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Tree Removal >>>

Many of you have contacted the Board regarding the dead Ash Tress in the commons area. We have secured a company that will be cutting and removing the trees in the coming weeks. You may see someone walking around marking the trees that have been approved for removal. Please feel free to contact the Board with any further questions or concerns.



Duck, Duck, Goose...

A note regarding the goose population.....

A resident in our subdivision has received a permit as required from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for several years to pick eggs from goose nests and reduce the number of viable nests in our subdivision for several years. Last year they also received a permit to pick eggs in the Timberline Valley South and West Lake subdivisions just to the south of Bradley avenue. Last year alone, the approved group was able to pick 130 goose eggs. It was by permission of the homeowners in the neighborhoods to our south. There were about 4 nests they did not have access to. Often those goose families will walk to our ponds and often our geese will walk to theirs. It's what they do. We really did not have many baby geese last year here. As a side note, all adult waterfowl molt (lose) their feathers every year and during that time they are flightless and can only walk places. This lasts about 30-40 days. So at times there may appear to be more geese than normal but that's because where ever the geese and ducks start the molting process, they can't really leave because they can't fly.

It's also important to leave the nesting birds alone. The resident has shaken eggs to make them non-viable or picked them and if disturbed, they will re-nest in some area they may not be aware of and will have a full clutch which defeats the process. They will at times put signs around the nests to "keep out" more as a way to let people know that there is a nesting pair and at times the gander can get very protective when the female is on the nest. Geese mate for life, form strong family bonds and juvenile females often will be kept around to help the mother with her new clutch.

This is a lot of work and managing nests takes time. As we have very few natural predators around that eat eggs like opossums, skunks, mink and such, this is a way to reduce the egg numbers.

Also, their feces is basically undigested grass, it's not as prone to carrying disease that transmits to people as some other animal feces can.

Property / Parking

- **LAWNS** must be **KEPT MOWED (WEEKLY)**, landscaping clean and neat, shrubs trimmed, and weeds removed.
- **POST LANTERNS** in each yard need to be functional, since there are no streetlights in our subdivision. Replacing the light bulb and/or the photoelectric cell when necessary is the responsibility of the homeowners and/or the renter. **PLEASE MAKE SURE THE LAMP COMES ON AT DUSK.**
- **TRASH/RECYCLING RECEPTACLES** – As a courtesy to our neighbors and guests, please keep the trash/recycling receptacles out of sight, and out of full view of the street except on collections days (**THIS IS A CITY POLICY**).
- **RV's, TRAILERS, BOATS, ETC.** are not to be stored in the homeowner's driveway, yard, or on the street. The homeowner needs to remove them or garage them where the garage door is able to close completely.
The Board has received numerous comments about parking issues throughout the subdivision. Please be neighborly and adhere to the following parking policies.
- **STREET PARKING** – Homeowner's (renters) vehicles (and vehicles owned by others residing in the home) and/or a vehicle issued to you from place of employment must be garaged or in the driveway. Parking on the street is for your guests. **The Board has the right per the covenants to assess fines to those who do not follow this ordinance.**
- **NO PARKING OVER THE SIDEWALK** – Cars parked over the sidewalk make it difficult for walkers who are pushing a stroller, in a wheelchair, or simply just walking. **IT IS AGAINST CITY LAW TO BLOCK A SIDEWALK AND A TICKET CAN BE ISSUED FOR BLOCKING THE SIDEWALK.** The Board also has the right per the covenants to assess fines to those who do not follow this ordinance.

It's a Dog's Life....

Why should YOU clean up after YOUR dog?

1. **It's the law.** Just like littering, it's unlawful NOT to pick up after your dog, and your violation is subject to fine.
2. **It's common courtesy.** Cleaning up after your dogs shows respect for our neighbors and our community. Only irresponsible dog owners leave their dog's poop for others to look at, step in or clean up.
3. **Dog Poop is unhealthy.** Abandoned dog poop can host diseases and/or parasites which can infect other dogs who come into contact with it, or be transmitted to people who accidentally step in it and track it home. Particularly at risk, of course, are children who play on the ground. Disposing of dog poop immediately helps all dogs stay healthier and reduces feces-borne parasites and illnesses.
4. **Dog Poop bio-degrades slowly.** Some people think it's okay to leave dog poop because it will break down naturally. However, the biodegradation process is very slow, and, especially in places where the dog population is high, abandoned dog poop can accumulate faster than it breaks down. In the cold weather, poop freezes and, because poop that is frozen to the ground is almost impossible to clean up, it will remain where you left it for several weeks to several months.
5. **It's not fertilizer!** In fact, poop impedes landscaping efforts. Leaving dog poop encourages other dogs to mark that spot (by urinating over the previous dog's scent): poop left on the grass contributes to the problem of "nitrogen burn."
6. **Dog Poop pollutes the water.** Dog feces, like any feces, contains high levels of nutrients, like nitrogen and phosphorus, which actually pollute the water. Cleaning up after your dog is environmentally responsible. And please don't dispose of dog poop in storm drains: storm drains are a direct conduit to our water system!
7. **Dog Poop is unsightly.** Everybody knows that. It's disgusting. Pick it up. We all deserve to live in a clean city where we can be proud and step lightly.
8. **Dog Poop tops the list of complaints against dogs.** More than dog aggression, nuisance barking or unsupervised dogs, most complaints against dogs are about people not cleaning up after their dogs.
9. **Dog Poop makes all dog owners look bad.** Every time you don't pick up after your dog, you are giving one more reason for others to dislike dogs and dog owners.
10. **Your actions set an example for others.** When you pick up after your dog, you are part of the solution! And your actions will help convey the message that it's the right thing to do. Consider carrying extra bags to offer to others as a subtle and neighborly hint that cleaning up after our dogs is what responsible dog owners do. If you see orphan poop, pick it up with one of those extra bags you are carrying. *I know, I know!* Nothing like picking up somebody else's cold poop, but what a message it sends to others! Your actions will encourage others to do the same, and soon, this will be a non-issue, because everybody will simply pick up without giving it a second thought.



Contact us....

If you need to contact a board member, please use one of the contact methods listed below and a board member will return your call or answer your email request.

Phone: (530) 483-3843

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Planning a move....

Remember that you will need documentation from the Board to prove there are no outstanding liens on your property. Also, please remember to give us adequate time to prepare the documents, since we don't this as a full time job. Please contact us at

hoa@timberlinevalley.us.



Board Member Positions

The number of board members has decreased significantly over the last year. Please consider joining the TVHOA Board of Directors to help your community. Fewer board members means longer waiting times and less depth of discussion on problems that affect the entire subdivision. There are currently at least 2 Board Member positions we are looking to fill. If you have any interest in serving on the Board, please contact us at ho@timberlinevalley.us. Please include your name, address, phone, email and a brief statement of why you would like to serve on the Timberline Valley HOA Board of Directors.