



Solano Verde Ranch Homeowners Association

September 2008

Election Results

On July 23, 2008 an Annual Meeting was held and ballots were opened. Tom Godecki and Jonathan Bergman were elected to the Board of Directors for another term.

Paul Wolff was selected by the Board to fill the vacant position on the Board.

Board positions for the upcoming year will be decided by the Board at the next meeting.

Water Saving Tips

Everyone can take small steps to help conserve water. Here are a few things you can do:

Indoors

- Turn off the water when you brush your teeth. Savings: 3 gallons per day
- Shorten your showers by one or two minutes. Savings: 5 gallons per day
- Fix leaky faucets. Savings: 20 gallons per day
- Wash only full loads of laundry. Saves 15 to 50 gallons per load



Outdoors

- Water your yard only before 8 a.m. to reduce evaporation and interference from wind. Savings: 25 gallons per day
- Install a smart sprinkler controller. Savings: 40 gallons per day
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks. Savings: 150 gallons each time
- Check your sprinkler system for leaks, overspray and broken sprinkler heads. Savings: 500 gallons a month
- Use mulch. Savings: Hundred of gallons a year by placing mulch around plants to reduce evaporation.

If you would like more tips go to www.bewaterwise.com

Back to School

It's that time of year again. The days are getting shorter and the first day of school is right around the corner.

Here are some tips to help our students have a great and productive school year.



Backpack Safety

- Pack light – a backpack should never weigh more than 10 to 20 percent of the student's body weight.
- Organize the pack to make use of all compartments and pack heavier items closest to the center to the back.
- Choose a pack with wide, padded shoulder straps and a padded back.
- Always use both shoulder straps. Slings a backpack over one shoulder can strain muscles and may increase curvature of the spine
- Use a rolling backpack. Remember that even rolling backpacks still need to be carried upstairs and are difficult to roll in the snow – which usually is not much of a problem here in Southern California.



Developing Good Homework Habits

- Create an environment that is conducive to doing homework. Youngsters need a permanent work space in their bedroom or another part of the home that offers privacy and is free from distractions.
 - Set aside ample time for homework.
 - Establish a household rule that the TV set, computer, and electronic games stay off during homework time.
 - Be available to answer questions and offer assistance. But never do a child's homework for him or her.
- To help alleviate eye, neck, and brain fatigue while studying, it's recommended that kids close the books for 10 minutes every hour and go and do something else.
 - If your child is struggling with a particular subject, and you aren't able to help him or her yourself, a tutor can be a good solution. Discuss the matter with your child's teacher before taking any steps.

QUESTIONS, COMPLAINTS & CONCERNS

There are several ways to contact Ross Morgan and the Board. Often, it is easiest to just call and speak with Michelle at (818) 363-0399. If you want to have a record of your issue, you can send Michelle an email at matkinson@rossmorganco.com or fax her at (818) 363-4477.

AFTER HOUR EMERGENCIES

In the event of an emergency, after normal business hours, please call **(818) 907-6622, ext. 811.**

Board of Directors

Bill Taylor
Jonathan Bergman
Tom Godecki
Michael Nostrant
Paul Wolff

Be sure to check out the website for Solano Verde at www.Solanoverde.org