down at the monthly breakfasts, maybe we should consider a change? If anybody has a suggestion for a different place to try for our monthly breakfasts, please let us hear from you.

We need a place that has good food and plenty of space for up to 20 or 25 people to sit near each other and quiet enough to allow for conversation. (for example, not next to Video Lottery machines.)

We could also change the day. Would a different day of the week be better?

Please fill out the suggestion form below and send it in with your water payment, or you can e-mail the Board from our website.

MONTHLY BREAKFAST SUGGESTIONS
Weekday Preferred
Suggested Location:
Why there?
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LEAVE AS IS: (Check Box)
Name (optional):

If you need more room, write on back.

COYOTES

The Board has purchased a coyote trap and bait scents and has given them to Gary Madison, our resident coyote expert, to hold and use as needed. There is no guarantee that the coyotes will cooperate as they are very smart, but Gary knows how to use the scents and bait, as well as how to minimize any human scent. After a coyote is trapped it will be re-located far from HDE.

If you have a problem with coyotes, contact Gary at 541-589-1084.

HELPFUL CONTACTS

HDE employs various vendors.. Here are three who also offer their services to private parties:

PAINTING

HDE Resident, Wes Farr: <u>541-848-0632</u>

PLUMBER

Tom Cooper, U & I Plumbing: <u>541-447-0604</u>

ELECTRICIAN

Jared Cooper, Cooper Electric: <u>541-447-7574</u>

For help with planting, yard maintenance, what types of plants do well in Central Oregon, deer resistant plants, all gardening tips and problem solving: Information available at:

OSU Extension Service, Crook County

(541) 447-6228 (Lynn Blvd, next to Fairgrounds)



Thanksgiving 2015 Snow in HDE