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NEXT BOARD MEETING:
Wed., October 4, 6:30pm
215 Daily Drive, Ste. 10, Camarillo
(across from Marie Callender's,
by Best Western)



HAPPY POOL NEWS



Pool users will be happy to hear that the pool will be heated through October 8th instead of just through Labor Day (Sept. 4th)!

We take this opportunity to remind folks that Cornwall Security locks the pool each night close to the closing time during the summer when the pool is heated. If people are still using the pool or spa past closing time, they will be asked to leave by the Cornwall person.

The gates are then unlocked by Cornwall the next morning prior to opening hours. Once the pool heater is shut down, we don't have the gates locked and unlocked.

Please remember: **NO DOGS OR RAFTS ALLOWED IN POOL AREA!**

CREEK(S) UPDATE



John, the vendor in charge of the creek, reports that things are turning out better than he expected in the underground vaults where the creek equipment is housed.

In a previous newsletter, we advised that the west creek motor has a large metal intake pipe which developed a leak. This meant that several parts were going to have to be replaced. When John and crew took apart the motor, he found the inside of the equipment to be in excellent shape! Valves and check valves still had to be replaced, but things were better than we dared hope!

Also mentioned previously, both creeks will be cleaned as part of this project.



BRIDGING THE GAP!

All of the bridges that span the creeks throughout Sycamore Creek will be replaced with custom built vinyl bridges. The bridges will still have a wood component in the support structure, but the part that you walk across will be vinyl, for the most part.

We are hopeful that the vinyl will last longer and look better longer. As it stands now, those bridges are repaired and rebuilt on a frequent basis.

Look for this work to start Sept. 12th and last for about 9 weeks. Vinyl Concepts,

the company who will build the bridges will build them one at a time so as not to inconvenience residents too much.

TIPS FOR KEEPING RODENTS AWAY



Some residents are not aware that Sycamore Creek is its own natural environment. The creek makes this natural environment, and the wildlife run free in a natural environment. It is not uncommon to see possums, koi fish, raccoons, and even the occasional egret. Ducks return year after year to have their babies at Sycamore Creek, and every so often, a mouse or rat is seen.

We are proud of this environment and we don't want to take steps that will change it, because doing so will upset the food chain. It is also the reason so many residents wanted to live here in the first place.

There are a couple of steps residents can take to help keep rodents under control. One step is to add door sweeps to the bottom of the laundry room doors so critters don't get under those doors. During the winter, rodents may seek the warmth of the dryer. To keep them out of the dryer (after you've added the sweep to the bottom of the door), put a screen over the dryer vent opening.

Rats and mice are also attracted to food, such as cat and dog food left out, fish food, birdseed, or any trash left on patios. This is a good reason to keep your patio clean! An unclean patio is also an attraction to cockroaches. Your neighbors will not appreciate having your patio become a haven for unwanted critters.

Residents have had success keeping the rodents away by following these suggestions.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Don't forget to start gathering items to place in the **Sycamore Creek Garage Sale** coming **Saturday, Sept. 16th, 8am – 1pm!**

The **asphalt reseal project** is scheduled for mid-September. Because of the other on-going projects, we will have to see if it can still occur then or whether it will need to be postponed. We will keep you apprised on the webpage.