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SADDLEHORN HOMEOWNERS' NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

## Association News

### Board of Directors Meetings

1st Quarter Board Meeting  
Tuesday, February 9th, 5 p.m.  
Saddlehorn Sales Office

The February meeting agenda will be available Wednesday, January 27th. Meeting agendas and minutes for all Board of Directors meetings and all Annual Homeowners Association meetings are available on the Web site at [www.saddlehorn.org](http://www.saddlehorn.org). For questions, more information or hard copies, please call Mike Joseph at 853-9056.

### Board of Directors

**Jack Marsh, President**  
851-7636

**Ed Fraser, Vice President**  
851-0106

**Ken Langdon, Secretary**  
852-8278

**Mal Horan, Treasurer**  
851-3410

**Cathleen McStroul, Member-at-Large**  
853-1363

If you are unable to reach Mike Joseph, please feel free to call any Board member.

## President's Message

*From Jack Marsh, President,  
Saddlehorn Homeowners Association*

I would like to start by thanking those few but fabulous owners who chose to brave the snow to attend our Annual Meeting on December 8th. Our 2010 budget was approved and notice was made of the \$5 per month dues increase and the increase in late fee to \$25. We managed to closely match the 2009 projected budget during the past year by keeping expenses down in several areas. While our interest income was and is projected to be very low, we have avoided having any losses to bad debts in this difficult financial time, mostly due to the timely efforts of our Property Manager, Mike Joseph.

I would like to extend my personal thanks to your retiring Board Treasurer, Mal Horan, for his outstanding service as well as to the rest of your Board members. I would especially like to thank the members of the Design Review Committee ably led by Dave Gibson as well as those who helped Ken and Linda Langdon with the annual end-of-summer picnic where we had a record turnout this year. Also thanks to Ken Donajkowski for organizing the Neighborhood Watch program and Kelly Werner for organizing the Christmas Decorating Contest.

As our common areas and facilities age, we are faced with repairs and eventual replacement of our walkways and buildings. You may not be aware that we had to take down the gazebo in the park due to a safety issue because some of the wood was rotting. We will look at options for rebuilding and will address these sort of issues in the coming year.

We have added an additional dog waste collector dispenser to our walking paths. Also of interest is the new fire station to be built on the corner of Thomas Creek and Arrowcreek Parkway, at least partly funded by federal stimulus money.

Qualified candidates are usually needed for the Design Review Committee, especially those with building construction, architectural, or landscape design experience. Please contact Mike Joseph if you are interested. All regular board meetings are open to owners and you are invited to attend. The 2009 State Legislature made numerous

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They're fun  
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LADIES  
BUNCO

Meets the last  
Tuesday of each  
month at 7 p.m.

For more  
information:

Pat Merkel  
853-8316

Cheryl Pearce  
852-1111

BOOK CLUB

Meets monthly  
on a Thursday  
night at  
7 p.m. at 14250  
Powder River  
Court. The group  
is casual and varies  
from 5 to 10  
attendees.

For more  
information:

Joanne Jarrett  
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*By Mike Joseph, Property Manager,  
Saddlehorn Homeowners Association*

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and I wish all of you a prosperous new year. The year 2010 will see a dues increase of \$5 per month billed quarterly at \$130. The Board authorized this increase in order to maintain the association's common areas as well as provide adequate reserve monies for the walking paths. They expect that this increase will be sufficient to cover operating and reserve expenses for at least the next two years. They also have increased the late fee amount from \$5 to \$25. This increase is more in line with other associations as well as it being a stronger incentive to pay HOA dues on time.

As a reminder, all Saddlehorn streets are owned and maintained by Washoe County, including snow removal. The county has limited equipment, therefore all primary streets are cleared first (for example, Thomas Creek Road). If you see a road condition or have a concern regarding snow removal please call the County Road Division at (775) 328-2180.

Please remember that all trash receptacles must be out of sight from all common areas, roadways and surrounding homes, with the exception of trash day. It also would be appreciated by your neighbors downwind to not place your trash receptacle out the night before as strong winds and or animals could spill the contents, thus creating a mess. It is incumbent for all property owners to be diligent in this responsibility as well as abiding by the CC&Rs. We thank you for your cooperation.

Please remember that any changes you wish to make to the exterior of your property (whether it's changing the color scheme of your home, revising your landscaping, adding a play structure, etc.) must first be submitted to the Design Review Committee before any work commences. It is also a good idea not to schedule any contractors until you receive final approval. If you are unsure as to the process for submittal or have questions on information required, please contact Mike Joseph at 853-9056 for details.

DESIGN REVIEW  
COMMITTEE

NEXT MEETING DATES:

- January 14th & 28th
- February 11th & 25th
- March 11th & 25th
- April 8th & 22nd

All meetings are subject to change! Please remember that any changes you wish to make to the exterior of your property — whether it's changing the color scheme of your home, revising your landscaping, adding a play structure, etc. — must first be submitted to the Design Review Committee before any work is commenced. It is also a good idea not to schedule any contractors until you receive final approval. If you are unsure as to the process for plan submittal, please contact Mike Joseph at 853-9056 for details.

The deadline to submit plans for review is 4 p.m. the Monday before the meeting. If the Monday before an SDRC meeting falls on a holiday, the deadline for submitting plans is 4 p.m. the Friday before the meeting. Sorry, but we cannot make exceptions. All meeting dates are subject to change or cancellation.

ORVIS FREE  
DOG TRAINING ADVICE

Every Monday, Wednesday, Saturday  
and Sunday evening

Trainer Noelle Cota will be in store to help dog owners solve issues such as potty training, barking, digging, and other destructive behaviors, pulling while on a leash, jumping on people, handling exercises and other problems. Call store for hours: (775) 870-2272.



# Washoe County Library

Check out the Washoe County Library TeenSpace on the Web! You'll find "Homework Tools" with links to tutoring sites and "Hot Picks" with links to Web sites that review books and movies of interest to teens. There's also a "Games" link. "My World" is a place where teens can find college and career advice, volunteer opportunities and the low-down on the local scene. Visit [http://www.washoecounty.us/library/teen\\_tools.html](http://www.washoecounty.us/library/teen_tools.html)

## Winter/Spring Reading Program

The library will be the coolest place in town during the Winter/Spring Reading Program. This year's event runs from January 1st-April 30th.

"Be Cool @ Your Library" encourages children of all ages to read for fun, knowledge and the opportunity to win prizes. Children and teens will read for 20 hours and receive a free book plus a chance to win larger prizes. They may finish multiple logs with chances to win increased with each completed reading log.

Special programs will be featured at Washoe County Library branches during the four-month reading program. All library programs are free and children are welcome to participate at more than one library.

You can sign up for the Winter/Spring Reading Program at your local library.

Reading Programs are sponsored by IGT, Target, the Erwin Family, and the Library Services and Technology Act.

## RENO RINK ON THE RIVER ICE SKATING RINK

Open through February 28th

### Public Skating

Public skating sessions are one of our main attractions at Reno Rink on the River. Skating provides great exercise and an opportunity to get out of the house — plus, it's not like exercising at the gym ... skating is fun! Lace 'em up and come join the others! Get on the ice and get ready for a great experience.

### Figure Skating & Ice Skating Lessons

Are you an adult looking to learn to skate? Do you have children yearning to skate like the pros? If so, the Rink offers top-notch instructors for beginners to advanced skaters. Call (775) 334-2262 for more details.

### Birthday Party or Event Planning

The rink and other facilities are available for birthday parties, holiday parties or corporate events. Call (775) 334-2262 at least one week in advance to properly schedule your event.



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changes to the Nevada Revised Statutes relating to homeowners associations. Mike and I recently attended a training session on these changes presented by the State Ombudsman Office. You can access these changes at <http://red.state.nv.us>, which also includes a link to the relevant statutes.

Thanks for electing me to your Board of Directors and I am looking forward to one more year of service to our beautiful community.



**THE WEDDING SINGER: JANUARY 15TH-17TH**  
With a score that pays homage to pop songs of the '80s, The Wedding Singer takes us back to when hair was big, collars were up and a wedding singer was the coolest guy in the room.

**AVENUE Q: FEBRUARY 16TH-28TH**  
The story of Princeton, who arrives in New York City to find the only neighborhood in his price range is Avenue Q; still, the neighbors seem nice. Together, Princeton and his newfound friends struggle to find jobs, dates, and their ever-elusive purpose in life. Not suitable for all ages.

**THE DROWSY CHAPERONE: MARCH 26TH-28TH**  
Tony Award winner for Best Book and Best Score, The Drowsy Chaperone is an homage to American musicals of the Jazz Age, examining the effect musicals have on the fans who adore them.

**STOMP: APRIL 16TH-18TH**  
Garbage can lids and brooms and sticks make up just a few of the "instruments" used for this percussive symphony.

**THE WIZARD OF OZ: MAY 14TH-16TH**  
Long before MGM's 1939 movie, a musical adaptation of L. Frank Baum's Wizard of Oz became a Broadway hit. In fact, Baum was a playwright, actor and theater manager before he became a famous author.

For tickets on-line, visit [pioneercenter.com](http://pioneercenter.com).

To buy tickets in person, the box office at 100 S. Virginia St. is open Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and two hours prior to show times. (775) 686-6600

## SADDLEHORN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Following are some key points presented at the fourth quarter meeting of the Saddlehorn Neighborhood Watch:

- Non-emergency phone number for Washoe County Sheriff dispatcher: 832-4110. Call this number if you see something suspicious but there is no immediate threat.
- When a call is made to 911 over a residential land line (not a cell phone) the location is registered after just the first ring. Even if a caller hangs up after the first ring, the dispatcher will have the address and will initiate a response to that location. Even if a caller is unable to talk, two Sheriff deputies will be dispatched to your location when a 911 call is made.
- When reporting an emergency or serious incident, first make certain you are safe before calling.
- Solicitors are required by law to have a Washoe County Sheriff Office license and ID card. They are to have this with them

on their person if they are soliciting. If someone is soliciting and they cannot produce these items, you should report them to the non-emergency number above and the Sheriff's Office will respond.

- Ski season alert: Criminals will watch a parking lot and target vehicles where skiers have been seen to place a purse or wallet in the car, even in the trunk.

In November, there was one report of a house break-in in Saddlehorn: "They came to a rear patio door and threw a rock through our patio door window and entered our house. They apparently left as my alarm began to sound and I could find nothing taken. I called the police."

If you wish to receive Neighborhood Watch e-mail alerts (average one a week), please contact Ken Donajkowski at [kdonajkowski@mac.com](mailto:kdonajkowski@mac.com).

The first quarter meeting is Monday, January 14th, at 6 p.m. at Hunsberger Elementary. Deputy Aquila's topic will be "Nevada's Seven Signs of Terrorism."



## GARDENER'S CORNER

*Judi Kleidon, a trained Master Gardener, is writing a monthly article concerning gardening topics of interest to Saddlehorn residents. Please check the Web site ([www.saddlehorn.org](http://www.saddlehorn.org)) for additional information or to access past articles. We appreciate Judi's contribution to gardening in Saddlehorn. If you have specific questions, you can reach a Master Gardener by calling 784-4848 during business hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) each weekday.*

With the holiday season well upon us, most of us have things on our mind other than gardening. And that is as it should be! Let me take a moment to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year!

I know this is a repeat — but I can't say this often enough - remember to water your trees and shrubs this winter. If we happen to have a very heavy snowfall or the ground is solidly frozen - you get a reprieve. But, if we haven't had any precipitation for a few weeks and it is reasonably warm (say lower 40s or above) either drag out your hose or turn on your drip system for an hour or so to soak your plants. They will thank you in spring with a nice flush of greenery and will not suffer winter stress. Remember, our shrubs and trees are a large investment in our property.

After the holidays when winter sets in - some of you may wonder "What's a gardener to do?" Well, I've listed a few companies that provide catalogs of seeds, plants, and gardening supplies and equipment that you can request via e-mail. Just going through the catalogs will keep you busy for awhile and, then, selecting and ordering seeds takes up even more time. And some of the catalogs have interesting articles on planting and gardening in general. You'll notice most of the catalogs are from areas located in the northern half of the US with the exception of

Santa Fe, NM which is located at an altitude over 7,000 feet and has a climate similar to ours - high desert.

Burpee Gardening ([www.burpee.com](http://www.burpee.com)) in Warminster, PA; Gardener's Supply Company ([www.gardeners.com](http://www.gardeners.com)) in Burlington, VT; Henry Fields Seed & Nursery Co. ([www.HenryFields.com](http://www.HenryFields.com)) in Aurora, IN; Gurney's Seed & Nursery Co. ([www.Gurneys.com](http://www.Gurneys.com)) in Greendale, IN; High Country Gardens ([www.highcountrygardens.com](http://www.highcountrygardens.com)) in Santa Fe, NM; Peaceful Valley Farm & Garden Supply ([www.GrowOrganic.com](http://www.GrowOrganic.com)) in Grass Valley which includes Renee's Garden Seeds; and Seeds of Change ([www.seedsofchange.com](http://www.seedsofchange.com)) in Spicer, MN.

Over the past few years I have started plants, both flowers and veggies, in a window in our garage. This is always exciting because you see the plants from start to finish and it can be quite rewarding or, sometimes, a little frustrating - but always interesting.) A few tips on selecting seeds and plants - Reno, as you know, has a short growing season so select vegetables that will mature in no more than 90 to 120 days and will grow in Sunset's Zone 2-B or temps of minimum average of 12 to 22° . I personally use USDA Zone 5 to be sure my plants will make it. If anyone is interested in doing a "seed exchange" please contact me at [judik19@sbcglobal.net](mailto:judik19@sbcglobal.net). If there is an adequate response maybe we can get a garden group together in Saddlehorn.