

# SOMERSET ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Maximizing Home Values, Quality of Life, Positioning as Premier Community

## What's Up #62: July 16, 2021

### In-Person Board Meetings Resume on July 20th!

After meeting by Zoom since March 2020, Board meetings will resume in person this month. The next meeting is Tuesday, July 20 at 6:30 PM outside at the Somerset Swim & Tennis Club (weather permitting - we'll move into the clubhouse, if necessary). All homeowners are invited to attend. The agenda will be posted on the website at least one day prior to the meeting.

### Updates on Water Issues and Hwy 52 Entrance - Call for Volunteers!

After an extensive search, Al Orendorff, Property Manager, has located a source of leased water that we expect will meet our needs for this year. **Thank you, Al!** The construction of the new transfer line from Pond 1 in SHOA to Pond 2 above Primrose Lane began this week, and once that is completed we can resume normal irrigation and start the waterfall.

Nonetheless, we think it prudent to look for ways to reduce water consumption to bring water use better in line with the water we own according to the agreement with SHOA. A task force consisting of Scott Abrahamson, Anthony Chirikos, and Paula Hemenway has started looking at options. **We would appreciate additional volunteers to help with this.** Interested? Please contact Scott at [ScottA@SomersetEstates-HOA.com](mailto:ScottA@SomersetEstates-HOA.com) to let him know.

The underground leak at the Highway 52 entrance is repaired. Board members and interested homeowners are **looking at options to update the entrance, particularly the lighting at the center island and on the two large**

**monuments.** We are considering ideas beyond simply replacing the pole light (removed as part of the leak fix project) with a new light. **Do you have a good eye for design?** Please volunteer to be part of this group by contacting Paula Hemenway at Paula@SomersetEstates-HOA.com. Note: In the last issue we reported that the original light would not be reinstalled. However, as it may take a while to select and install a new plan, **the old light will be temporarily reinstalled in the interest of safety at the intersection.**

## **Spruce Tree Pruning to Begin Around July 20th**

SEHOA is responsible for the maintenance of the street monuments on 27 corners throughout the neighborhood, as well as the spruce trees on either side of these monuments that were planted by the developer. **Some of these trees have overgrown the space and are impeding on sidewalks and the monuments.** Pruning to remove lower branches will begin next week. An example of the expected end result is at the corner of Bellflower Ct (see photo). Owners with monuments on their lots have been sent more detailed information. **All owners are reminded to prune vegetation so that branches are not sitting on monuments or fences, growing through fences, or pushed up against the monuments and fences.** Later this summer we will begin maintenance of the electrical components on the backs of the monuments. Questions about this project can be directed to Scott Abrahamson at ScottA@SomersetEstates-HOA.com.



## Upcoming Social Events!

The Social Committee is active and planning events for neighbors to get to know each other. If you'd like to join the committee, please contact Pea Lawson at [PeaL@SomersetEstates-HOA.com](mailto:PeaL@SomersetEstates-HOA.com). Here are upcoming opportunities:

**Book Club** - Next meeting is Wednesday, August 24 at 4 PM at the home of Kathy Heimann. Book is *Sooley* by John Grisham. Please contact Paula Hemenway at [p.hemenway@comcast.net](mailto:p.hemenway@comcast.net) if you'd like to be added to the Book Club distribution list.

**Family Ice Cream Social** - Friday, August 27 at 6 PM at the Somerset Swim & Tennis Club. All homeowners are invited! Watch upcoming issue of *What's Up* for more details.

**Adult Social** - Save the date for a potluck drinks and appetizers party on Thursday, September 9 at 6 PM at the home of Gayle and Larry Becker.

**Ready for Pickleball?** - The tennis courts at SSTC have been resurfaced and include pickleball lines on one of the courts. Want to meet other players? Never played, but interested in learning? Please contact Melissa Koller at [mzkoller@gmail.com](mailto:mzkoller@gmail.com) or 203-216-3306 with your contact information and level (Beginner, Intermediate, etc.) and she will put together a list of players and plan

an introductory round robin. See you on the court! (Note - Use of the courts requires an active SSTC membership; please see article below about updating your membership.)

**Hiking Club** - Are you interested in joining with other neighbors that like to hike? Please contact Erin Sharp at [erin@zamenergy.com](mailto:erin@zamenergy.com) for more information.

**Poker** - We have an on-going group of men that play poker about once a month. If you'd like to be added to the email distribution list, please contact Jim Hemenway at [j.hemenway@comcast.net](mailto:j.hemenway@comcast.net)

## Tennis, Anyone? Or Pickleball?



The tennis and basketball courts at the Somerset Swim & Tennis Club (SSTC) look great! Resurfacing was just completed, including striping for pickleball. A bench between the courts is a terrific new addition. SSTC isn't just a pool!

**Tennis courts are open year-round.**



SSTC is a separate nonprofit corporation from SEHOA, established by the developer for all owners in Somerset Estates. For more information about SSTC, please click [here](#). **There's still time to activate your membership for 2021!** Please contact [somersetpool@gmail.com](mailto:somersetpool@gmail.com) for dues and other information.

## Volunteer Opportunities

The Water Committee is working on ways to **reduce our water use for the short- and long-term**. Please contact Scott Abrahamson at [ScottA@SomersetEstates-HOA.com](mailto:ScottA@SomersetEstates-HOA.com) if you can help with this.

SEHOA is a volunteer-run organization of like-minded neighbors helping to maintain and improve our community. Please join us! **We are always open to new volunteers and there are many ways to participate**. Board positions turn-over once a year. Committee members come and go. Special projects need help. Participating in the HOA is a great way to meet and get to know your neighbors. Email [info@SomersetEstates-HOA.com](mailto:info@SomersetEstates-HOA.com) at any time to let us know of your availability and interest.

## Upcoming Events at a Glance

Be sure to monitor the SEHOA website for any last minute schedule changes.

**Executive Board Meeting -- July 20, 6:30 PM**, Somerset Swim & Tennis Club. This will be the first meeting back in-person. Please check the website for the agenda. [somersetestates-hoa.com](http://somersetestates-hoa.com).

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