

October
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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

OCTOBER 18TH - 5:30 PM-7:30 PM

October 18th is our National Night Out. Come join us at the Soft Winds Roundabout for Free Food (while supplies last) and music by Brave New Beat. We will have face painting, caricature artist, and balloon art. Lots of fun for the whole family to enjoy.

You can say "hi" to your Board. They will be on hand to answer your questions about turf reduction, landscaping, ARC's, website information, or anything else you might want to know about.

So come down and enjoy a night out with your neighbors and friends.



MEETING REMINDERS

South Shores Community has a lot of things going on in the near future and we would love for you to be an informed resident. Join our Board meetings and participate in discussions, give your thoughts, and gain some insight into how your Board works and what we do to keep your community safe and beautiful.

Regular meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at 3 pm, and if you've been invited to a hearing that meeting is at 4 pm. We are holding a monthly meeting focused on turf reduction the second Wednesday of the month at 3 pm. Regular meetings and turf reduction meetings are recorded and you may obtain a copy by calling or emailing Terra West.

The next Turf Reduction meeting is on October 11th. The next Regular/General meeting is October 17th. If you do not have the Zoom link or the schedule information, please call or email Terra West.

If you have experienced mosquitoes like I have in the last few months, you have been bitten from head to toe. Here are some ways from the SNHD to help prevent mosquito bites.

Oh No!

Mosquitoes



- Stay indoors at dawn and dusk when they are most active.
- When outdoors, wear light clothing and spray yourself and your clothes with Deet, Picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus
- Prevent breeding by eliminating standing or stagnant water.
- Phone: (702) 759-1633 or email snhdpublicinformation@snhd.org for more information.

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TURF REDUCTION EXPLAINED

by: Jeannie Epstein, Director

As our water condition worsens, Nevada's allotment from the Colorado River will decrease. Grass requires 4x more (55 gallons more per sq. ft.) water than drip irrigation landscaping. For this reason, Nevada Assembly Bill 356 requires removal of nonfunctional turf.

What is nonfunctional turf vs. functional turf? It is not necessarily what you think.

Functional Turf must be:

- a minimum of 1,500 contiguous sq. ft.
- co-located with facilities such as trash bins, benches, tables, walking paths
- a minimum of 10 feet from the street unless at least 30 feet in all dimensions
- installed on slopes less than 25 percent

All of our community's turf was initially deemed nonfunctional, requiring removal. The Board obtained waivers from SNWA for the Soft Winds Roundabout Park and for the north and south sections of Lady Lake Park, so we will keep the grass in those areas. We will be removing all of the grass along Mariner and Harbor Island and at the entrances to neighborhoods.

The Board has just approved LandCare to head up our turf reduction project. As a team, we are all working hard to meet the requirements of Bill 356, while maintaining the beauty of our community and keeping the cost down.

To do this we must weigh the pros/cons, cost, and long-term maintenance of artificial turf vs., desert landscaping, watering systems, and plant choices. While one may look nicer than another, we have to consider if the increased cost to the Homeowner outweighs the long-term benefit. We will receive a rebate for the conversion, but it does not nearly cover the cost of the project. As this is an unexpected expense, homeowners will need to pay a Special Reserve Assessment.

Each month, we have a special turf reduction meeting. We encourage you to attend and join the conversation. The next one is Oct. 11th at 3:00. We hope to see you on zoom.

TREASURER'S REPORT FROM JOYCE LUSH

While our community is in very good financial shape for day-to-day operations, we are NOT in good shape for the unexpected and unplanned costs of complying with Bill 356 and removing turf along roads and at neighborhood entrances. This means that we all will need to pay an additional amount, a "special reserve assessment," to cover these costs.

The Board is working through both the amount per household and the timing. The cost will be distributed across houses, condos, and commercial properties in the same proportion as the regular assessment. We tentatively plan a 6-month time period for paying this one-time additional assessment.