



HDE NEWS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Family necessities have absorbed a good deal of my time of late, and I have very much appreciated our secretary, Helen Willis, filling in for me.

Work has continued with our water testing process. The board is now involved more than in times past, and that is a good thing. We will also be testing all three systems each month. Previously, testing one system one month, the second the next month and the third the next, was the norm. The testing is for coliform and e-coli and the board is more comfortable with the increased monitoring of the new regimen.

As of September 14 this year, our old nemesis the 7 ½ hp primary system at #1 cistern had run a full year without failure. Previously, a failure every 6 weeks or so was typical. The improvement is due to proper calibration of the cycle-stop devices in both primary and secondary systems. Until September of last year, proper cycle-stop calibration was not possible. But an internal plumbing addition plus the ability to isolate the entire cistern resulted in the ability to properly calibrate the cycle-stops. We have our service technician, Joe Phillips, to thank for the calibration.

Speaking of nemesis:

The property at 4434 David Way has been cleaned up. After years of frustration including numerous CC&R violations and attempts to get the now foreclosed upon and evicted owner to do what he should do, the issue is resolved. Hopefully new owners will be more attentive.

NO SHOOTING IN HDE

Our CC&Rs prohibit the discharge of firearms on High Desert Estates property. And the reasons are obvious. A recent report of a shot fired at a passing coyote, presumably by an HDE resident, highlighted the safety and common sense, or lack thereof, issues presented by such activity. The board will have a more in depth report on random discharge of firearms in the near future.

In the meantime, I hope you are enjoying the fall weather.

Regards,

Al Phillips, President

HDE WEBSITE

To access our website: hdehoa.com
(for HDE residents only)

User name: owner Password: 172lots

Read the ByLaws and CC&Rs, the latest newsletters, items of interest, or contact the Board.

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.

Cold weather is upon us. Here are some tips that I found. I haven't tried them all so I can't vouch for how well they work, but they sound like they're worth trying.

Some helpful winter tips for your car:

Keep your headlights clear with car wax!

Just wipe ordinary car wax on your headlights. It contains special water repellents that will prevent that messy mixture from accumulating on your lights - lasts up to 6 weeks.

Squeak-proof your wipers with rubbing alcohol!

Wipe the wipers with a cloth saturated with rubbing alcohol or ammonia. This one trick can make badly streaking and squeaking wipers change to near perfect silence and clarity.

Ice-proof your windows with vinegar!

Frost is on its way? Just fill a spray bottle with three parts vinegar to one part water and spritz it on all your windows at night. In the morning, they'll be clear of icy mess. Vinegar contains acetic acid, which raises the melting point of water---preventing water from freezing!

Prevent car doors from freezing shut with cooking spray!

Spritz cooking oil on the rubber seals around car doors and rub it in with a paper towel. The cooking spray prevents water from melting into the rubber.

Fog-proof your windshield with shaving cream!

Spray some shaving cream on the inside of your windshield and wipe it off with paper towels. Shaving cream has many of the same ingredients found in commercial defoggers.

De-ice your lock in seconds with hand sanitizer!

Just put some hand sanitizer gel on the key and the lock and the problem is solved!

More winter reminders:

Wrap any pipes that are vulnerable to freezing with heat tape. Check your existing heat tape to make sure it's working.

Make sure your outdoor faucets are covered with an insulator.

Don't leave hoses connected to outdoor faucets or timers. If the water in the hose freezes it will expand and could break something inside the faucet or timer. (I know, it happened to me many years ago!)

Cover the air vents in foundations to keep the cold out and the heat in under the house to protect plumbing.

There are submersible heaters available for your outdoor pet watering dish or birdbath. Amazon.com has a good selection. There are heated pet bowls also.

If you have some more winter tips to share, e-mail to helen4wheels@gmail.com.



A submersible heater is installed in this birdbath / deer watering fountain.