# The Meadow's Messenger August 2024

A Quail Meadows West Homeowners Association Publication

Fellow QMW Residents,

We had a few issues this month. Most were misunderstanding of our pool rules. We had a problem of a Pest Control company soliciting in our community. I had to ask him to leave twice in two days. PLEASE do not ever allow someone going door to door to do work for you. Just ask them to leave the community. They are trespassing and breaking our "no solicitation" rules.

#### I keep seeing many articles about how much people dislike HOA life. Here are the top complaints and how we seem to be very different.

- **Parking restrictions:** "HOAs may have specific parking restrictions that you might have to follow depending on the approved rules." https://www.quailmeadowswest.com/ files/ ugd/138aac 796440690adb495697a0ea0fe34d722c.pdf
- Renting your home: "Your local HOA might prevent you from renting out your property to someone else. or restrict renters from accessing amenities." We follow the Davis Stirling Ca. state civil code & our governing documents. https://www.davis-stirling.com/HOME/R/Rent-Restrictions-Prohibitions
- **Landscaping restrictions:** "HOAs will enact rules to ensure everyone's home has good curb appeal and maintain the neighborhood's exterior appearance. So you'll have to stay on top of lawn maintenance and keep plants and bushes in good shape." Once again we reach out to the Ca. water restriction rules which limits the requirement to keep it watered but still requires it to be "kept up" with drought tolerant landscaping.
- **Architectural Restrictions:** "An HOA may have the right to restrict or even deny your ability to make structural or changes to your property." QMW requests all external changes be approved by the Architectural Committee and submit a request in writing. Requests are reviewed by (7) community members. (See governing documents) www.QuailMeadowsWest.com
- **Exterior paint colors:** Have you ever dreamed of painting your house purple or making your front door bright yellow? See above.
- **Front-yard signs:** "You may want to put a sign in your front yard to celebrate your kids' birthdays or show support for a particular political candidate or policy. And when you sell your home, you may want to add a for-sale sign to your front yard." See above since we actually do have a sign rule.
- **Recreational vehicles**: "An HOA may allow you to park your RV in your driveway to pack up for a trip, but they could prevent you from parking beyond a few hours. Check your HOA restrictions if you have things like RVs, trailers, or boats that you want to store in your driveway." Review our governing documents. We have clear rules on parking.
- **Pets:** "HOA rules may affect your pets as well as your own home. Your neighborhood HOA may have restrictions on how many pets you can own, what type of pets you can own. A common rule is to keep a pet on a leash in common areas." QMW is a pet friendly community. However, should a pet become unruly or a noise issue, Animal Control should be your first call as a neighbor. Police have voiced the same solution. Keep your pets always under control and follow our governing documents so they don't become a nuisance.
- **Bottom line**: There are some advantages to living in an HOA neighborhood, but you also may be turned off by the specific restrictions you face in a development governed by an HOA. Please review our governing documents should you have any questions regarding our community. We as **YOUR** HOA Board and Architectural Committee do all we can to make this the best HOA on the Central Coast for all homeowners.

"It is not the bigness that should be our goal. We must attempt, rather, to bring people back to the warmth of community, to the worth of individual effort and responsibility, and of individuals working together as a community, to better their lives and their children's future". Robert F. Kennedy

## CC&R's and Rules and Regulations

In the coming editions of the Messenger, we will be reviewing sections of our "<u>Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions</u>" (CC&R) and our "<u>Rules and Regulations</u>" to assist owners and residents in our understanding of the our shared responsibilities in keeping QMW the best private gated community on the Central Coast.



#### **In Support of Our Governing Documents**

The Hidden Power of HOA Living in California: Enhancing Community and Protecting Investments

Responsibilities and Rules in an HOA (Click on link above to see the whole article)

Understanding and adhering to the responsibilities and rules set by your Homeowners Association (HOA) is crucial for harmonious living in any community. These regulations are not only designed to maintain the aesthetic and functional standards of the neighborhood but also to ensure that all residents enjoy a consistent quality of life.

- 1. Understanding Your Responsibilities As a member of an HOA, your primary responsibilities include paying HOA fees on time, maintaining your property according to the community's standards, and participating in community decisions when needed. HOA fees are pivotal as they fund the maintenance of common areas and amenities, and failing to pay these fees can result in fines or even liens against your property.
- **2. Common Rules and Regulations** HOAs in California typically enforce a variety of rules that may affect everything from the color you can paint your house to the type of landscaping you can have or where you can park your car. These rules are intended to preserve the unified appearance of the community and prevent activities that could detract from the neighborhood's overall appeal and tranquility. Understanding these rules is essential to avoid potential conflicts and ensure you are in compliance.
- **3. Legal Framework Governing HOAs** In California, HOAs are governed by both state law and the association's own declarations, bylaws, and covenants, conditions, and restrictions (CC&Rs). These legal documents outline the rights and obligations of both the HOA and its members. Familiarity with these documents can provide you with the knowledge needed to navigate issues effectively and understand the limits of HOA powers.
- **4. The Importance of Compliance** Compliance with HOA rules isn't just about avoiding penalties—it's about contributing to the community's welfare. Violations can lead to disputes and decrease the overall quality of life in the community. Therefore, it's beneficial for residents to actively engage with and uphold these standards.
- **5. Change and Advocacy within the HOA** If you find certain rules to be outdated or overly restrictive, HOA communities typically offer mechanisms through which members can propose changes. Understanding how to effectively use these mechanisms can help you influence and improve community guidelines in a way that benefits all residents.

By embracing these responsibilities and understanding the rules, members of an HOA can ensure a peaceful and enjoyable living environment while safeguarding their investment in their home and community.

#### DRAFT

Minutes remain a draft until approved at a subsequent Homeowners meeting

#### **Quail Meadows West Homeoners' Association**

#### **Meeting Minutes**

July 11, 2024

Chair: Michael Anderson; Oversees management and welfare of the Association

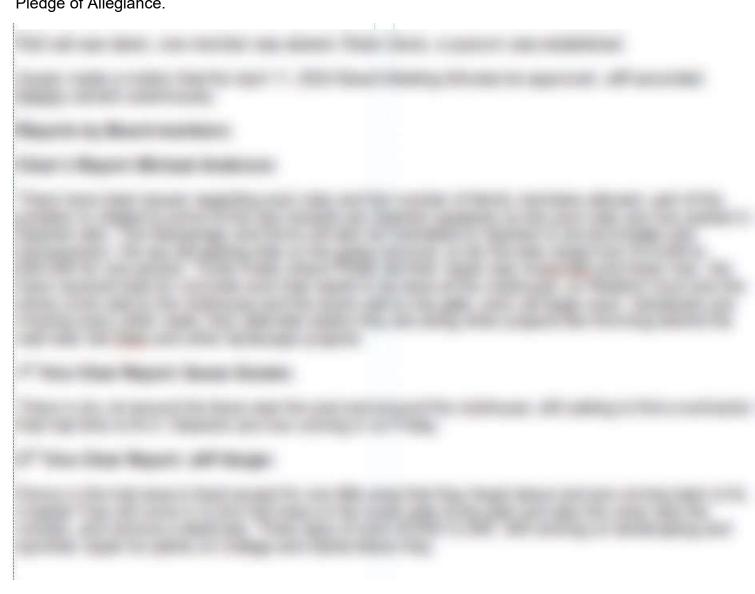
1st Vice Chair: Susan Soutee; Oversees maintenance of clubhouse and pool area

2nd Vice Chair: Jeff Hargis; Oversees maintenance, landscaping and common areas

Treasurer: Robin Davis; Manages homeowners' dues, financials and investments

Secretary: Joyce Goble; Meeting minutes, correspondence and HOA reports

The Chair called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.





Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Goble, Secretary

#### **HOA BOARD OFFICERS**

Chairperson Michael Anderson

1st Vice ChairSusan Soutee2nd Vice ChairJeff HargisTreasurerRobin DavisSecretaryJoyce Goble

#### **ACTIVITY CHAIRS**

**Advertising Coordinator** Keith Mougeotte Architectural Chairperson Marci Watson **Book Library** Susan Mougeotte Kitchen Supplies Trudi Forsyth Sunshine Irene Johantgen Messenger Editor Keith Mougeotte Messenger Distribution Keith Mougeotte Website Keith Mougeotte

Clubhouse reservation for private events may be made with the 1st Vice Chair. Applications are at the Clubhouse and on our website <a href="http://quailmeadowswest.com/">http://quailmeadowswest.com/</a>

#### The Deadline For September Messenger Is August 18

(Earlier is always better)

#### **QMW Residents**

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Do you have a favorite handyman, gardener, hair salon, housekeeper, or other service provider that you would like to tell your QMW neighbors about? Invite them to contact me for all the details about advertising in our Messenger.

Keith Mougeotte, Editor and Advertisement Coordinator qmw.messenger@gmail.com

#### **FINANCIALS**

Quail Meadows West Homeowners Association, Inc. Financial Statement
As of June 30, 2024

Debit

Credit



#### **AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

Anwar Alkhoure & Nabeha Salloum	15
Scott & Janet McGee	16

#### **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Susan Soutee	1
Linda Clark	3
Irene Johantgen	4
Jackie Manning	8
Sandie McCune	10
Keith Mougeotte	11
Tracy Coates	13
Christina Coyle	14
Michael Anderson	21
Thilly Ayers	27
Mark Chen Yin	27
Leuren Arenberg	30

## CELEBRATE!

If you would like your birthday or anniversary put in the Messenger, simply email your request to the editor. New residents will not have this information published without their written consent.

#### CLUBHOUSE, POOL & SPA REGULAR HOURS ARE:

10:00 am To 9:00 pm

#### WINTER HOURS

(December 1 thru the last day of February) 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

#### **POOL TABLE RULES:**

No one under the age of 12 is allowed to use the pool table. No one under the age of 18 may use the pool table unless accompanied by an adult resident, who is 18 years of age or older. The adult resident is responsible for proper conduct of his/her guest or minors, and for any damage that may occur to the pool table or equipment.

#### REGULAR EVENTS

Happy Hour At the Clubhouse
Friday, August 2 5:30 to 6:30 PM
BYOB & Snacks to Share

#### **MEETINGS**

#### **Next HOA Meeting**

October 10 @ 7:00 p.m.

#### **Architectural Meeting**

Monday, August 5 @ 9:00 AM

Deadline for Request for Architectural Approval forms to be submitted is Friday, August 2, 2024.

#### SUNSHINE

#### **GET WELL CARDS SENT TO**

None Sent

#### SYMPATHY CARD SENT TO

None Sent

DO YOU KNOW A NEIGHBOR IN NEED OF A CARD FROM OUR HOA?

EMAIL IRENE JOHANTGEN IREBOJO@GMAIL.COM



**NEW RESIDENTS** 

TRACY A. ARIS



Come join your QMW neighbors and friends for a new game night!

> Bunco is a dice game of chance loaded with fun!

When: August 16, 2024

At 6:30 pm

Where: **QMW Clubhouse** 

Cost: \$5 fee per player

**Snacks Included** 

Joyce Goble (805) 451-4597 **Contact:** 



Friday, August 2 When:

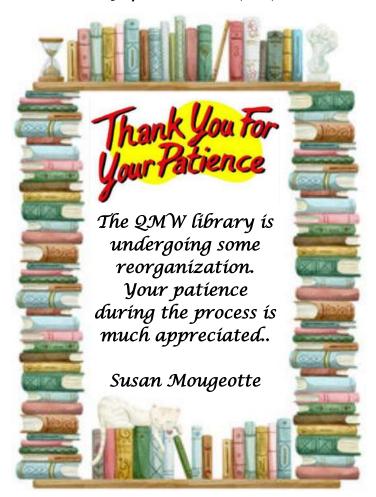
From 5:30 to 6:30 pm

QMW Clubhouse Where:

What to bring:

Your favorite beverage Finger food to share

Come and enjoy a time of fellowship with your QMW friends and neighbors!





#### **HELP SAVE \$ AND PAPER**

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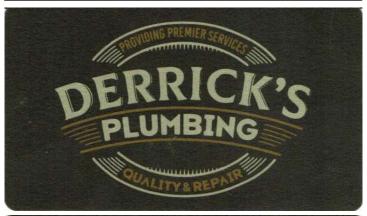
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Recycling & trash Organics & trash

Containers must be placed out for service by 6:00 a.m. on your scheduled collection day. On weeks with City holidays, collection service occurs one day later.

CITY OF SANTA MARIA (805) 925-0951 ext. 7270



Residential Organics Recycling www.cityofsantamaria.org/

For more information: cheese, and more.

Following City holidays, solid waste collection occurs one day later than usual. Place residential containers outside by 6:00 a.m. the next day.

On City holidays, the Santa Maria Regional Landfill will be 0 7:00 a.m. The Utilities Department closed, reopening the next day at administration office will also be closed on all City holidays.



#### Paper and cardboard Aluminum foil and Plastic bottles Glass bottles · NO PLASTIC FILM OR TRASH BAGS ALL CONTAINERS MUST BE CLEAN metal cans SOLD TIONIDS





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 Everything else and trash bags Plastic to-go NO COMPOSTABLE PLASTIC Plastic film NO ORGANICS containers · Chip bags Styrofoam Diapers and plastic Ceramics pouches Utensils · Cartons Fabrics straws Masks • Juice



# AUGUST 2024



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