

Solano Verde Ranch Homeowners Association

Newsletter - Fall 2009

New Management Company

The Board of Directors would like to welcome back Real Support Property Management to the community. After a brief hiatus, we look forward to working with RSPM to handle the association's affairs.

Give us your input!

The Board of Directors welcome input from homeowners and ask that contributions, comments, and suggestions be sent to **Bryan Chan or Helmut Martinek** at Real Support Property Management. Contact details for the Board and Real Support Property Management are on pg. 2.

Board Meetings

All homeowners are welcome to attend. A Notice & Agenda of all Board meetings will be posted on the Solano Verde Ranch website at www.solanoverde.org. Also, please look for it on the bulletin board next to your mailboxes.

Fence/Gate Maintenance

The Board requests that all homeowners make the necessary repairs to their property fence lines in like condition and style. This is your responsibility! If you have any questions, please contact Real Support.

Security/Large Gatherings

Please be sure to notify your neighbors of any large-scale events you will be hosting. We are a small, exceptional community and security is of utmost importance! Knowledge of such gatherings will put your neighbors at ease with the hustle and bustle they come across.

Front Gate Directory

Real Support is still missing information from some homeowners for the directory.

Any homeowners who have not already done so are requested to give Real Support:

- Their name(s)
- Address
- Telephone number
- Email address(es)

(Circulation of the directory will be restricted to the Board and the management company ONLY).

A telephone call to Real Support (310-457-0019) will get you a form to complete or you may simply email the information to Bryan Chan or Helmut Martinek of Real Support.

Payment of Assessments

Most homeowners now pay the regular assessments by pre-authorized payment (i.e. auto debit). This reduces the work involved in collecting assessments and has the advantages for participating homeowners that they do not need to send checks in monthly and should not run the risk of incurring late charges.

Anyone who has not already arranged this is therefore requested to do so. The necessary paperwork can be obtained from Real Support (contact details on pg. 2).

New Landscaping Company

You may see some new personnel around the community. The Board has engaged Roberts Lawn Care to maintain all common area landscaping. Randy (owner) has been in business for ages around the Ventura County area and we look forward to a prosperous relationship. "Welcome aboard Randy!" If you have any common area concerns, please contact Real Support.



Interesting Local Upcoming Events

October 9th (Friday Night) Whiskey Tasting and “A Scottish Evening”, October 10th (Saturday) & 11th (Sunday), 2009 “**The Celtic Festival by the Sea**” at the Ventura County Fairgrounds, Ventura. There will be Scottish Heavy Athletics, Bag Pipe Band and Solo Piping Competitions, a Highland Dance Competition, Scottish Country Dancing, “Gathering of the Clans”, great Vendors, Children’s “Glen”, British Classic Cars, Genealogy and Gaelic Classes, Sheep Herding Demos, Single Malt Seminars, and Claddagh Irish Dancers. Featured entertainers include: Alex Beaton, Eric Rigler and “Bad Haggis”, “Wicked Tinkers”, “Celtic Spring”, and “Highland Way”. Bring 5 cans of food for “Food Share” and receive a \$2.00 discount at the gate. Find the latest information at www.seaside-games.com or call John and Nellie at (818) 886-4968 or e-mail them at SeasideChief@aol.com. No pet dogs allowed in Seaside Park. Remember, Amtrak stops at the Front Gate for this event.

Beginning October 3rd, 2009 (Saturdays and Sundays), “**Fillmore & Western Railway Company**” “PumpkinLiners Train rides”, depart at 10 a.m., 12 Noon, and 2 p.m. Ride to the “Ichabod” private pumpkin patch to enjoy all the spooky attractions and activities. Pumpkin purchases start at \$1.00 each. Purchase tickets online at WWW.FWRY.COM or call (800) 773-8724 or (805) 524-2546.

October 9th, 16th, 18th, 23rd, 25th, and 30th, (all on Friday and Sunday Nights), 2009 “**Fillmore & Western Railway Company**”, “In Search of the Headless Horseman”, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Creep on board for a spooktacular adventure to “Ichabog”. Feast on a BBQ dinner and search via a hayride. Purchase tickets online at WWW.FWRY.COM or call (800) 773-8724 or (805) 524-2546.

October 10th, 17th, and 24th, (all on Saturday Nights), 2009 “**Fillmore & Western Railway Company**” Murder Mystery Dinner Trains and Fright Nights, 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Monsters and Murder! Your hair will stand on end as you split your sides

laughing. Adults 21 years, and older only. Purchase tickets online at WWW.FWRY.COM or call (800) 773-8724 or (805) 524-2546.

Every Saturday, the train departs from Fillmore (“**Fillmore & Western Railway Company**”) Weekend Scenic Excursion to Santa Paula, 12 Noon – 3:45 p.m. Purchase tickets online at WWW.FWRY.COM or call (800) 773-8724 or (805) 524-2546.

October 14th – November 8th, 2009, at the “**Rubicon Theatre Company**”, 1006 East Main Street (corner of Laurel), Ventura, CA 93001, Daddy Long Legs”, a 2-person musical based on the novel by Jean Webster and directed by John Caird. Jerusha Abott, a talented orphan, is sent to a prestigious college by an anonymous benefactor who insists on two conditions: that she writes to him once a month and that she never knows his name. Instead, she knows him only as “Daddy Long Legs”. Lyrics and music are by Paul Gordon. Call the Box Office for pricing at (805) 667-2900 and to purchase tickets at (805) 667-2900.

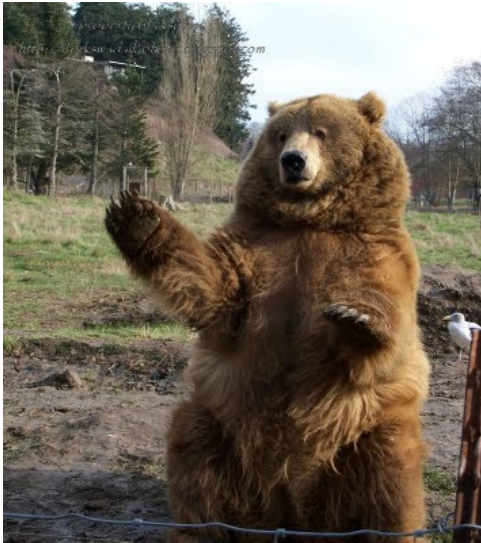
October 16th – 18th (Friday – Sunday), 2009 “**The Harvest Festival Original Art and Craft Show**” at Seaside Park, Ventura County Fairgrounds. October 16th & 17th from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and October 18th from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Shop thousands of fabulous, unique handmade original art and crafts in a convenient location, on an affordable three-day pass, featuring jewelry, glassware, pottery, ceramics, clothing, photography, specialty foods, and more. Support FoodShare of Ventura County by donating non-perishable items at the show entrance, in exchange for a \$2.00 off coupon. Tickets are \$9.00 for Adults, \$7.00 Seniors (62 yrs. Plus), \$4.00 Youth (13 – 17 yrs.), FREE for 12 yrs., and under. For show information and to purchase advance tickets go online to www.harvestfestival.com.

October 16th – 25th, 2009, at “**Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Center – Fred Kavli Theatre**”, 2100 East Thousand Oaks Boulevard, Thousand Oaks, “Guys and Dolls”, a musical theatre classic, a show with

fun, froth, and heart, will be playing at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. various days. Call the Box Office at (805) 449-2787 or order online at www.ci.thousand-oaks.ca.us or www.toaks.org.

Brown Bear Citing

On September 23rd, 2009, there was a citing of a large 200-pound brown bear in the orchard, at Balcolm Canyon Road, Somis, near the 15-mile per hour sign, as you turn. Animal Control was out shooting bean bags at the bear, trying to herd him out into the open, for them to trap and relocate, but, were unsuccessful. So watch out! You might see this bear in our area too!



Interesting facts about our Solano Verde Ranch Roadrunners

As you drive Solano Verde Drive and Coyote Canyon Road, you will notice that roadrunner birds will dart quickly out in front of your car, across the street and into a front yard or field on the other side, nearly missing your front tires. We see them in our back yards all of the time. They are very interesting birds. They occupy much of California, from the northern Central Valley and coastal areas, to the U.S.- Mexico Border and eastward to the Colorado River and north into Owens Valley. They use roads to run on and live mostly in scrublands, bordered by open grassland or open land.

Roadrunners hunt, out in the open, on the ground or in low vegetation. They eat mostly insects and a variety of larger prey such as lizards, snakes, and small rodents. They will actually knock down low flying birds. They will also take and eat eggs, fruit and seeds. They will eat grasshoppers from leaves, ambush prey at feeders and in nesting boxes. They will take and eat young bats that have fallen from their roost or have collided with cave walls. They hunt by moving sporadically, stopping to scan for prey or to flush prey out into the open. However, they do not seem to hunt quail, which Solano Verde Ranches has quite a few of.

With the exception of breeding pairs, roadrunners are solitary. Usually 3-6 eggs are laid with both parents sitting on the eggs during the day and only the males sitting on the eggs at night. They can lay up to 13 eggs. Their eggs require 19-20 days incubation. Young roadrunners can feed themselves at 16 days old and can take flight at 17-19 days of age. Roadrunners live 7 – 9 years.

Red-tailed and Cooper's hawks, coyotes, raccoons, and striped skunks, rat snakes and bull snakes, large crows and ravens all eat roadrunners. Continued loss of habitat and urban encroachment are the major threats to roadrunner existence. Pets and feral animals also take roadrunners and/or affect nest success. Development of roads through remaining natural areas and increased vehicle activity increase direct mortality of roadrunners also. So, when you next see a roadrunner, stop and let them pass, so all can enjoy watching these cute “guys”! Beep..Beep!



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