



THE QUAIL CALL

A Community Newsletter – January 2020

Welcome to **The Quail Home Owners Association's Newsletter, The Quail Call**. The purpose of the newsletter is to inform you of what the **Quail HOA** is doing to maintain and improve the quality of our neighborhood as well as other pieces of information, reminders, etc. We hope you find this newsletter informative and helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact the HOA Board if you have any questions or concerns.

Our website has many useful documents, we encourage you to take a look; its address is www.quailhoa.org. If you wish to login to view the Homeowner's Directory and/or HOA Meeting Minutes, the password is: quailhoa

Wishing you a Happy & Healthy New Year !

FROM OUR PRESIDENT, JAIN FARNSWORTH president@quailhoa.org

This past year we saw the repair to the north side of Valley Greens Drive, which was a long time coming. Although our current Board got the credit, I want to take the time to thank those who are responsible for putting it in motion. When I joined the Board 8 years ago, Harry Hendon and Ann Mahoney had put in place a schedule of road work that would use County Service Area funds as they became available. First, was the speed bumps along Valley Greens Drive; second, was the repaving of the shoulders along Valley Greens Drive; and third, was the removal of tree roots and repaving of the north side of Valley Greens Circle. As it took 8 years to accomplish those 3 goals, it's evident that depending on CSA funds to fully repair and maintain our roads isn't a workable solution and currently it's our only option.

Over the 10 years that Kent and I have lived at Quail, we have seen quite a bit of remodeling and re-landscaping of homes, which has increased the value of our entire area. To maintain that increase we need to look to the repair and maintenance of our roads. I won't be a Board member after January 26th but I'll still live here and I won't care any less. When the county

releases the engineer's study of our roads this coming summer, I'd like to think that we would come together as a community in the same way that we came together when we were fighting against an RV park, better known as the Carmel Canine Sport Center, across from the Lodge. While that was a singular focus and the financial burden of our legal fees fell to a minority of owners, John and Ann Mahoney in particular, road repair and maintenance is equally important to the value of our community. Each property owner of a home, a condo and The Lodge will have a say and a responsibility via a Proposition 218 vote.

The County outreach meeting in November at the Clubhouse regarding the engineer's report wasn't well attended, which was disappointing. There will be future meetings as the engineer's report nears completion and after its release, please take the time to attend and become informed. I remember the jubilant mood in the busses as we returned from the Supervisor's hearing after prevailing against the Canine Center. We prevailed against seemingly insurmountable odds. Getting the county to repair our roads is an equally difficult task. I'd like to see that same victory and sense of a battle well fought at the end of the struggle to get our roads repaired.

FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT, STEVE SCHLOSS *vice.president@quailhoa.org*

As 2019 draws to a close, we are hopeful that this next year finally brings us closer to getting our roads finally fixed. We are now told that our long awaited Engineering study will finally be delivered June of 2020. This report should then trigger discussions with the county on funding options. In anticipation of this report, I have plans to meet and discuss our options with the other HOA's involved as well as Quail Lodge so we can agree and act as a unified team with the county.

I am also looking forward to our January meeting where new officers will be voted onto our board. We are already formulating new actions and plans which will significantly enhance our community - which will be shared at this meeting. We have purposefully altered our meeting time and included refreshments, as well, to encourage a larger than normal attendance so if you're in town, we would love to see you show up, vote, and get to meet your new board members.

With a renewed emphasis on communications this next year, our Quail HOA website (**WWW.QUAILHOA.ORG**) has a new look and feel thanks to Rich Chew. In addition to better aesthetics, this website is the home for all documents relevant to HOA business including architectural guidelines and rules, monthly board minutes, and upcoming events. It's a homeowners "portal" with an easy and straightforward construction for ease of use by all members.

- 🌿 The Quail Lodge neighborhood continues to update itself; not-so-old homes are becoming new again! Thank you to the handful of homeowners who have or are currently remodeling their homes and keeping their properties as clean as possible during the process. We look forward to seeing these homes all shiny and new!
- 🌿 In the upcoming months, ARC will be sending out notices to homeowners whose landscape is growing over the sidewalks and/or trees which don't provide an 8' clearance from the sidewalk. Pedestrians should not be blocked from using our sidewalks due to overgrown vegetation. Please take a look at your landscaping and trim your plants where needed.
- 🌿 "Winter" has arrived. The days are shorter, temperatures are cooler and our gardens have, for the most part, gone dormant. This means (at least) one thing.....it's the perfect time to apply compost around your plants. Locked up in this "black gold" are TONS of nutrients which leach out from the rain. The nutrients seep into the soil which are then drawn up by the roots of your plants, fertilizing them naturally. The process is quite simple: rake away bark chips if you have them, apply 2" of compost to the root zone on top of the old soil, no need to dig it in, reapply the bark chips (or lay down new ones). Then wait to see healthier (and happier!) plants blooming in the spring!
- 🌿 As always, please continue keeping the curb/gutter in front of your house clear of leaves and debris. Rainwater, debris and leaves flow toward the very few street drains each street has and then into the river. Liquidamber trees, especially, continue to drop their leaves throughout the winter season potentially clogging the street drains. If you have these trees on your property, please be mindful of the complications they can cause.

SOCIAL GATHERINGS AND MEETINGS

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Thank you to Bob and Cathy Lee for so graciously welcoming the homeowners of the Quail Homeowners Association into their newly built home. The food was delicious and the conversation friendly. These periodic get-togethers are a great way to get to know your neighbors. Look for announcements of more parties in the coming year!

If you are interested in hosting a party at your home, please contact Bettina Schwartz, at community.affairs@quailhoa.org.

MEMBERSHIP

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- 🦋 Homeowner membership is at an all-time high of 144 out of 161 homes here at Quail ! That's almost 90% of our homeowners being members of the HOA.
- 🦋 **Time to Renew Your HOA Membership !**
 - Maggie Case has sent, via regular mail, information about renewing your membership. The dues will remain the same, at \$100 per year. Please be sure to submit your dues and paperwork ASAP.
 - You now have another option to pay your dues.....to go online to fill out the Membership Form and to pay using PayPal.
 - The link is: www.quailhoa.org/join-us

FEATURED PLANTS-OF-THE-MONTH

Here are a few "Sages" from around the globe,,,,there are 100s of them, better known as *Salvia*. Of the three below, only one is a true *Salvia*. Enjoy the vibrant color they provide and the wildlife they attract!



This first one is called **Russian Sage** but it's really *Perovskia atriplicifolia*. Its foliage begins growing in the spring and the beautiful purple/wedgewood blue flowers appear in early summer. In late fall, if you can resist cutting the plant down to the ground, keep the faded out flowers for the little birdies who enjoy eating the seeds directly off the plant.....then cut the plant down to the ground.

Next is **Jerusalem Sage**...*Phlomis fruticosa*. You've seen it all around the golf course and offers a pretty blast of yellow in the spring and sporadically until fall. A bit sensitive to a freeze but will bounce back. Trim in late winter to promote new, spring growth.

You all know of **Mexican Sage**....a true *Salvia*, *Salvia leucantha*. The 2 most common varieties are the plants with all purple flowers and the other with purples flowers with white centers. Cocktail hour also applies to the Hummingbirds who LOVE this plant! Watch them drink up the nectar as the day winds down. Again, cut this all the way down to the ground in early winter, or early spring if any new foliage froze.

THIS IS A REMINDER TO
ALL HOMEOWNERS AT QUAIL

YOU HAVE RECEIVED AN INVITATION IN YOUR MAILBOX TO

THE HOMEOWNERS @ QUAIL, INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TO BE HELD ON

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020 @ 3:00pm

IN THE QUAIL CLUBHOUSE BALLROOM

....food and wine will be served!

PLEASE RSVP BY CALLING JAIN FARNSWORTH @ 831.250.7030

-OR- EMAILING PAULA MOTLEY secretary@quailhoa.org

ON THE AGENDA:

- ❖ NEW BOARD MEMBERS TO BE VOTED IN
- ❖ REVIEW 2019 ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS
- ❖ PRESENTATION OF 2020's PLANNED GOALS & OBJECTIVES
 - Road Improvements, Security/Safety, Increased Community Involvement, Partnerships

Please plan on attending, so much to learn !