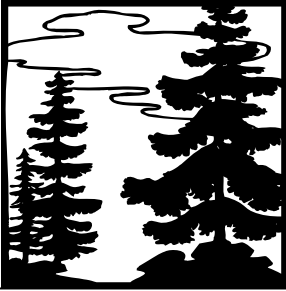


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Speeding Driver Causes 10 Hour Blackout

On Saturday morning, Mar 29th, around 9AM, a speeding driver lost control of his vehicle on Holiday Dr. and slammed into a utility pole, severing the pole and causing a 10 hour black out to more than 100 homes.

Thankfully, the driver walked away with only minor injuries.

Thankfully, there were no children playing in the yards near the utility pole, or homeowners walking their dogs along Holiday Dr. on this beautiful spring morning. For if there had been, this spring day would have turned into a nightmare of sorrow and grief and I would be writing about a tragic death and the imprisonment of a young man for manslaughter.

When questioned about the incident, the 2 CHP officers who responded to the call could not accurately determine the speed at impact, but stated "You have to be moving pretty fast to cut a pole in half like that. He was obviously traveling well over the 25 MPH posted limit." One of the officers noted that the streets were damp and possibly slick, but at 25 MPH, should have still been safe. I can confirm this personally, as I traveled this same route just 30 minutes earlier and had no problems, and my wife, who was about 30 seconds behind the reckless driver, was able to stop and provide assistance without losing control of her vehicle.

About 5 hours after the accident, the 10 PG&E crewmen were still busily working to repair the damage and restore power. So, I

decided to take my 3 kids down to the site (about 4 house down from ours) to show them what can happen when you drive at excessive speeds, and to help them understand how tragic it could have been, had a person been walking or playing in the area. As I came upon the scene, with my 3 yr old daughter on my shoulders and my 2 sons walking next to me on the side of the road, a white pickup truck going 35-40 MPH



nearly ran us over as he sped away from the PG&E flagman holding up the SLOW sign! I guess he must have been in a hurry to get home and sit in the dark.

I was truly upset about the entire incident. Not because I had hundreds of dollars of food in the freezer that was spoiling, or

because I had to cancel a dinner party for 20 guests since we had no electricity, but because so many people just don't seem to care about the safety or wellbeing of others. I have written countless articles and made endless pleas for people to PLEASE SLOW DOWN! But it just doesn't seem to work. Speeding is the number one compliant received by Management, so I sense I am not alone in my quest.

Thankfully, grace has given us all another chance. So please, please SLOW DOWN, and stop for the School Busses. There are little kids around, and next time they might be yours.

John Milner
President, HEMA

Roads & Ditches – Sandor Drobilisch

The Missing sign for Lori Lane is on order and should be installed by mid May. This is the second time we have had to replace this “namesake” sign, so please prevent further theft by reporting any suspicious activities to Access Management or the MHPD.

The committee is working with the contractor to schedule the remaining roadwork now that the warm weather is back. This will be a significant effort as many of the roadways are scheduled to be completely recoated and re-striped, so look for additional details in the near future. As usual, every effort will be made to minimize inconveniences, but your patience and cooperation will be necessary to ensure a quality and cost effective job.

Sewer & Annexation – Carl McCaw

The problem for approximately 113 HLE homes in the county with septic was presented at a public meeting on 9/12/2005 by employees of six government agencies. This group is now called the Interagency Working Group (IWG). The problem as defined by the IWG was that septic systems only have finite lives and a more permanent solution was required for these homes and to protect Lake Anderson.

Three agencies, the City of Morgan Hill, Santa Clara Valley Water District, and Santa Clara County Dept. of Environmental Health each generously contributed \$15,000 to fund an engineering study for the problem by Harris & Associates. Subsequently the City added another \$15,000.

Preliminary versions of the study were presented to our committee on 5/15/2006 and 11/5/2007. After the last meeting, our committee submitted 73 questions/suggestions back to the IWG and they are working on the responses.

At the 3/20/2008 HEMA board meeting, David Frazer moved up to his next board assignment after

serving as committee chair for over a year. Two existing committee members, John Chappell and Carl McCaw were approved by the board as the new co-chairs of the committee.

On 1/11/2008, John and Carl attended the CA State Funding Fair in Sacramento. There were 28 sub-agencies in attendance who administer loans and grants. The committee is pursuing those avenues but the process is slow and arduous, and HLE is not eligible in many categories of agencies.

On 2/21/2008, John, Carl and board member Sandor Drobilisch attended State Senator Abel Maldonado’s Town Hall Meeting and spoke with his staff afterwards.

On 2/22/2008, John and Carl attended Congressman Jerry McNerney’s public meeting and spoke briefly with he and his staff.

It is becoming apparent that all affected homeowners with septic must demonstrate commitment and resolve in order to gain public support and funding. Therefore, you are strongly encouraged to join the campaign by providing feedback, questions, and suggestions through the community yahoo group at:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HLE_Owners

Additional volunteers and committee members are urgently needed to provide wisdom, research, and also experience dealing with the government mazes. Please step forward and help yourself and your neighbors work to solve this potentially \$5,000,000 (plus inflation) problem.

Beautification – Gregg Potter



Goats, Goats and
More Goats

Our very ecological fire prevention program will once again return to clear the upper meadow of the spring grass. In hopes to catch the grass still green and provide a great meal for the goats they will be returning on April 4th. And once

again there will be a petting zoo set up for the weekend of April 12th & 13th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Come and grab some really fun photos with the kids.

Doggie Doo-Doo

We would like to offer a big thank you to long time residents Johanna and Bill for their donation of the new Dog waste receptacle. Dog owners, please be sure to pick up after your pets and help keep the lower meadow clean. The bags and receptacle are located in the lower meadow near the parking area on Holiday Dr.

No Street Parking!

Vehicle parking along the roadway is strictly prohibited in HLE. The roads are narrower than most city streets and have numerous blind corners and hills, making them particularly dangerous when vehicles are parked on or near the edge. Continued traffic on the shoulders also causes rapid deterioration of the shoulder and roadway, resulting in increased maintenance costs for everyone. Please be respectful of your neighbors and the CC&Rs and refrain from parking on the roadways. Management will be monitoring the situation and all violators will be tagged and towed at the owner's expense.



Please Don't Feed the Wildlife

With a homeowner on Raccoon Ct. recently reporting a mountain lion sighting to police, this is an excellent opportunity to remind home owners that even though we enjoy having all the wonderful wildlife around, the law prohibits feeding of the wildlife. Regular feed creates many unwanted side effects, including overpopulation, predators, grazing on landscaping and additional animal waste. It also has an adverse effect on the natural instinct of many animals to forage for them selves. Thank you for helping to keep the wildlife wild!

Report Speeding Drivers!

Please help control the speed limits in Holiday Lake Estates by reporting speeding drivers to the MHPD at **779-2101** or by calling the traffic hotline at 776-0460.



Boy Scouts Hauling Junk



Your friendly, hard working neighborhood boy scouts are earning money for summer camp. They will handle all loading, hauling, sorting and proper disposal of your unwanted and unsightly junk. They will pick up just about anything from your driveway, including hazardous waste, furniture, appliances, yard waste, construction debris, computers and monitors, TV's, car batteries, paint, and motor oil. Sorry, no "heavy" items such as dirt, sod or rocks.

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- Up to 2 ½ pickup truck loads\$150
- Up to 5 pickup truck loads\$250

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NEXT BOARD MEETING

Thursday,
May 15, 2007

7:00 p.m. at The Ramada Inn

All homeowners are welcome to attend the board of directors meetings