

# Sierra los Piños

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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

The intent of this newsletter is to highlight major issues. New developments are posted regularly on the website at [www.slppoa.org](http://www.slppoa.org). If you would like to be on our immediate notification email list, send an email message to [board@slppoa.org](mailto:board@slppoa.org).

## **2012 GENERAL MEETING AND BOARD ELECTIONS**

The general meeting of SLPPOA will be held the second Saturday in September. This year, the meeting will be held on September 8, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the Fire Station in Sierra los Piños. There will also be a potluck lunch beginning at 1:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to share and a folding chair. SLPPOA will provide the drinks and table service.

The agenda for the meeting will include the reading of last year's general meeting minutes, officer and committee reports from the treasurer, roads, architectural control, legal, parks, and firewise. The meeting will also include the election of new Board members.

The election this year will fill three positions for three-year terms. Board members whose terms are ending are Peter Veverka, Barbara Van Ruyckevelt, and Sabine Shurter. Peter filled the last year of a vacated three-year position and is willing to run for a three-year term. Barbara and Sabine have made the decision to not run for another term. The Board would like to thank them for all their hard work and dedication to the Board and the Association. They have spent a tremendous amount of time and effort for the betterment of our community. We hope they will continue to support the board, as their time permits. Calob Hinkle and Bobby Shaw have agreed to run for the board, although we could still use more volunteers. This is your chance to put some of your expertise to good use within the community.

Eligibility to vote requires that the member be in good standing (i.e., assessments are paid in full). Each lot owner is allowed one vote for each board vacancy per lot owned. You will have 3 votes if you own one lot and 6 votes if you own two lots. Your votes can be distributed among the candidates as you desire (i.e. you can give all your votes to one candidate, one vote to each candidate, or any combination). Assuming we get more candidates to run for the Board, the three candidates with the three greatest number of votes will assume the three vacant positions. Any remaining will serve as an alternate if for any reason a Board member must resign.

Enclosed you will find a ballot and ballot envelope for the election of Board Members. After you have marked each secret ballot for the election of Board members, place in a ballot envelope and SIGN AND DATE THE ENVELOPE. DO NOT sign the ballot itself unless you are assigning proxy to someone else to vote for you. Either give your sealed ballot to a Board member, mail to SLPPOA, or you may complete your ballot at the meeting, since **NOMINATIONS MAY BE MADE FROM THE FLOOR.**

**To ensure we have a successful election, it is essential that we have a quorum of eligible ballots returned by ballot counting time at the meeting.** Please do your part by voting, attending the general meeting, and running for a Board position. Current Board members will validate ballots at the meeting.

## **WATER SYSTEM**

The Board and several volunteers have spent numerous hours researching the water can/meter project. We attended presentations by HD Supply Waterworks and Baker Utility Supply. We also met with a representative in the Hofheins-Marcel sub development in La Cueva and looked at their meter/can assemblies and obtained some very useful information. Our water operator, Tony Trujillo, has

surveyed both water systems to determine who does and does not have water shutoff valves and also the types of these valves. Ten meter/can assemblies have been ordered and installation will begin as soon as possible. The Board will most likely install the first set of meter cans to properties with no shut-off valves and property that we already know are leaking, but other installations may be considered. This will be the first phase of the project. The plan is to install meter/can assemblies, and eventually meters, to all properties. This does not mean we will bill for water! We need to find our leaks first and foremost.

Due to the complication of reimbursement to members who want to pay up front for their meter assemblies, the Board has made the decision to not proceed in that manner.

Leak testing continues and more testing will be performed once we install the meter can assemblies, isolation valves and possibly an in-line meter. We hope to complete the installation and locate leaks before the ground freezes. Volunteer assistance is greatly appreciated. If you're willing to volunteer with leak detection and installation of meter/can assemblies/isolation valves, please send an e-mail to [water@slppoa.org](mailto:water@slppoa.org) or [board@slppoa.org](mailto:board@slppoa.org). The more help we have in the form of volunteers, the less we have to pay for hired help.

#### **HELP US SAVE MONEY ON POSTAGE**

In an effort to save money on postage, we will begin sending newsletters out via email. If you want to stay connected, please contact us with your current e-mail address. We realize that not everyone has an email address, so for those members we will continue to send through the normal postal mail. Please send your corrected e-mail address to [admin@slppoa.org](mailto:admin@slppoa.org). Additionally, please provide us with your current phone numbers as well. This information will be useful in case of an emergency.

#### **FOREST ROAD 10 UPGRADES**

As most residents have noticed, Sandoval County Roads Dept. has spent quite a bit of time and money upgrading Forest Road 10. They hope to return and put a top finish of base course on the roads sometime before winter, funds permitting. A big thank you goes to the efforts of Sandoval County Roads Supervisor Lee Yardman, Joe Brophy SLPPOA Roads Chair, and Rich Kilburg.

#### **ROADS IN GENERAL**

Speaking of roads, please, please help up save the condition of our roads. We don't have the money for unlimited road grading in the summer. It would help tremendously if you would put your vehicle in 4WD upon entering the sub development. Wash boards develop quite quickly, especially in hilly areas, if your vehicle is not in 4WD. This is especially true for pick-up trucks.

**Please slow down!** There have been many close-call accidents reported by residents. This is a residential area with curvy roads, small children, and residents walking. Please watch your speed. The preferred speed limit in SLP is 20 MPH. We would prefer not posting speed limit signs, as we would rather look at trees, flowers and wildlife – not road signs.

#### **KEEP YOUR CULVERTS AND BAR DITCHES CLEAN AND OPEN**

Letting slash and debris accumulate in in bar ditches and culverts continues to worsen road conditions, especially now that the monsoons are in full swing. Clogged culverts and improper drainage is washing out roads and causing additional erosion. Please help by keeping bar ditches and culverts surrounding your property clean of debris. Hiring someone to clean culverts diverts money from other more critical areas such as water system repairs and maintenance.

We're looking forward to seeing you at the pot-luck and general meeting! It's a good opportunity to meet new people and reconnect with others. Bring a chair!

