

*At Fieldcreek Ranch Homeowners Association*

**[www.fairwaysatfieldcreek.com](http://www.fairwaysatfieldcreek.com)**

*Dear Fellow Homeowners:*

*This is an Important Notice to inform you of the things going on at The Fairways.*

**New Board Member Bob Devin**

*By consent of a Majority of the homeowners, Robert Devin was appointed to the Board of Directors at the Board Meeting on April 26, 2017. He will complete the term of the fifth board member, vacated due to removal of former board member Jim Beach by vote of the membership. Bob will serve as a Director until the election in October. He is a recently retired dentist, who has served on the Fairways Board of Directors in the past and whose experience will be a valuable asset to the community.*

*Minutes of the Board Meeting can be found on the Fairways Website, above.*

*The other great candidate for the interim Board position, homeowner Jim Pinger, has graciously agreed to serve as a financial advisor to the Board, having similarly served in a different HOA.*

*We thank the 39 homeowners who gave consent to allow the Board to fill this interim vacancy due to the director removal. It saved all of us the time and expense of a vote by mail and secret ballot, in this unusual circumstance.*

**Street Cleaning: May 31, 2017**

*Street sweeping will take place on Wednesday, May 31, 2017, beginning at 7:00am to clean up the loose asphalt, dirt and debris on the streets and gutters. Please make sure that all vehicles are parked off of the street so that the sweepers are able to reach all areas of the street, particularly in the curb lanes, and so that vehicles are not damaged by loose debris.*

### **Successful "Opt in" Campaign**

*We are pleased to report that at least forty-nine (out of sixty-five) of our homeowners have signed statutory "opt in" forms, allowing them to receive Association notices by email, rather than US Mail. This lets them obtain real time notices, reminders and correspondence from the Fairways Board and Community Manager, and helps us "go green", saving some beautiful trees.*

### **Weed and Fire Alert!**

*Please take the time to read and follow the Fire Prevention Notes of retired Fire Chief and past Fairways President Mike Vonada, on the next page. It is full of important "must do" information to prepare for this coming fire season after a remarkable rain and snow season.*

*Mike suggests that it still not too late to put down preventive "pre-emergent" after you cut the first wave of weeds that have sprouted. It will save you having to cut the next wave of weeds which is coming this year.*

### **Spring Cleanup**

*Looks like Spring Cleanup was a big success. Both Waste Management bins were completely full again this year. Please call Bob Kenyon with any suggestions for improvement to this event in the Fall.*

*Also, please remember to keep your WM green trash containers out of sight of neighbors and the streets, except for Monday trash pickup.*

*Thank You for your help in keeping The Fairways at Fieldcreek Ranch a safe and beautiful place in which to live.*

*Kind Regards,*

*Jack Angaran, Tom Duncan*

*Laura Miceli, Gretchen Swope, Bob Devin*

*Members of the Fairways Board*

## FIRE HAZARD AND WEED REMOVAL NOTES

*from Mike Vonada, retired Fire Chief and neighbor.*

*With the hot summer weather arriving rapidly, we would like to remind homeowners the importance of weed removal. With the record setting wet winter we have experienced, all that moisture has created a rapid growth of weeds and grasses that normally do not occur in our community at this rate. Weeds and grasses create a particularly dangerous condition for fires in our community as they are lower to the ground and aid in fires moving rapidly, as they are extremely combustible. Add the high winds that we experience on the eastern side of the Sierras, along with the dead sagebrush from years of drought and we have a condition that is very conducive to the rapid spread of fire.*

*There have been several examples of how quickly fires can spread and their tragic results in and around our community over the last few years. Those of us living here last fall received the phone call from the Fire Department advising us to immediately evacuate our homes because of a fast-moving fire near our community. We do not want that to happen as a result of a fire occurring in our community.*

*The Fairways Weed Abatement Policy was taken from recommendations of the policy on "Fire Adaptive Communities" developed by the University of Nevada, in cooperation with Nevada Fire Agencies. In following those guidelines set out in our Weed Abatement Policy it assures our community can be spared from a devastating fire, not only from within our community, but one that could spread to our community. We have attached or provided a link to the policy for your convenience.*

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*We ask you to take immediate action to remove all weeds, grasses and dead brush from your yards and lots to eliminate the threat of a tragic fire occurring in our community. Please review our Weed Abatement Policy on the Fairways website, so that you have the requirements necessary to keep all of us safe in our community.*

*If you have any questions, please contact Kenyon and Associates at 775-674-8000. I am also available to meet with you to discuss what needs to be done around your home.*

Mike Vonada

*Mike was a Fire Chief in three different cities, two in northern California and retired from the City of Riverside in southern California. (See below)*

*Mike's appreciation for how fast fire spreads came in his first year in Riverside, 1993. That was the year of the fire storms, with 13 major fires burning at the same time in southern California and loss of over a thousand homes.*

*He notes an example of how bad they were:*

*Through our mutual aid system, the first Order for help was for 100 fire engines to respond immediately to southern California. And by the end of the first day that request increased to hundreds more fire engines. It was the biggest movement of fire engines on record in California*

*Coming from the north where we had forests to southern California that had the same type of grasses and sagebrush we have here, gave me an appreciation how combustible these types of fuels are, especially driven by high winds.*

*If the wind is blowing there is really nothing that can be done by any Fire Department to stop the fire until the wind dies down. Most people don't realize that fact.*

*The only way to stop a fire from spreading is to remove weeds, brush, etc. before the fire starts. Then there is nothing for the fire to burn. Mike*

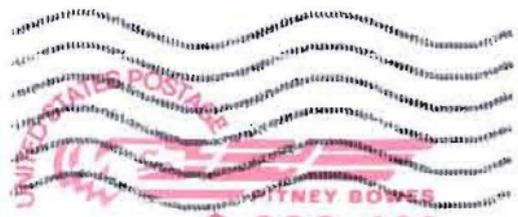




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