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Community websites at

www.TheHeightsAtPorterRanch.org
for desktops and laptops

www.TheHeightsAtPorterRanch.com
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Social Media Accounts at



Next H.O.A. Meeting

The next HOA meeting of The Heights at Porter Ranch will be the 3rd Tuesday of the month, October 18th, at 19911 Mid Pines Lane, Porter Ranch. The general meeting begins at 6:00 pm and the executive meeting at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there.

Printed Newsletters and Billing Statements to Be Phased Out

Due to the popularity of email billing statements over the years (almost 50% of residents receive statements electronically) and in an effort to reduce postage, envelope and toner expenses, the community has decided to place all residents on an email basis for the receipt of monthly billing statements and newsletters starting 12/20/16. While the cost of a postage stamp has actually gone down recently, from 49 cents to 46.5 cents, the cost of other expenses related to the printing of newsletters and billing statements has gone up slightly. In addition, our management company has pledged to keep the management fees at their current rates for an additional 3 years if the residents agree to the transition from paper statements to electronic statements. This change in the delivery policy not only saves money, but avoids unnecessary paper statements and invoices that often receive only a few seconds of attention. Finally, for those wishing to use labeled envelopes for mailing checks, please note that they are available at the guardhouse for free. Just ask the guard for them the next time you pull into the community via the visitors lane.

Pedestrian Gate Key

In an effort to get residents to use the pedestrian gates instead of the resident vehicle lanes when entering the community on foot, the cost of resident keys has been permanently reduced from \$25 to \$10. Purchase these keys at the guardhouse for your family members and please use the keys to avoid the risk of being struck by vehicles.

Dog Walkers - Please Pick Up After Your Pet

All dog walkers, please be considerate of your neighbors and our landscape and pick up after your pets. It is not only unpleasant to see pet feces on our sidewalks and common areas, but it is a public health hazard. Failure to pick up after your dog is a violation of the LA City Municipal Code and our Community Association Rules and Regulations. Fines will be imposed on anyone identified not picking up after their dogs. Please, bring plastic bags with you and, whether inside our community or anywhere else, pick up after your dog and deposit the waste in an appropriate container.

Barking Dogs

All homeowners with dogs, most of us in the community, are being asked to be more considerate of barking dogs on our properties. Residents have been complaining that as owners walk their dogs past homes, dogs behind gates often bark uncontrollably and disturb the tranquility of the neighborhood. Also, it is being reported that many outdoor dogs bark excessively both during the day and in the evening. Please consider this when placing your dog or dogs outside and for those walk their dogs, please refrain from teasing or aggravating dogs behind gates.

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Complaints About Dogs Growing

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