

SVHOA Board News

Goodbye to 2023 and hello to 2024. The Surprise Valley Board of Directors and Management would like to wish everyone a safe and healthy New Year!



Neighborhood Representatives

During the month of January and February, neighborhood representatives will be holding local neighborhood meetings, either by zoom or in person. Your representative will send a meeting notice via email to each homeowner. The email will include a proxy for representation at their neighborhood meeting, for those who are not able to attend. Local neighborhoods must have a quorum at their neighborhood meeting to elect a representative, who serves as a delegate on the master Surprise Valley board. If you are



unable to attend the meeting, sign and email or drop your proxy off to the address designated on the proxy. Representatives will provide instructions in the email along with the date and time of your individual neighborhood meeting.

Attention: Steve Shipp (Hayseed and Sweetgrass) and Lisa Patterson (Canyon Point) have served on the SV Board for several years. They would like other neighbors to fill their positions. Thank you, Steve and Lisa, for your contributions to Surprise Valley.

Please email manager@surprisevalleyhoa.com if you are interested in the neighborhood representative position for 2024. We will then put you in contact with your representative to answer any questions.

Note: Duties and time requirements are minimal. Approximately 1.5 hours per month to attend monthly Board meetings where you will conduct business on financial and policy matters.

Annual Community Meeting

The annual community meeting of the SVHOA master association will be held *Tuesday, February 20th, at 7 p.m.* at the Surprise Valley Farmhouse, 5240 S. Surprise Way.

Topics will include the 2024 budget review, 2022 and 2023 capital expenditures, introduction of delegates, questions, and discussion. The agenda will be posted on the website www.surprisevalleyhoa.com prior to the meeting.

Summary of 2023 Capital Expenditures

Capital expenditures are typically higher cost improvements or maintenance, that are not included in the normal operating budget and maintenance expenses. Some of the significant expenditures in 2023 included:

- Completed Farmhouse pool replastering.
- Pressure washed and painted 6000 linear feet of cedar fencing along the northside of Surprise Way, including neighborhood walk paths.
- Replaced 91 cedar fence posts and 450 ft of bottom rails along Surprise Way.
- Replaced wind screens, nets, and fence cables at the tennis courts.

- Replaced and repaired 95 mailboxes/posts.
- Performed extensive tree trimming at Canyon Point along Highway 21 and along Surprise Way.

Planned capital expenditures for 2024 will be communicated at the Annual Community to be held in February.

Neighborhood Manager Position

The Surprise Valley Homeowners Association is a self-managed HOA, which means SVHOA does not employ a 3rd party management company for the community. The Neighborhood Manager is an employee of the Association and reports to the Board of Directors. The Manager is responsible for the day-to-day business and maintenance of the association, including communication and homeowner interface.

Current Neighborhood Manager, John Kirkpatrick plans to retire this year. Applications for the part-time position are being accepted with interviews planned for the 1st quarter.

The neighborhood manager job description can be found on the website. Please email your questions to manager@surprisevalleyhoa.com.

Notes:

If you have any trees or bushes that are leaning on the cedar fence that runs along Surprise way, please remove, or trim them back. The fence is damaged by the branches and trees growing into the fence. Hopkins landscaping and Sawtooth Landscaping will be doing the same with the trees planted along Surprise Way. Also, please clear any dirt that has built up along the base of the fence that is causing the bottom of the fence to decay.



Fencing is expensive so let's do everything possible to extend the life of the fence.

Here is the quarterly reminder to pick up after your pets. Surprise Valley used over 10,000 mutt mitts last year. Thank you for doing your part!



Important Dates

January:
Neighborhood Meetings

February 20, Annual Community Meeting.

Website

For up-to-date information and Surprise Valley Happenings, please visit www.surprisevalleyhoa.com.

Board meeting minutes, Architectural Request forms, Farmhouse rental forms and availability, Homeowners Handbook, irrigation schedules and more can be found quickly and easily. Got a question? Look there first. Try it out.

