



Silver Lake Property Owners Association

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SLPOA's Annual Membership Meeting:
When: Wed. May 20
Time: 7:00 PM
Where: Community Room at the Fire House, 11525 Red Rock Road

SLPOA's next Board Meeting:
3rd Wed of the month
When: April 15th
Time: 7:00 PM
Where: Community Room at the Fire House, 11525 Red Rock Road

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Spring 2009

The Silver Star Development – the hits just keep on coming

Yet another high density housing development suddenly seems to be in the works in Silver Knolls and came to light the second week in March. It made its debut on the agenda for the North Valley CAB (Citizens Advisory Board) March 9th... the Silver Star Ranch Planned Unit Development.

The agenda reads, "Review and recommendations on Silver Star Ranch - Planned Unit Development proposed for the Red Rock area which will include 1,600 residential units on 633 acres. An average density of 2.5 units per acre is proposed, with approximately 202 acres to be designated as Open Space. The property is located at 13700 Red Rock Road (APN 087-021-25). Susan Dorr, Planning and Entitlement Manager, Manhard Consulting." The owner of record is Daniel P. Douglass.

When the CAB meeting opened, the

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Map of the 13700 Red Rock area. The northern boundary touches the Evans Ranch development, making it contiguous to / part of the City of Reno.

The Red Rock Road pipeline – Permit Denied!

The Washoe County Board of Adjustment met March 4th, 2009. After 5 hours of deliberations, the Board decided unanimously to 'deny without prejudice' permit SB08-023, for buildings and infrastructure associated with a water diversion project that would transfer between 278 and 414 million gallons of water a year from the Rancho Haven area, down a 16-mile pipeline, to Lemmon Valley to augment their water supplies and provide for more development. Partners in Red Rock Valley Ranch LLC, plan to pump the water from wells on a former alfalfa ranch they purchased.

A Nevada state water engineer testified that when the water is pumped out of the aquifer, resident's wells could drop 20 to 30 feet within 20 to 25 years and the current grass and wetland areas would likely dry up leaving sagebrush scrub. At that point the aquifer should stabilize and reach equilibrium. But property owners might have to drill deeper wells.

Approximately 150 residents of the Sierra Ranchos and Rancho Haven attended the meeting. Many addressed the Board with their concerns.

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14th Annual SLPOA Yard Sale

Huge multi-family Silver Knolls area garage sale June 7th! 8 AM - 3 PM, with a BBQ at the Silver Lake Firehouse. Mark your calendar.



Still only \$10 per household and that covers the cost of ads in the Reno/Sparks papers. Also, I'll have maps printed up with the addresses of the homes that are participating.

I really must have your \$10.00 (with an address and cross street) by Thursday evening (June 4th) so I can get the maps drawn up and printed. Drop off your check or \$\$ (checks make out to SLPOA) in the basket on my front porch, 11300 Carlsbad Road. Questions? Call Casey at 233-6918. This is great fun, a chance to meet your neighbors, and make some extra \$\$\$\$.

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announcement was made that the Silver Star Development discussion had been withdrawn by the Consulting firm leaving everyone who had taken the trouble to attend the meeting wondering what was going on.

There are many questions to be answered, not the least of which is, where they are getting the water, and where will the sewage be going?

Three weeks after the CAB meeting, as we go to press, the Manhard Consulting firm has still not answered our questions.

Red Rock Pipeline Cont'd. from page 1

The Board moved to deny permit SB08-023 because they could not make the finding that the project was "not detrimental" to the area and residents. They hoped the applicant would go back and work with the neighbors to get mitigation in place that's acceptable to them. They also wanted to see a signed contract with TMWA to buy the water, not just a Right of 1st Refusal.

Either party may appeal the decision. Denying the permit without prejudice allows the applicant to reapply within a year.

The Echeverria Family Property – followup

On March 9th the Joint meeting of Reno City council and Washoe County Planning commissions, discussing the Echeverria Property, was postponed. New date to be announced.

There will be an open house meeting of Wood Rodgers and NV CAB, Monday, April 6th. Watch the Silver Knolls Info sign for place and time to be announced.

The purchase by Washoe County and gift by the family of 216 acres will be discussed at that time.



SLPOA FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

Q: I live in the south end of Silver Knolls. How can I go about getting my road paved?

A: This has been looked at several times. From what we have been told, the roads are considered private roads. There is money owed and if a individual paid it they would get the liability that would go with the road. The last time this came up it started out that all residents on the dirt road would be owing around \$10,000 to get it paved and by the time the county was done it was over \$25,000 per house. The road has to be brought to county spec's,

so several feet has to be removed and base added, as well as other things. The residents told Washoe County they would live with the dirt roads (which is what the county prefers. That way they do not have to maintain them and it keeps them classified as private).

If Developer Bob Lissner builds on his property on Osage, he has suggested that he might have the paving done in front of his properties and then if he paved in front of other people's properties, he would loan them the money to do that. Then they would need to repay the loan when they sold their property.

SLPOA Membership Report

We welcome our new neighbors, both to the community and to membership in the SLPOA. Since membership fees of \$24 were due the First of March, and last year's unexpired memberships have now expired, our membership total now stands at 141. We know that economic woes are currently plaguing many, but we hope that our friends and neighbors will continue to find value in supporting our property owners association, this newsletter, annual BBQ, Halloween Festival, the SLPOA website, and the like.

If the post office inadvertently returned your dues as undeliverable, please note that our post office box is open and has the same number as always: PO Box 60217, Reno NV 89506.

If you, or someone you know would like to join, please call Nancy Horvath, Membership Secretary, 972-7702.

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Silver Knolls Recipes

We are pleased to offer our sixth Silver Knolls Recipe, from Judy Wilkins.

Artichoke Rice Salad

- 1 pkg Rice-A-Roni Fried Rice
- 2 Tbsp butter or margarine
- 2 cups water
- 1 jar (6 oz) marinated artichoke hearts
- 1 can (8 oz) sliced ripe black olives - drained
- 1 can (8 oz) sliced water chestnuts - drained
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 4 green onions - sliced
- cubed chicken (2 breasts, cubed)

Sauté rice in butter in large skillet until golden brown. Add water and seasoning packet - bring to boil - reduce heat. Simmer until rice is tender (15 minutes). Cool. Coarse chop artichokes. Combine with all ingredients. Cover and chill until served.

If you have a great recipe you'd like to share, send it to the newsletter editor at slpoa@silverknolls.org

Coming Events

May 2, Saturday – Cleanup and tour of Swan Lake and Silver Lake with local naturalists. Call Becky at Nevada Land Conservancy 775-851-5180 to volunteer for the cleanup, the tour, or both.

May 9th - Nevada Wildland Fire Awareness Week event. Watch Info Board for details.

June 13th – Truck Rodeo, on the taxiway at Stead Airport

June 7th, Sunday – Yard Sale and BBQ at the Firehouse Community center

June – Pylon School (Air Races training) Stead Airport

September 16 - 20th – Reno Air Races, Stead Airport

Check the homepage of the silverknolls.org website for the Reno / Sparks events pdf, posted monthly.

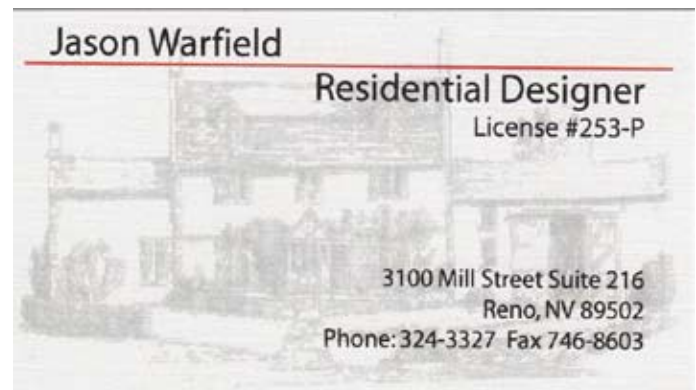
Electronics Recycling

Were you one of the residents who took your old electronics to the Reno Livestock Events Center January 31st? Unless you arrived very early you probably discovered that this event was closed.

They received so much stuff they were overwhelmed and had to shut down early. Hopefully this event will be repeated at a later date, since there clearly is a need for it.

Info Sign Repairs

Thanks go out to Dave Walizer and Kate Tangren for their continued work on the Silver Knolls info sign that was damaged by high winds this spring.



Real Estate Watch

Currently in Silver Knolls there are 15 active listings for homes priced between \$164,900 and \$539,000 and two others with offers pending as of March 26, 2009. Of the 17 total (counting the two with offers pending), four are foreclosures and two are short sales.

There have been two homes sold since January 1, 2009. One sold for \$180,000 and the other for \$225,000.

We have no active listings for vacant land and no vacant land sold in 2009.

"Market Report" for February in Reno/Sparks compiled by a title company:

Reno... listed: 2,280...sold per month: 169...
pending: 124...percent selling: 41%...months
supply: 13.5...days on market sold: 135...
median list price \$250...median sold price: \$215

Sparks... listed: 915...sold per month: 103...
pending: 48...percent selling: 49%...months
supply: 8.9... days on market sold: 119...median
list price: \$209...median sold price: \$195

Real Estate Report courtesy of :
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Silver Knolls Weather Corner

Have you noticed that our weather is slightly more extreme than the numbers quoted for Reno or Stead? Several local residents have weather stations so we thought you'd enjoy our findings.

Wind extremes (Silver Knolls)

- 3-2-09 51 mph
- 2-23-09 44 mph

Our highest temperature so far this quarter was 66.6° on 3-19-09. Lowest was 4° on 2-4-09.

Total year's precipitation in Silver Knolls, (year beginning June 1, 2008) is 3.52 inches. 0.80" in March.

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Philip Deidesheimer

If you are old enough to remember watching “Bonanza” on television, or perhaps if you had a good Nevada history teacher, you may have heard of Philip Deidesheimer.

Appropriately for Nevadans, on October 31, 1959 the television series Bonanza aired an episode about Philip Deidesheimer. Although not perfect, the episode was pretty accurate in its portrayal of Deidesheimer.

Today, Nevada history teachers seldom discuss the German Engineer, which is a shame in my opinion. Philip Deidesheimer as you will read had more influence on Nevada’s future than anyone in Nevada history.

Philip came to America as a graduate of a prestigious German mining school. Reading about the new found gold and silver strikes in northern California and Nevada, Philip, as many immigrants did, set out to make his fortune.

Philip first pioneered his way to the heart of California’s Gold Rush. Although Philip found work easily as an engineer in California, his education as an engineer was not that useful to the California mining operations.

You see, in California, mining needed little engineering skill to extract the ore from the earth. Here the gold was located near the surface or in rivers and streams.

The mining method of choice was Placer mining, whereas miners would take their dirt and use sluice boxes and water to wash away the dirt to get to the gold. Larger companies used giant water cannons and blasted entire hillsides to find their gold.

At the ripe old age of twenty-eight, Philip was hired by a group of mine owners from the Comstock in Nevada. Huge veins of silver had been discovered on the Comstock, but the richest veins of Silver were deep under ground. This required digging shafts and tunnels deep into the ground.

In the attempt of getting to the ore a staggering number of cave-ins, deaths and injuries were occurring. This made the extraction of the ore too costly and dangerous. Mining accidents were so rampant a miner would be killed or injured every day on the Comstock. Being a miner was a very dangerous profession.

Philip had a reputation as a brilliant engineer, and the mine owners were hopeful that Phillip could find a solution to their cave-in problems. He was hired by the Ophir Mine to attempt to solve their problems.



Photo provided by Nevada
Historical Society

Philip set out to build a new method of bracing timbers to shore up the mining walls, but after many designs and weeks of work, every attempt had been a failure.

Philip began to get frustrated from his failures. One day he decided to take a break and go for a walk. His walk took him through blooming sagebrush, where Philip started watching a honey bee working the sagebrush flowers. Somewhat mesmerized by the bee, he followed the little bee for a time, until the bee reached its home, a bee hive. As if he had been struck by lightning, Philip knew the answer to the problem.

Within weeks, Philip would design a revolutionary bracing system designed, of course, after a honey comb. The design would be dubbed “The Square Set.”

The plan was to frame timbers, and put them together so that they would give support from all sides and angles.

Under Philip’s supervision, and using the new Square Set design, the Ophir mine would become one of the richest mines in American history.

The young engineer not only allowed all of the other mines on the Comstock to use his Square Set system, he would lend his carpenters to show them how to make the timber structures.

Sadly, Philip never patented his design, and would eventually die in relative obscurity and poor.

The impact of Philip Deidesheimer’s Square Set design not only revolutionized underground mining forever, it would allow Nevada mines to operate successfully. His design would also save thousands of miner’s lives and countless injuries.

To think that this monumental achievement began as an idea from one lone honey bee is staggering.

There should be statues, buildings, and in my opinion a Nevada holiday in his honor. But sadly, Philip Deidesheimer has virtually been forgotten.

This story is one of many in the “Nevada Outhouse Trivia Book” written by Martin T. Smith. The book will be available in September.

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WANTED

Three new SLPOA Board members
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Self nominations or suggest a neighbor

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Low Cost Home Security Improvements



As the days grow warmer, it's great to open up and air out the house. Later toward summer, we'll want to let our cool evening breezes remove the heat from our homes while we sleep.

But how can you do that safely? We started looking around and found a great sliding door lock at Lowe's that's very easy to install. You need to drill two small holes in the top of your slider; one for the locked closed position and one for the locked open position. We decided to put the holes at the top of the door, rather than the bottom as pictured in the package advertising, just to make them easier to use.

The lock was around \$10 and took about thirty minutes to install.

Now we can sleep securely with the sliders locked open 6 inches while the wind works on cooling the house overnight.

Another good security device is a driveway sensor/alarm. They are battery powered, or solar powered, and wireless. No one comes in your driveway without ringing a bell in your house.

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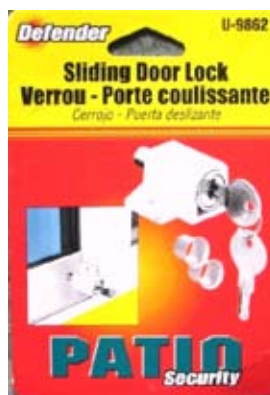
Deputy Sheriff Teresa Aquila's Neighborhood Watch column will return next newsletter.



Slider in locked closed position. Note extra hole to the left.



Slider in locked open position, allowing fresh air but no access.



Sliding Door Lock with key, available at Lowe's

Horse Sense

by Judy Lynn Mandeville



In our area when horses eat their food off the ground they can't avoid picking up sand with it. Eventually the sand can build up in their intestine and may cause a painful and even life threatening colic. Here is a simple test that can be used to monitor intestinal sand in horses.

1. Take 5-6 horse poop balls and mix them in a small bucket half filled with water. Stir.
2. Let stand for approximately 1 hour. If sand is present, it will settle to the bottom of the bucket.

3. Pour off the liquid. More than a teaspoon of sand left in the bottom of the bucket indicates a strong possibility for sand colic problems.

SandClear, or the like, is an effective, readily available psyllium based product to feed your horses for one week out of the month to help clear the digestive tract of sand. Feeding an occasional bran mash, and lots of grass hay for roughage, is also good for clearing sand.

Always consult your vet with any concerns or questions.

P. S. Don't forget your horse's spring vaccines! It's also a good time to have their teeth checked, and get your gelding's sheath cleaned.

Fire Lines

from your Silver Lake Volunteer
Fire Department

Silver Knolls people are all welcoming the beginning of Spring and that includes our Volunteers. What it means is we won't expect so many weather-related vehicle accidents, but remember that auto accidents happen in good weather too, and most are caused by too much speed!

Spring's arrival also means dryer conditions and that means brush and grass fires. The causes range from kids playing with combustibles, off-road driving and lightning strikes. Please let's all keep our eyes open and report these incidents to the fire department.

Have you seen the changes at our firehouse? Our big new sign on the building lets everyone know who we are and where we are. Note our brand new Water Tender truck carrying 3,000 gallons of water, ready to respond to fires in our rural area.



Our new recruiting banner (seen below) asks for help from any of you who would like to train as firefighters and/or emergency medical technicians.



In March the volunteers responded to several accidents and medical calls, including a fall from a horse.

Volunteers respond at all hours and sometimes roll out of bed in the middle of the night to serve our neighborhood when they are needed. Below, fire truck Engine 13 was first on the scene of a recent medical emergency in Silver Knolls, along with Remsa's ambulance, a CareFlight helicopter that landed on the street, and several Sheriff's cars.



Don't forget the Firehouse BBQ, Sunday, June 7th after the community yard sale. See you there!

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Red Rock North Chapter of the Nevada Fire Safe Council

This is the sixth in a series of columns written by Dale Hildebrandt, Arborist and representative of the Red Rock North chapter of the non-profit organization Nevada Fire Safe Council. Learn more online at nvfsc.org.

Spring Fire Safe Update

We have not yet received an answer on our next grant application. There will be a public event on Saturday, May 9th regarding Nevada Wildland Fire Awareness Week. The event will be announced in the newspaper and on the Silver Knolls Info Board, and in e-mails. We will be inviting all the north valley home and property owners to come and get more information on fire awareness.

Please keep up your great efforts on the clean-up activity in your yards and deposit materials at the biomass area, and take as much mulch as you wish. Please send your hours of clean-up to Dale Hildebrandt, at Hildelowe@rtci.net, or call 1-775-970-3261.

Red Rock Annual Cycling Race



With Peavine mountain and our SLVFD Firehouse in the background, 3 cyclists cross the finish line on one leg of their race. On March 28th, Red Rock Road was the setting for a Western Collegiate Cycling Conference bike race, hosted by the UNR Chapter. Men and women riders from colleges all over the west coast took part. The Men's A category did 2 'out and backs' on Red Rock, totaling 88 miles. The B, C and D races were shorter distances.

Remember, 25 mph is the speed limit in all of Silver Knolls.

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