The Meadow's Messenger

September 2022

A Quail Meadows West Homeowners Association Publication



Hi fellow homeowners,

It has been a fairly quiet month so far. I see lots of homeowners out working in their yards and working on their homes. It is wonderful to see and Marci and the Architectural committee are doing an outstanding job keeping up with everyone's projects. Thank you again.

We did have a couple of issues with children walking their dogs in the park and not cleaning up after them. We are putting the nature camera out in the walking trail to see who the offenders are. Also pets being allowed to deposit on other people's yards were an issue. This will not be tolerated. We also had pets off leash and that lead to some pet skirmishes. Unfortunately, one was with an elderly homeowner with a walker and her small dog. Santa Barbara County leash law: In Santa Barbara County, owners are required to obtain a license for any dog older than four months. According to the law, no dog is permitted in a public place unless on a leash, no longer than six feet in length and under the immediate control of the owner. Please make every attempt to take care of your pets and not cause potential harm to not only the other pet but also the owner. If you have one of your children walking the dog, make sure they are aware of the HOA rules and the County's requirements and they can control the animal. Some dogs outweigh some of the kids walking them.

On a very sad note, one of our long time homeowners passed away. I was fortunate to know Gregg Sandoval and work closely with him for years. He will be missed. We all know his wonderful wife Jan and share in her loss.

Food for thought:

It's easy to take your life for granted, and, to be honest, many of us do so on a regular basis. However, once tragedy strikes, we tend to see our lives in a completely different light. That's why you don't know what you have until its gone is one of the most accurate quotes on the planet.

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The Deadline For October Messenger

Is September 18

(Earlier is always better)

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Keith Mougeotte
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Quail Meadows West Homeowners Association, Inc.
Financial Statement
As of June 30, 2022

Debit Credit

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS Steve Mainville 4 Betty Ballantyne 13 Kat Beckelhymer 14 Kristina Nash 15 Phyllis Sabo 20 Jim Soutee 26 Dana Avila 29

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES					
Pat & Sandie McCune	1				
Ed & Mary O'Reilly	1				
Garret & Tilhinha Cowan	9				
Ray & Nancy Dechant	21				
Peter & Peggy Loya	21				

If you would like your birthday or anniversary put in the Messenger, simply email your request to the editor.

New residents will not have this information published without their written consent.

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Eloise Aguillon

REGULAR EVENTS

Happy Hour Friday, September 2nd 5:30 to 6:30 PM At the Clubhouse BYOB & Snacks

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday, Oct 22 @ 5:00 pm Souper Saturday at the Clubhouse

MEETINGS

Next HOA Meeting is October 13 @ 7:00 p.m.

SUNSHINE

GET WELL CARDS SENT TO

No Cards Sent

SYMPATHY CARD SENT TO

Jan Sandoval In the passing of her husband Greg Sandoval

Gregg Sandoval Celebration of Life

Date: Saturday, September 24

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Rotary Centennial Park

Picnic Area

2625 S. College Ave

Santa Maria

Lunch Provided: Taco Truck

Those wishing to bring desserts

will be appreciated

Souper Saturday

Come join the fun on Saturday, October 22 at 5:00 P. M. at the clubhouse for soup, bread, and dessert and fun.

Sign up to bring your favorite soup.

Sign up sheet is located in the clubhouse.

If you have questions, you can contact Joyce Goble at (805) 451-4597

OR joycegoble@hotmail.com





Leslie Wells Deputy Director

Mike Anderson - Quail Meadows West,

Please share the enclosed postcards with each unit on the property so everyone is aware of new green container requirements.

If you don't already have GREEN containers accessible to your residents, you now need to have some in your waste area(s). Call Waste Management at (805) 922-2121 to subscribe to organic waste service.

As of January 2022, Californians are required to divert all organic waste from the landfill, including food scraps, yard waste, soiled paper products*, and other organics. Organic waste buried in landfills takes up valuable space and releases methane, a powerful greenhouse gas and a major contributor to climate change.

Santa Barbara County is reaching out to let you know that your multi-family unit complex is now required to participate in organic waste collection. Even if you have landscapers who self-haul yard waste material off-site, you'll need to have green containers available for residents to deposit their food scraps and food-soiled paper. You may continue having landscapers haul yard material of- site, or you can transition them into using the green containers on-site.

Green containers can now accept more types of organic waste, including but not limited to all yard waste, coffee filters, used napkins, greasy pizza boxes, and any food scraps or plate waste. If your complex only produces yard waste or only produces food waste, no problem; simply use your green container to capture the type of organic waste you produce. Everything in your green container is now composted at a local facility and then used in local agriculture.

Some tips you can share with your residents:

- Place food scraps into paper bags before depositing into the green container.
- Keep food scraps in the fridge and freezer during the week, and take it out to the green container closer to the collection date.

If you have questions, please call (805)-882-3613. We look forward to implementing complete organics recycling in your region.

Best,

Mackenzie Forgey

Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division

Santa Barbara County Public Works



^{*}Clean paper and cardboard should still go into blue recycling bins.



Exciting Changes to Your Green Cart!

Californians now need to keep as much organic waste out of landfills as possible. When buried, organics such as food scraps, yard waste, and soiled or wet paper products, take up valuable landfill space, and release methane as they decompose. Methane is a powerful greenhouse gas and major contributor to climate change.

Beginning in July, residents of the Santa Maria and Lompoc Valleys must place ALL of their food scraps and food soiled paper*, along with yard waste, in their green container. Everything in the green container is now composted at a local facility and then used in local agriculture.

If you compost your organics where you live, please don't stop! It's best to compost as locally as you can, plus you'll create great soil to use in your garden. The County sells compost bins at a discounted price at the North County Public

Works Office at 620 West

into your blue recycling bin.

Foster Road



Santa Barbara County will provide FREE kitchen pails to all residents of the unincorporated Santa Maria and Lompoc Valleys. Pails are an easy way to collect organic waste at home without needing to run to the green bin after every meal.

Stay tuned, kitchen pails will be available later this year.



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QUESTIONS? Call us at (805) 882-3613
or visit us online at www.LessIsMore.org/organics



Santa Barbara County Animal Services For City of Santa Maria Residents

Santa Maria Animal Center 548 W. Foster Road, Santa Maria, CA 93455

*Clean paper and cardboard should still go

Our hours of operation are: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact Number: 934-6119 (para en Español oprima numero uno)



Keep Your Dog's License Current It is the law...

- <u>All dogs</u> over 4 months of age are required to be licensed and to wear the license tag.
- A current rabies vaccination is required for dogs.
- A license can be purchased at the shelter or online at www.projectpetsafe.org. Check with your veterinarian to see if licenses are sold at their hospital.
- Renew your dog's license before the license expires.
- Call us if you change your address, your phone numbers.

Keep Your Pet's Vaccinations Current It is for their health...

- Take your pet to your full-service veterinarian for annual check-ups, vaccinations, and all other medical treatments.
- Affordable vaccinations, flea treatment, worming, microchips and animal licenses are available at our weekly Santa Maria Animal Center's Animal Health Clinic.

Every Wednesday. No appointment needed. 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Rabies \$6; Distemper/Parvo \$13; Bordatella \$13

Keep Your Pet in Your House or Your Enclosed Yard

It is for the safety of you and your pet...

- . Do not let your dogs, cats or other animals run loose.
- Loose animals cause serious auto accidents, damage property, become a neighborhood nuisance and can be injured or killed.
- It's also against the law.
- Clean up after your pet.

Keep Your Dog on a Leash

It is for the safety of you and your neighbors...

- No dog is permitted to be on a street or other public place unless on a leash.
- The leash must be no more than 6 feet long and the dog under your care and control.
- Clean up after your dog when you take it for a walk.

Spay-Neuter Your Pet

It is for their health, your pocketbook, and the best interest of our community...

Call today to schedule an affordable spay or neuter appointment for your dog or cat. Please call

- Our Project PetSafe Team at 934-6968 or
- The Santa Maria Valley Humane Society at 349-3435

How Does Spaying and Neutering Help Your Pet?

- The cost of licensing is considerably lower. For example: Altered license-\$23/yr, Unaltered license-\$70/yr
- · You will do your part to prevent the birth of unwanted animals.
- Decreases a pet's desire to roam and mark their territory.
- Spayed pets no longer experience heat cycles that attract unwanted male animals.
- Females spayed before their first heat cycle have no risk of uterine infection or the many complications associated with pregnancy, whelping, or raising a litter.
- Consult with your veterinarian about the most appropriate time to spay or neuter your pet.
- It is NOT best to wait until your female dog or cat has gone through its first heat cycle.

What is the Pet Overpopulation Problem?

- In Santa Barbara County over 1,500 unwanted dogs and cats are euthanized each year.
- Our Santa Maria Animal Center is overflowing with cats and dogs resulting in longer shelter stays, stress, illness, lowered adoptability of pets and ongoing need for euthanasia.
- What will happen to your dog's puppies or your cat's kittens?

Don't Let Your Dog Be a Noise Nuisance

- Excessive barking is extremely annoying and noisy dogs create neighborhood problems.
- Do not leave your dog tied up in the yard.
- Address a barking problem as soon as you become aware of it to avoid unhappiness and legal consequences.
- If you need to report a barking dog problem, please call, the Santa Maria Police Department at 928-3781 or Code Enforcement at 925-

Animal Emergencies

- Please call us at 934-6119 if

 You or a family member are bitten by an animal
- You witness a dog attack or dangerous animal
- Your pet has bitten someone else or been bitten by wildlife.
- You see an injured animal, no owner with no owner present.
 If the owner is present, it is their responsibility to transport the animal to a veterinarian.
- You see loose livestock.
- You see an animal; dead or injured, creating a traffic hazard or involved in a situation that is dangerous to human safety.
- For emergencies after hours, call SM Police Dept 928-3781

Reporting a Lost Pet

- It is important for you to look for your lost pet, in person, at the Santa Maria Animal Center. Your pet may be waiting for you.
- Also, fill out a Lost Animal Report when you are at the shelter.
 Bring a photograph of your animal if you have one.
- Come in person at least every two to three days
- Our Animal Services Officers pick up many lost pets every day and may have already picked up yours.
- Don't give up.

Reporting a Found Pet

- If you find someone's lost pet, bring it to the shelter within 24 bours.
- The pet is someone else's property.
- Do not assume the animal is abandoned and unwanted.
- Think about what you would want someone to do if they found your pet.



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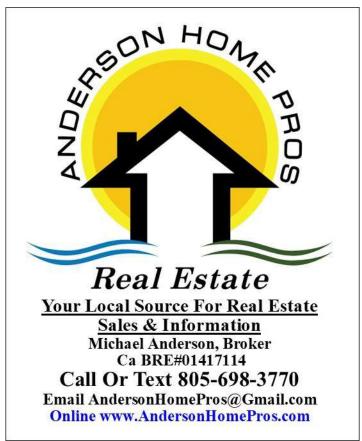
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Containers must be placed out for service by 6:00 a.m. on your scheduled collection day.

On weeks with City holidays, collection service occurs one day later.

CITY OF SANTA MARIA (805) 925-0951 ext. 7270 www.cityofsantamaria.org





2065 East Main Street, Santa Maria CA 93454



2022 SEPTEMBER



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