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Board Meetings: Every 2nd and 4th Monday of the Month at 7:30pm, at the Vista del Valle Clubhouse.

Labor day is here, and Summer is all but over.

Unfortunately, the hot weather is still with us for a while.

FYI, Labor day was first celebrated in 1882 in New York City on the first Monday in September. This, because it was halfway between the Fourth of July and Thanksgiving. In 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed a law designating the First Monday in September as a nation wide Holiday. This in spite of the fact that Cleveland was not a labor Union supporter. He sent federal troops to put down the American Railway Union, Pullman strike, which resulted in the death of 34 workers.

Hot! Hot! Hot!

We saw very few low coastal clouds in June (aka, "June gloom"). Clear skies and high pressure systems kept our June very warm and July just plain hot where triple digits seemed to be the order of the day. Unfortunately, the forecast for August is for more hot weather; not good news if you realize our hot weather really starts in September and October. Forecasters also predict severe fire conditions. Sooo, be very careful in and around our slopes. If you see anyone who looks like they don't belong on our slopes call Anaheim Hills Patrol (see above).

Caution on the Slopes (SNAKES)

Young people have been seen playing on the slopes. While this has resulted in damaged landscaping and irrigation systems (that cost us all) the real danger here is **SNAKES and TARANTULAS**. During the hot dry weather, snakes, will come to our slopes in search of water. King snakes (a snake with yellow and black

stripes) are our "friends" – they kill rattle snakes, SO, DO NOT KILL THESE GUYS. However, Rattle Snakes - including Western Diamond Backs are very poisonous and **not** our friends. YOU CAN KILL THESE GUYS, however it's best to call Animal control. Because of these dangers no one should be playing on our slopes.

If you see a rattle snake, or are not sure what kind of snake it is, slowly move away from the snake and **CALL ANIMAL CONTROL AT (714) 935 6848, and PRESS 2.**

Warm weather and pool safety

With the warm weather we see more activities at our pools. Unfortunately, we have also seen occurrences where small children play in the Jacuzzi/Spa. While it seems like the ideal small pool for the little ones, children swimming in the Jacuzzi can have devastating results. Two children in California, so far this year, have drowned in Jacuzzis. The strong vacuum in the bottom of the pool recycles the water in the Jacuzzi. In both tragic cases a small child was caught in the vacuum and in one case the child drowned before bystanders could break the hold the vacuum drain had on the child's hair. In the other case, clothing caught in the vacuum drain prevented a timely rescue.

Please note the sign posted at the Jacuzzi states that children under the age of 14 should **NOT** play in the Jacuzzi/Spa. Our pools are for residents and guests enjoyment and we sure don't want a tragedy to mar Summer fun. Guests are welcome but must be accompanied by a resident.

General Pool Safety

Just a few pool safety reminders:

- Watch the young ones closely. Children drown silently.
- Glass containers are not allowed in the pool area.
- Children in diapers are not allowed in the pool.
- Do not play with the pool safety equipment (life rings etc., this is in violation of State Safety laws).
- No horseplay in or out of the pool. We don't need unnecessary injuries.
- When sunbathing use an egg timer to be sure you don't over cook in the sun.

Please report any infractions of the rules to the Property Manager or Anaheim Hills Patrol.

More Summer Notes

It's time to put something on the *BarBee*.

- If you are using briquettes always allow enough to last through the cooking and don't put food on the grill until the coals are white.
- Steaks, chops and other cuts of meat can be placed directly over the hot coals. Sear them first on both sides, then allow them to cook to your preferred doneness. Fish or fowl on the other hand should not be placed directly over the hot coals. Use care placing some fish directly on the grill, the fish may break up and fall through. Bank your coals to one end and place your fish or fowl at the other.
- If you want to add flavor to that cook-out, place a couple of cloves of garlic on the hot coals or in a smoker box.
- With briquettes, use lighter fluid sparingly. If your gas grill doesn't start right away allow it to air out before trying again. A gas flare-up can cause some serious hair singeing; it's really tough on eye brows, beards and mustaches.
- Fixing ribs? Try boiling them in beer first (cheap stuff; don't waste the good beer), then put them on the *BarBee*. As to the sauce; unless you like a lot of sauce on your ribs, put the sauce on the side.
- White sweet corn is especially good this year. You can place the corn (in the husk) on the grill (not over the flames) and turn regularly; for about 10 to 15 minutes. Remove corn from the grill; peel away the husk and silk (removing the silk is the hard part – it helps if you use a damp paper towel to rub the corn); be careful they're HOT, then break off the stalk.
- You can also try grilling vegetables such as summer or Italian squash. Best to use a grilling basket for these guys so they won't fall through the grill.

ENJOY!

Use caution when discarding hot briquettes - soak them with water before putting them in the trash so they won't start a fire.

Warm Weather Tree Trimming

We have had a few requests for tree trimming in this hot weather. We are not ignoring your request, it's just that we do not trim trees in hot weather. It stresses the tree and in some cases can kill the tree. When the weather cools we will get caught up on our tree trimming. Also due to the high cost of trimming the hillside trees we do not trim these trees unless it is absolutely necessary. Just a reminder; our trees add value to our property and offer cooling in the summer and warmth in the winter. You think you're A/C costs are high now during the summer, but if the trees were removed you're A/C bills would climb faster than gasoline prices.

Real Estate Signs

Homeowners placing their homes on the market must remind their Realtor that the governing documents allow only two "Open House" signs for the property and these must be removed when the home is no longer open for viewing. See Rules and Regs. Section 5.0 thru 5.4.

Also, Real Estate signs of any kind are not allowed on the hillside of Ave Bernardo North and Imperial (near Vons) or at the corner of Imperial and Ave Bernardo South. Signs at these corners will be collected and discarded. So, let your realtor know not to put signs on these corners.

Illegal Dumping of Trash in RYHOA Dumpsters

It is Illegal for persons not living in the RYHOA complex to discard trash, etc., in our dumpsters. If you see someone doing this, try to get a description of the vehicle and a license no., and notify Tricia Herrema or any member of the board. Also, keep bins lids closed so we don't attract rats, insects and coyotes, etc.

Do Not over load the bins. If the trash truck driver cannot move the bin (because it's too heavy) they will not empty it.

Important Notice!! Making Changes To The Exterior Of Your Home.

Please note that any changes to the exterior of your home must first be approved by the architecture committee! Call Tricia Herrema, to request the proper Architecture forms.

Note: Contractor advertisement in front of your property is not allowed (refer to Rules and Regs.)

Garage Doors

Remember replacement rollup garage doors MUST BE ONLY **DARK BROWN WAYNE DALTON** doors. Look alikes, are **NOT ACCEPTABLE!** Tricia Herrema has all the information on the correct door.

Vinyl Windows

Rancho Yorba HOA window frames must be dark brown (bronze not coco brown), also architectural approval is required.

Bees, Bees and more Bees

We have recently had some real problems with bees. Homeowners should know that bees in or on the homeowners property are the responsibility of the homeowner to have them removed in a timely manner.

Have a concern to bring to the Board of Directors?

If you have a concern bring it to a Board meeting, or put your concern in writing and mail it to:

Rancho Yorba HOA
c/o CMC
Attn: Tricia Herrema
132 Anita Drive
Orange, CA 92868

Prez Corner

Well, let's see, one year we are about flooded out, now we are going through extreme heat. Don't know what we did to make mother nature mad, but she is really letting us have it. Global Warming? Who knows. We all know what to do to conserve energy, so, we should do what we can to help reduce energy consumption. Remember the Association pays the water bill and with water rates rising, we all need to do what we can to conserve water so your Association dues will not rise out of sight.