

October 2010

Fairfield Neighborhood Newsletter

New Paint Schemes Planned

New colors will be introduced to the current paint schemes to increase options for our homes.

The update is planned to be finalized and available to homeowners during the December 2010.

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

Home of the Quarter

Congratulations to our homeowner at
5687 Calle Sencillo
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 contribution to neighborhood appeal.
Maybe your home will be next!*

Architectural Approvals

If you are considering any exterior modification or improvement to your home, please remember that you must submit an Architectural Request Form and receive approval. Association architectural guidelines are designed to enhance the neighborhood and our property values. Architectural approval is required for improvements such as:

- 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 contact The Emmons Company 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

- ❖ Pool heating will continue through October 31 and restart again in the Spring.
- ❖ The spa is heated and pool area is open for residents throughout the year.
- ❖ A reminder that children under the age of 14 are not allowed at the pool without adult supervision.
- ❖ Allowing non-residents to use your pool key is a violation of HOA rules and may result in revocation of pool privileges.
- ❖ Lack of proper supervision of teenagers and allowing non-residents to use the pool areas has contributed to ongoing vandalism issues that drive up costs for homeowners and limit the period that the pool can remain open. 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.

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Upcoming Dates

- Oct 16** Fairfield Yard Sale
(proposed)
Oct 26 HOA meeting
Oct 31 Last day of pool
heating for season
Nov No HOA meeting
Dec 7 HOA meeting

**HOA Meetings held at
6:30pm
5713 Calle Pamaro**

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Planned Fairfield Yard Sale

The Association is considering having
a neighborhood-wide yard sale on:

Saturday, October 16th

If you are interested in participating, please contact
Judi at (805) 987-1276 by **October 7th**.

Lawn Improvements

Starting approximately at the end of October (depending on weather) the landscapers will be scalping the front and common area lawns to reduce the thickness of the grass that has built up over the years. Turf scalping is a common practice when thatch has grown to over ¾". Turf thatch creates problems by not allowing water and nutrients to penetrate to the roots. To compensate for this problem, sprinklers are being set to run longer which causes run off and poor irrigation coverage. Turf scalping gets the turf height to a desirable level where the water will get to the root system quicker which in return will reduce the amount of water used as well as allow for more efficient watering. This is necessary to provide healthier, better looking grass.

After the scalping the lawns won't be mowed for a few weeks which will help with completing winter tasks. Edging and turf detail will still be performed to keep lawns looking as good as possible.

Note that the lawns will look brown and very unattractive for a few months. In early spring, the lawns will look better than ever and allow us to save on water bills.

New Website www.fairfieldneighborhood.org

The association has just activated a new website exclusively for Fairfield. We are still in the process of the final touches, but please use it for agendas, minutes, and other news.

Using Ladybugs to Control Pests

We have an ongoing problem in our neighborhood with aphids and whiteflies. Instead of spraying pesticides, we continue to release 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 mealybugs, scales, mites and many other soft bodied insects as well as bollworm, broccoli worm, cabbage moth and tomato hornworm.

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.