

Southfork Property Owners Association

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It's Back!

Spring-Summer 2015 Newsletter

Southfork Dues

The budget was approved at the last Southfork POA meeting and this year's dues invoices will be mailed shortly. The dues are staying at \$60.00 for this year.

Neighborhood Clean-Up

It has been brought up by people within the subdivision to bring back the roll-off dumpsters for a neighborhood clean-up. These have been used in the past to help in getting rid of garbage in your yard and garage cleanup. You cannot use these for any type of hazardous materials like paint, aerosol cans, batteries, and like. Pretty much the same rules we have with our trash pick-up companies. Prior to doing this Joan Wilson has asked that we give a quick email to: treasurer@southforkpoa.com and let her know if you would like to see this done or not.

Power Lines

We all hopefully know now about the potential of the high power electrical lines coming in and surrounding about 1/3 of the Southfork Subdivision. A lot has been blamed on the Southfork Board for not doing enough to help in stopping this from happening. This could not be further from the truth. I know the Wilsons have been actively seeking information on what can be done to stop this. As of now a stop order has been submitted and the next step will be for a judge to read and hopefully accept this. The next meeting for this will be held at the Fire Station on May 5th @ 6:00 pm. Please try to make one of these meetings. At the last POA Homeowners meeting it was voted on and approved to donate \$1000.00 to the coalition that is trying to stop this infringement.

Non-Licensed Cars and RV's

The El Paso County Code Enforcement has a habit of coming out during the months of June and July

looking for cars or any licensed vehicle without current plates. Remember cars that are not yours cannot be stored in Southfork Subdivision. This includes RV's Help is available through Goodwill Industries. Call Bill Martin at 633-1988

Something New

Linda Patterson has come up with a great idea to help our readers of all ages. It is called a lending library and its new name will be, "The Free Book Place." It is located in the north side of her driveway at 5865 Southfork Dr. Anyone can come down and get a book for free. You do not need to bring it back. Any donations will be accepted and hopefully we can get a real good collection in time for summer. Did you know school children lose about a ¼ of what they learn over summer break? What a great way to keep that little one up to speed. The Library was built by Pop Smiles also know in the community as Ken Adams. In Linda's words, "I have seen quite a bit of activity out there, but would like more. I will change the books about every 2 weeks or so and there will also be newer issues of Readers Digest and Popular Science, those kind of things. I also have children's classic books in there. I would also at some point like to start a little contest so kids could make up slogans for the free book library. Things like "reading the key to adventure." I could give them a \$5.00 prize monthly. Let me know what you think. With summer coming up I hope kids will be encouraged to read."

Something Else New

We now have a website set up so residents can see their water usage. Paul is going to test it first and make sure all the bugs are worked out. In about a month it will be ready for resident accounts.

June Garage Sale:

The dates of the Garage sale will be on June 13th and 14th.

Southfork POA will sponsor a garage sale that will include ads running in the local Falcon Flyer and the Gazette. The garage sale will run from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm both days. We hope to have lots of people eager to buy the treasures we all are trying desperately to get rid of. We have had many of these in the past and they have always been successful for the sellers.

Vehicle Rules within Southfork

Again I will bring this up, **THE SPEED LIMIT WITHIN SOUTHFORK IS 25 MPH!** Speeds at times exceed 50-60 MPH on the one mile length of Southfork. This is a practice that must stop. We have school children that are walking outside at early hours and late afternoon with school busses coming and going throughout the community. Remember D49 is out of school the last week of May. This will mean even more children out and about. Also children on bikes must obey the same laws. Please don't ride your bike down the middle of the street with your iPod and not even realize you have a car behind you wanting to get by.

Dogs

During the meeting we had numerous complaints about the amount of loose dogs within the community. I recently talked with the El Paso County Animal Control; I found out that dogs are **not covered** by the open range law. Dogs need to be kept on the owner's property and not allowed to run loose. Ownership of dog/dogs comes with responsibility and that responsibility is with the dog's owner. Remember you as a pet owner are responsible for any damage or injury caused by your pet.

Sec M in the covenants:

Household pets, such as dogs and cats, must be contained upon owners' unit, and such pets may not be permitted to run at large and any time. Approved fencing or a fenced run may be required to assure that household pets do not stray from the unit. Pedestrians within Southfork Subdivision who are accompanied by dogs must have the dog under the pedestrian's direct control by use of a leash not to exceed 15 feet in length.

Last but not Least

We have two web sites available to the residents of Southfork. We have: www.southforkpoa.com and www.southfork.nextdoor.com. Both of these are great to use for information. The [southforkpoa.com](http://www.southforkpoa.com) is great for information like a copy of the covenants or how to get a hold of a board member. The other one is [southfork.nextdoor.com](http://www.southfork.nextdoor.com) it is more like a social network for information and up to date events that are going on in the neighborhood. Unfortunately the second one has become more of a place to gossip and bicker to the point that some are leaving. We have a number of leads on this website that I hope in the near future can meet and come to terms on what can and will be on the website. Because this is a controlled website "free Speech" does not apply if you are just instigating an argument. Let us just use this for the purpose of good useful information on the community.

In Closing

I know I probably left some things out, but we will have more news letters in the future.

Written by: John Sabell

If you do not like or feel uninformed on what is going on in the community, please start coming to the homeowner meetings. The last meeting there was about 20 people and they are making the decisions for everyone. I am not upset because I was one of them. All meeting in the future will be posted on Nextdoor, Southfork Poa website, and in the three new sign holders at each entrance to the development, and hopefully a newsletter with a time and date. If you choose not to be there, don't be upset when decisions are made without you.