

FAIRFIELD NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

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Raccoon Alert



Board Member Openings

The association was to have held the annual election at the meeting on May 27, but since nomination forms were not submitted, ballots were not mailed. There are two openings for the board of directors, each for a two year term. Owners may request to be appointed to the board. If you are interested in volunteering for your association, please send in a request to The Emmons Company. Include your name, address, reasons for wanting to be on the board and any other past experience that may be relevant. Please submit your request by June 16, 2014.

A big thank you to the two exiting board members Raquel Svennebjør and Valerie Minnis. The association thanks you for your many years of service to your community.

Pool Area and Spa Repairs

Two projects will begin at the pool area in June. One will begin shortly, the re-plastering of the spa. Due to the heavy usage of a small body of water, the plaster wears out faster than the pool. The spa will be closed for approximately two weeks while the work is done. You will see a sign on the gate as you enter the pool. Please stay away from the work area while this is being done. The pool will remain open for use.

The second project is to resurface the pool deck area. This will take a week and during that time the pool area will be completely closed. The work does not have a start date at the time of this newsletter pending approvals from the health department. A sign will be posted on the pool gate while the work is being done.

We apologize for the inconvenience to all pool and spa users.

Leash Law Reminder

The City of Camarillo requires all dogs to be either fenced in, tied or under leash control of their owners at all times when out doors. Dogs roaming free are subject to being picked up by



Ventura County Animal Regulation, and their owners may have to pay fines. It is also common sense that a dog running free has a much greater chance of getting seriously injured or lost. Please keep control of your dog at all times when outside. And please, remember that all dogs must be licensed by Animal Regulation. For more information on the leash law or other animal regulations, call Animal Regulation at 388-4341.

Dogs are not allowed in the pool area at any time. Please pick up after your dog.

With the warmer weather, the raccoon population is on the rise throughout our community. Raccoons are opportunistic animals and will go where they find what they need. They're looking for food, water and shelter and when they find it that reinforces them to stay.

All of us in Fairfield need to work together to make our neighborhood a place that raccoons and any other wildlife do **NOT** find what they need. The best way to keep raccoons away from your home is by eliminating the things that attract them.

- **Do NOT leave pet food out.** If you feed your pets outside bring in the bowl right after they eat.
- Only leave water out when your pets are outside.
- Keep garage doors and side doors **CLOSED**.
- Wash down patios (They have a great sense of smell).
- Keep lids on trash cans closed.
- Do not store pet food or water in a sealed container outdoors.
- Clean up dropped seeds from bird feeders.

Two good ways to scare the raccoons away are to fill a can with rocks and shake it or throw it towards them or spray them with a hose.

It will take us all working together to make our neighborhood undesirable to wildlife.

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