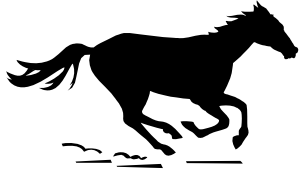




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Next Board Meeting:

Monday, January 16
7:00 pm, Old Susana Café,
1555 Kuehner Drive
(right next to Hopetown)



IRRIGATION PIPES REMOVED

The pvc irrigation pipes that the developer originally installed above ground on upper Sandalwood to water the common area have been removed. Residents complained that they were unsightly, so the Board decided that the drought tolerant plants in that area can survive just fine with no water. Not only will it make the area look nicer, it will save the HOA money on the watering bill!



LOCATION OF BOARD MEETINGS CHANGED

The Board meetings are moving back to the Santa Susana Café beginning with the January 16th meeting. Yes, we know that is a holiday, but the meeting will be held on that date anyway.

Meetings begin at 7pm. Please be advised that the café closes at 8pm so those who attend and want to speak are welcome to do so, but they will be limited to approximately 5 minutes.



THANKS FOR PLANTING TREES

We are happy to report that all of the homes that we asked to replace trees in their front yards have done so. Some of the replaced trees are small and some of them are not in the middle of the yard, but neither of those were required. The Board simply required front yards have a tree planted somewhere in them.

Thank you to all who did so! The Hopetown community looks better for your efforts.

SCAMS – AVOID BEING VICTIMIZED

The Ventura County Sheriff's Department recently released a media alert about current scams in the county.



In some scams, criminals will prey upon elderly or susceptible victims by calling and telling them that a family member is in jail in another country. The criminals focus on the need for the victim to act quickly or the family member's safety may be in jeopardy. Money is frequently sent (wired) to locations outside the U.S. by the victims and is virtually untraceable once transferred.

Recently, a new scam has surfaced where suspects are calling victims and claiming to be members of the Ventura Co. Sheriff's Office. One suspect even claimed to be the Sheriff himself. In these cases, the callers are telling the victims they need to provide money for a family member who is in jail, or that the FBI is conducting an operation and the victim needs to provide money. The criminals in this most recent scam are attempting to make their requests sound legitimate by using genuine identities. The Ventura Co. Sheriff's Office wants to ensure the citizens of Ventura County that members of this Department will not call citizens requesting money on behalf of someone in custody nor do they favor or recommend one bail bond company over another.

Please call the Sheriff's Public Reception at 805-654-3335 if someone claiming to be a member of the Sheriff's Office is requesting money for someone in custody.

Additionally, if someone is contacted and requested to donate or provide money to the Sheriff's Office, we urge them to contact their local police agency before parting with any money or information.

