

SORRENTO OAKS NOOZ BYTES

Our birthday party

On July 4th we celebrated those in the park having July birthdays, the USA birthday, Sorrento Oaks birthday (SOHA was “born” in 1995). The cakes, pies and ice creams, presented by our Social Committee, were tasty as were our interactions with each other! Congratulations to all.



The August birthday party has been cancelled because of Covid restrictions.

Plastic

Only a small percentage of plastic is recycled. Some is buried in the ground, some is burned or washed out to sea. Do your part by buying as few items packaged in plastic as you can. Let stores know you appreciate it when items are not packaged in plastic and/or request that they do more in this direction.



Walking

It’s one of our best exercises so a few of us walk around the park which is 1/3 mile. You can see us walking and greeting neighbors. How ‘bout the glen? It’s nature at its best and is roughly 850 ft. from RR tracks to Brommer St. or about 1/3 mile round trip. Stretch those legs and enjoy nature!

History

Anyone want to look into our history?

Use less water!

Ideas from your neighbors:

Take shorter showers. Wash hair in sink, not shower. Take a “spit bath” every other day (wash as far down as possible, wash as far up as possible, then wash “possible”!). A bidet added to a toilet lets one wash “possible” easily with little water so a daily shower might not be needed.

And...if it’s yellow, let it mellow; if it’s brown, let it go down! (Don’t flush every time you go!) Shower with a bucket and use the water instead of a “flush”. Get a more efficient toilet if \$ allow!

Turn off water while brushing teeth, washing hands, washing dishes. Wash bigger loads of laundry and run the washer less often. If you need a new washer, buy one that adds water based on the size of the wash load. Run the dishwasher only when it’s full.

Use a garden drip system with a timer, and a rain barrel to collect roof moisture.

Check your water meter and track consumption daily, identifying use of water to how you use it.

Share your water-saving ideas with us. Your name won’t be used without your permission.





Monarchs

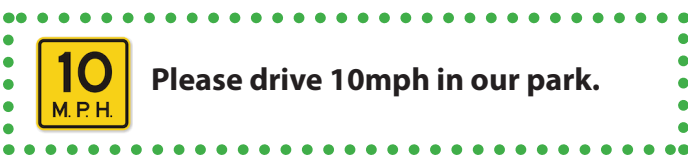
Not expected until October, there are some Monarch butterflies here. Is it climate change that caused them to arrive earlier this year or is it something else? They like the nectar from flowers and will lay their eggs on milkweed. The eggs are tiny and white and are usually on the bottom of milkweed leaves. Small milkweed is coming up after reseeding itself.



Neighbors

Some of our neighbors usually don't live in our houses! Thankfully, we don't have deer to visit and eat our plants, but we do have other furry critters: raccoons, skunks, coyotes, possum, gophers, moles, rats mice. We have non-furry creatures too: lizards, snakes, ants, snails, slugs, caterpillars (some are furry!). We have things that fly: birds, butterflies, moths, flies, bees, wasps, a variety of bugs.

What else have you seen in our park?



Our Bikers

Paula B (sp. 74): 30-35 miles for pleasure, and on my junk bike I do all my little jobs

Chris B (sp. 74): 40-60 miles for pleasure and same as above.

Mike S (sp. 57): 28-30 miles for pleasure

Howard (sp. 19): All stuff around town

Mathilde (sp. 71): I use my bike for errands around town and even ride for pleasure to the ocean or Wilder. I seldom drive my car.

Pete R (sp. 43): Around the park daily for 15 laps, 5 miles.

Miguel (sp. 28): Mostly a social tool, I ride with friends to visit and share exercise, discuss ideas from science and society, and test ourselves on slopes, rocks, and roots. I ride 3-5 hrs.

Grace (sp. 80): can be seen on her bike also! **Anyone else?**

Help!

Each person who lives here could, and should, reach out a little to help. Our board used to require 9 members but requires only 7 now; even so, there are 2 vacancies. Being on the board is an easy way to learn about our park, even if you've not had that kind of experience. Committees need new members too. You can learn more about how our park works by being on one, and you can meet our neighbors.

Rather than just benefiting from what others do, how about pitching in, even in a small way? Contact a board member or a committee chair person to find out how to do your part.

Doing the work ourselves saves a LOT of money. Hiring a management company would be a large monthly expense, shared by all of us.

A BIG thank-you to those who've already helped, or are helping, in our park.

Monthly Park Fees: Due on the 5th business day of the month.

Board Meetings: 4th Wed of the month, 6:30 pm, clubhouse

Finance Committee: 3rd Tuesday of the month, 5:00 pm, clubhouse

AC/MC Meeting: 1st Monday of the month, 5:00 pm, clubhouse

Garden Committee: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 4:30 pm, clubhouse

Birthday Bash Party: 2nd Tuesday of the month, 2:00 pm, clubhouse:

Bookmobile: Every other Tuesday 1:30 -2:15pm, outside Clubhouse

Emergency Assistance: Requiring Police, Sheriff, Fire Dept, Ambulance : 911

Any other urgent assistance: Call James (sp. 53) or Ken (sp. 20)

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Most meetings have been held by Zoom because of Covid-19. Please check with the office manager if you want to attend one.