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BIG NEWS!! BIG NEWS!!

Please look at the uhills.org website for some photos of the new building as we update the site!

Saturday June 26 is the grand opening when we will have a free Pancake Breakfast for the first 300 residents that come between 9:00 am and 12:00 noon. Come check out the building and give us input on the activities you want to see!

We are interested in training some community members in how to use the Audio Visual equipment at the Center, which can accommodate computer hookups and iPod sound. Contact Michele Walot at mwalot@cox.net (856-0929) or Ron Reid at Reid@housing.hsg.uci.edu (824-2424) if you want to get familiar with the system. We'd like to have a team of folks who can show others how to utilize the rooms effectively.

---Michele Walot, HRB Chair

NOTICE FROM ICHA

Attention All University Hills Homeowners, please make sure you have updated our address with your Homeowner Insurance Company, Mortgage Companies, etc.

Irvine Campus Housing Authority
1083 California Avenue
Irvine, CA 92617-4109

If you use a bill paying service or mail your ICHA or UHCOA I & II due payments, please send to:

Irvine Campus Housing Authority
P.O. Box 9686
Newport Beach, CA 92658-9686

Your monthly statements are available via e-mail. If you are interested, please send an e-mail to ichaacctg@icha.uci.edu, noting your address, account number (available in the upper right hand corner of your monthly statement), and the e-mail address to which you would like the E-statement sent.

---Cindy Hughes, Sales & Administrative Assistant, ICHA

HRB MEETING MINUTES - MAY 4, 2010

Present: Jeff Beckwith; Jan Fisher; Michael McNally; Michele Walot; Sukumar Pal; Ginny Mumm; Andrew Herndon; Ron Reid

Absent: Cyril McCormick

Guest: Fran Hertel

Community Center Grand Opening:

A. Saturday, June 26. We need volunteers and ideas.

B. The Board concurred that holding the room dedication in Charles Lave's honor would be best served on a different date than the Grand Opening. Michael McNalley will contact Charlie's widow and ask if she can attend an event on either July 13th or August 9th at approximately 5:00p.m.

C. Community Center Rules:

Andrew Herndon will provide an electronic copy of the final version of the revised Community Center Rules and Reservation Procedures for the Board information.

D. Survey Questions:

Ginny and Andrew met in April regarding the survey's target group and the survey's focus on recreational issues. The following items were discussed:

- Recreation queries involving creative thought should be asked at the start of the survey.
- Online survey software like Survey Monkey® is limited.
- Consideration of the wording of the survey questions is extremely important.
- A true random sample is preferable if additional questions other than recreation based questions are to be included. Follow-up would be considered to the selected household if they don't answer.
- Encourage responses to be representative of the family/household rather than just adults, particularly if children are present.

A request for feedback focusing on the Community Center may be a specific survey that should take place during/at the grand opening of the Community Center.

HRB & UHILLS Website:

Ginny will invite Nina Macdonald (Webmaster) to the HRB meeting in June to discuss updating the U Hills Website. Elements for possible inclusion are:

- Identification of responsibilities in living within a Planned Community.
- Painting guidelines/reminders.
- Inclusion of HRB & ICHA member photos/bios for community identification
- Encouragement of owners in the new phases to join the HRB board and invest their brain power.
- An updated colorized map of the community and park facilities.
- Fun Facts about Uhills; i.e., Street name bios.
- Inclusive news.
- Photo site of U Hills wildlife images captured by residents
- Consider auto posting of Newsletter to all residents via sign up list

HRB Meeting Minutes:

HRB board meeting minutes should be finalized no later than the 15th of each month for Newsletter Editor and Webmaster to post and make a link available by the 1st of the following month.

Community Architectural Developments:

The Board reviewed a painting application where work had begun prior to application approval. The resident was requested to halt the application of paint until the Board had sufficient time to research and review the situation. All parties agreed to personally review the existing conditions and to report back by email by the end of the week.

Summer 2010 - Pools

Fran Hertel representing a group of children and parents who wish to use the pools on a more regular basis, asked that the HRB to consider heating the Los Trancos pool to a higher temperature (+/- 82 degrees) in the months of May and October. She argued that water warmed to 78 degrees during these months was not sufficiently comfortable for youth and general community enjoyment during these months of the year when air temps have not yet risen. The group proposed that the Urey pool was underutilized and that heating be deferred at that facility until June. They proposed that the gas savings from not heating the Urey pool in May and October could be used to off set the increase gas use at Los Trancos. The Urey pool would continue to be heated to 78 degrees during June, July and August. The Gabrielino Pool would continue to be heated to 78 degrees May through October.

After discussion, the Board unanimously agreed to undertake the revised heating arrangements as an experiment, registering community support and dissent for planning purposes, as well as monitoring gas consumption for budgetary consideration.

Ms. Hertel was thanked for her time and concerns.

The meeting was adjourned around 6:15PM

NEWS FROM IRWD

Outdoor Water Conservation Tips

- Water deeply to encourage deep root growth. Aerating your lawn can improve root growth. Orange County has predominantly heavy clay soils, which absorb water at a slower rate. To get the deep water penetration, try watering for short periods twice or even three times in one day at least an hour apart. This watering pattern produces better root growth than watering a little every day.
- Water your lawn only when it needs it. Check by stepping on the grass. If it springs back up when you move, it doesn't need water. If it stays flat, fetch the sprinkler. Trees and shrubs generally require about half (some shrubs even less) of what the lawn needs. If you're watering every day or every other day, you're providing more than most plants need. Check the moisture of the soil 3-6" below the surface. With our heavy clay soils, the surface may look dry, but the clay remains moist beneath the surface.
- Prevent runoff: Landscapers may turn sprinkler controllers up too high. Watch for runoff and check for broken sprinkler heads. Runoff will carry fertilizers into the storm drain and contribute to pollution in our waterways.

Suggested WEEKLY watering schedule for spray-head irrigation systems:

Month	Trees, Shrubs, Groundcover	Turfgrass	% Option***
June	3 days, 2 cycles* of 5 minutes	2 days, 3 cycles* of 3 minutes	100

*By "cycling" your irrigation timer to turn on for the suggested number of minutes an hour apart, you reduce runoff and gain deeper watering and healthier root growth. Start with this weekly schedule and increase the times only if your plants show signs of stress. If stress occurs only in isolated area, check your irrigation system before increasing the time.

***Some irrigation controllers have a feature by which the watering time can be set by changing the percentage instead of specifically entering the days, cycles and minutes.

Sea and Sage Audubon Society Featured in IRWD's Online Calendar

Want to learn all about bats and even see some of them close up in the wild? Every summer, Sea and Sage Audubon Society holds its popular bat walks at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. These twilight excursions, led by bat expert Stephanie Remington, fill up quickly. So register early. Go to www.seaandsageaudubon.org and download a registration form, or call (949) 261-7963.

Visit www.irwd.com and click on “[Community Events](#)” to view the entire IRWD Community Calendar online. All online calendar and conservation information is continually updated.

UCI ARBORETUM EVENTS

Saturday Plant Sale

The UCI Arboretum hosts its next Saturday plant sale on Saturday, July 10 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The Arboretum offers a unique selection of succulents, perennials, and California native plants for your garden. Typical warm weather selections include Cape Skyflower (*Plectranthus saccatus*), colorful varieties of Heuchera, tropicals like variegated ginger, and succulents that include Aloes, Sedums, Crassulas, and Echeverias. Admission and parking are free for this event.

The UCI Arboretum is located just south of the corner of Campus Drive and Jamboree Road on the UCI North Campus. For more information, please call (949) 824-5833.