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Fairfield Neighborhood Newsletter

New Paint Schemes Considered

The Architectural Committee is reviewing new paint colors and combinations of colors for the Fairfield Neighborhood and hopes to announce the results of this soon.

If you are considering repainting and would like to change colors, you may want to wait to see if there is a different approved paint scheme that you prefer.

- ➔ Summer Tip - A power wash of your exterior can help brighten up your paint by removing dirt buildup.

Architectural Approvals

Summer is a great time for new projects to upgrade your home. Association architectural guidelines are designed to enhance the neighborhood and our property values. Please remember that the Architectural Committee must receive an Architectural Request Form for all exterior modifications and improvements, including:

- Painting
- Exterior Lighting
- Patio Covers
- Fencing
- Screen Doors
- Other Improvements visible from the street or adjacent homes, or those covered under HOA regulations
- Windows
- Garage Doors

Before you start any exterior improvements, sign contracts or make any commitments, please call Tish Matthews (tmatthews@emmonsco.net or 805-413-1170) to discuss your planned improvements and for an Architectural Request Form.

Please allow at least 60 days from submittal of an Architectural Request and don't start any work until you have received approvals. We'll try to move as quickly as possible to review and approve or provide comments to your submittal. Failure to receive advance approvals may result in increased costs and delay for your improvements.

Pool News

- ❖ The pool is fully open and operational!!
- ❖ Unfortunately, before the pool even opened for summer, it was vandalized. These costs continue to take away from funds available to beautify our neighborhood and, ultimately, will result in higher HOA dues. We all need to be aware of unauthorized people and illegal activity taking place in the pool area and report this immediately by calling the Camarillo Police at (805) 654-9511.
- ❖ The pool is a great place to host your party, but we need to be respectful of others who would like to use the pool. For approval of any pool party of 4 people or more, please contact Tish Matthews (tmatthews@emmonsco.net or 805-413-1170) with your party information and to request advance approval. Please plan accordingly.

Pet Watch

- ❖ Please make sure dogs are not barking all day while you're out, pet waste is cleaned up immediately and not left on lawns, and your pets are safe from coyotes at night.

Home of the Quarter

Congratulations to our homeowner at
5384 Camino Deville
who receives a \$50.00 Home Depot gift card
as Fairfield's Home of the Quarter

*This is judged based on upkeep,
conformance with association rules
and general beautification –
maybe your home will be next!*

Fairfield Neighborhood Homeowners Association

Upcoming Dates

PLEASE NOTE
CHANGE OF DATE IN
JUNE

Jun 30 HOA meeting
Jul 27 HOA meeting
Aug 24 HOA meeting

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Neighborhood Watch

We continue to have issues with crime in our neighborhood. In addition to burglaries, vandalism and graffiti, the latest is with delivery packages being stolen from porches. We are actively enlisting your help to make Fairfield a safer neighborhood. We would like to get our Neighborhood Watch Program formalized. The police alone cannot keep our neighborhood safe. We need block captains and volunteers to make this happen. If you would like to help, please contact Judi at (805) 987-1276 or J2Bal@msn.com. Protect your property and help make your community safer by being more aware of strangers and participating in the Neighborhood Watch. Please report any illegal activity by contacting the Camarillo Police at (805) 654-9511.

Using Ladybugs to Control Pests

Recently, we had a problem in our neighborhood with aphids and whiteflies. Instead of spraying pesticides, we released ladybugs, a natural predator of these pests.

Consider using ladybugs in your other landscape areas. They are a great alternative providing natural pest control that consumes not only aphids and whiteflies, but also mealy bugs, scales, mites and many other soft bodied insects as well as bollworm, broccoli worm, cabbage moth and tomato hornworm.

Tips

A common complaint in using ladybugs is that once released, they fly away while aphids eat away at your garden. The ladybug is a migratory insect, and after molting into an adult, has the urge to migrate upland. Though a portion may fly off initially and more once your pests have been consumed, here are a few tips to get ladybugs to stay:

- ❖ Release ladybugs in the evening because they will not fly at night and are less active when it's cooler.
- ❖ Spray a 1:1 solution of water & clear soda pop (Sprite, etc.) on the ladybugs just prior to release. The sugar will cause the ladybugs' wings to stick together for a few days, preventing them from flying away. During this time the females should start laying eggs in your garden, and because ladybugs are territorial, those that hatch in your garden will call it home.

Please add information about Flood Insurance

As you know, the Fairfield Neighborhood is included in the flood zone per the newest FEMA maps. The homeowners association does not maintain information on individual lots. The best source for information is the city of Camarillo Public Works Department. Their phone number is (805) 388-5380. Also, the city's website has map information and links on it for your reference at www.ci.camarillo.ca.us.

