

March 2018 President's Update

COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR AND CITY CHIEFS - On Tuesday, February 13th, we had the honor of meeting with Chief Sean Haddon of our Murrieta Police Department as well as Chief Scott Ferguson, Deputy Chief David Lantzer (as well as one of our most seasoned and dedicated firefighters) of our Murrieta Fire Department. The evening was very well attended. As a matter of fact, there was standing room only. Chief Haddon shared with us that the Greer Ranch Community Association is the safest community of its type in our wonderful city. He also noted that in the last 3 years, there have only been 8 police calls to our community, with only 16 calls total occurring since our gates were installed. It should be noted that these calls were not all for actual crimes, but also included calls such as welfare and parole checks. As well, none of the calls were for crimes of violent nature. We have actually determined that many of the crimes committed within the community have unfortunately been "inside jobs" committed by persons who live within Greer Ranch. Chief Haddon reminded everyone that it is important for all of us to keep our homes and vehicles locked at all times.

Our wonderful representatives from the Murrieta Fire Department shared information about the December 7, 2017 Liberty Fire. It was noted that the fire was confined to 300 acres, with only 1 structure and 1 outbuilding destroyed. The fast and efficient work of the ground and air crews brought a quick containment to the burn. Because of the windy conditions "spotters" were used in the hill areas to note any possible flying embers that might have cause damage to our Greer Ranch "canyon" community. Reverse 911 calls were made to homes in the immediate area of the fire in order to provide evacuation information to those in the direct line of the fire. Did you know that Reverse 911 calls and emergency alerts are processed through AlertRivCo? If you have a standard "land line" phone, it is automatically enrolled in AlertRivCo. However, if you have Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) lines, they are not automatically enrolled. If you have VOIP lines, or wish to enroll your cellular phones and email address, simply go to www.rivcoready.org/alertrivco to enroll. It is a very easy process.

There were some questions regarding the Murrieta Valley Unified School District's handling of the release of students in the area of the fire, and it was noted that the School District has a policy for dismissal of students during times of emergency. It was also noted that while the City of Murrieta and its Police and Fire departments work in conjunction with School District; the District is an entity of its own, with its own elected Board. The City does not have influence over the School District's policies.

We were also able to share exciting information regarding the future of the City Murrieta and some of the wonderful projects on the horizon.

ANNUAL EASTER EVENT – SAVE THE DATE - Saturday, March 31st is the date of our upcoming Annual Easter Event. Wrist bands are required to attend and will be available at the Greer Ranch office beginning Monday, March 12th. We have many fun activities planned, and will even have a Laser Maze and a Spin Art machine this year. If you would like to volunteer to help our Socials Committee during set-up or at the event itself or if you would like to donate a raffle basket or items for the raffle, please contact the Greer Ranch office. This will be a wonderful family event that you will not want to miss!

DOGS OFF LEASH – There have been multiple sightings of dogs that are off leash in the common area, especially in the area surrounding the Clubhouse. Please bear in mind that our Governing Documents require that all dogs on Association property must be kept "appropriately restrained or carried by a person who is capable of controlling the animal". There have been several incidences of aggressive behavior displayed towards other dogs as well as towards residents by dogs that are off leash. Therefore, we must ask that your dogs be appropriately restrained at all times when they are not within the confines of your home or property. Also, please remember that it is the dog owner's responsibility to pick up after their dogs when they are being walked throughout the community.

RESIDENT CONDUCT TOWARDS SECURITY STAFF AND ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES – While I wish that this did not need to be brought before you, we have unfortunately had several incidences lately where homeowners/residents or their guests have displayed abusive language and behavior towards our Security Officers and Management staff. This is actually a violation of the Greer Ranch Governing documents and is subject to suspensions, as well as possible fines or disciplinary action. We all need to remember that these people are human beings who are simply performing the jobs that they are hired to do by our Association.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Ingram
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