

SORRENTO OAKS NOOZ BYTES

We Get Around!

Joyce (sp. 9) and Pete (sp. 10) visited Virginia (Joyce's home state) in May to see her sister Donna and family in Arlington and to attend a relative's wedding in her home town of Luray, also the headquarters of Shenandoah National Park. Joyce: "It was a cool, rainy time but rain held off during the outdoor wedding until the end. A big tent for dinner and dancing saved us! In Washington, D.C. we visited masterpieces in the National Gallery of Art, a favorite of mine. We had fun in spite of the weather, not beastly hot there as when I write this! Great Falls of the Potomac called to us, but after all the rain, the river was muddy and roaring with no sign of falls: they were obliterated by the flood of water!"

Len (sp. 76) and Sandy (sp. 11) went to the Galapagos Islands, an Ecuadorian national park in the mid Pacific, in June. For a week they shared a boat with 17 other passengers, 2 guides and a crew of 6. Wowed by 150-year-old giant tortoises, they also saw iguanas, both marine and land, sea lions smaller than ours, Galapagos penguins, blue-footed boobies showing off their feet while doing a mating dance, male frigatebirds puffing up their big red pouches and flightless cormorants building seaweed nests on the beaches. Island-forming volcanoes still erupt. The area and critters are protected, and restrictions apply for their future good health and reproduction.

Where've you been?



Galapagos

Gardens

We have quite a few lovely gardens that differ from each other. Some specialize in succulents/cacti, others have flowers, a few have neatly trimmed greenery, some host CA natives or potted plants. Walk or drive around our park, especially if you live near the front of it and don't see the rest. There's much to see in other parts of our park that's pretty and interesting. If you walk, you'll probably meet neighbors from around the 'hood'.



Garden No.6

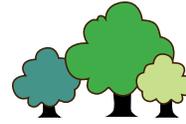
Milkweed

Monarch butterflies are expected to return from the Rockies in October. Let's be ready with milkweed for them. Sandy (sp. 11) is growing several kinds and is almost ready to give milkweed away to any resident who wants to attract the butterflies. Get those other flowers blooming too: the butterflies like nectar. Shall we be a monarch butterfly sanctuary?

Be A Roving Reporter

Tell us what's going on with you and your neighbors so we can share with everyone here.

A color version of Nooz Bytes is posted on the laundry room bulletin board. Take a look. You can also download pdf files from our website: www.sorrento-oaks.com Click on the 'Nooz Bytes' button.



Who “Doesn’t Love a Wall”?

Joanna (sp. 67) and Jan (sp. 31) painted our new front wall, with board approval, after David put on the base coat. They thought to make it look like the adjacent rock wall but after researching the idea, decided to use the same colors as the rock but camouflage it, saving hours of work. They painted it using Panatone color samples. The paint is called “elastomeric” and is meant for raw concrete. It’s thick which made it great for flinging on paint at the end of the process! Look for their signatures on it soon. Love the wall; you could even blow it a kiss!



Wall on Brommer

Tiny Job

Do you want a tiny job: giving out the newsletter now and then? It’s once around the park, takes about half an hour, is reasonable exercise! Let us know if you’d like to help.

Fruit and Veggies: not for critters

Tulle, the fabric used for party dresses, or netting for the same purpose, works well to cover trees and plants bearing fruit or vegetables. Consider using it to discourage mice, rats, squirrels, raccoons and birds from helping themselves to your goodies and planting them in gardens.

(Rule 20D and policies dated 3/16/06 and 9/21/06)

From Jan, our office manager

Please leave visitor parking spaces for...visitors unless you are vacating your driveway for a worker or a visitor.

Remind visitors to drive **10mph** in the park. Remind yourself too! Is your foot on the brake?

Home Inspections

Thanks to Judy (sp. 25), Jan (sp. 31) and Dan (sp. 17) for completing our annual home inspections, and thanks to members/residents for following through with their suggestions. Judy reminds us that home maintenance is a key factor in maintaining our home values and is much appreciated by us all. We are looking spiffy!

Solicitors and scams: don’t even think about it!

Should a solicitor come to your door, either don’t answer the door or, if you do, say “No soliciting allowed” and close the door. You don’t have to deal with it. We have signs posted at our entry saying such. Political supporters are allowed to solicit during elections, but you don’t have to open your door to them either. Watch for scams by telephone (hang up) or on your computer (erase); there are many.

Emergency shoes

Our Emergency Committee leaders suggest you have STURDY SHOES by your bed, not flip flops. During an earthquake there could be glass and/or objects on the floor and the electricity could be out. Sturdy shoes will help you maneuver quickly and safely inside and outside your home.

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

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

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

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

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

Handmade: 3rd Tuesday of the month 1:30 - 4:00 pm at the clubhouse

Bookmobile: Every other Tuesday 2:30-3:00pm, Dec. 6, 20 outside Clubhouse

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

Any other urgent assistance: Call Joyce (sp. 9) or Ray (sp. 3)