



Otter Pond February 2025

Are you like me and feeling eager to move in to spring? Are you enjoying the carnage from the dead geese? Certainly, the view of the pond from the northwest offers lovely views of the mountains and the pond. It goes well with a warm drink in the morning.

Shout Out!

- To our voluntary HOA board and committee members that work hard for all of us.

Thank you:

- We have been asking and we are excited to announce some new board members! Please join me in thanking Kevin Dawson as well as Vanessa Stratton! Kevin has agreed to be our Vice President and Vanessa has offered to be our Treasurer and Bookkeeper. Tammi Padilla has stepped into a member-at-large role.
- Thank you to all of you that came to the HOA annual meeting went quite well, 37% of your neighbors attended and voted to approve the budget for the next year. The minutes are posted on the Otter Pond HOA website. I will have some highlights throughout the letter.
- Participation and service is what keeps our neighborhood beautiful. We are blessed to have so many generous spirits serving their neighbors.
- Please go out of your way to thank Christina Files for selflessly serving as our voluntary president.

Neighborhood updates to remember:

- Due by March 8th are your annual dues of \$512.00

Also from the President

- Nothing additional this month but a thank you to all that attended the annual meeting.

Neighborhood happenings:

- Adrienne Marshall has placed her home at 1819 Otter Pond for sale.
- Two separate lots on the north side have been placed for sale.
- 1820 remains for sale.
- 2002 remains for sale.
- 2003 appears to have sold 12/2024.
- Per Tammi Padilla, 1910 Otter Pond is under contract and will close 02/14. More new neighbors! Be sure to stop by and say hello and welcome. If you learn their names, make sure to connect them with Carrie Galusha and Tina Davis.

Dam Update:

- No dam updates but...
- If you are wondering about the number of dead geese, many of us have been told previously that it doesn't necessarily need to be reported to the Division of Wildlife. The DOW does, however, recommend leaving the dead ones alone as it is presumed to be bird flu. The ecosystem (eagles, crows, foxes, raccoons, mink, crayfish) should take care of them (sort of).

Committee Reports

Architectural Review Board (ARB) chaired by Janene Beard:

- From from Janene:
- Spring is right around the corner. Here are some reminders of what might need to be done to your property.
 - Trees: if they are dead, please have them completely removed! If there are low

branches, please trim them so people can walk underneath them. You should maintain a clearance of at least 7 feet. March is the perfect time for trimming or cutting down those trees.

- Shrubs: trim them away from the sidewalk at least 6 inches.
- Sidewalks: please remove debris and rocks so people can walk on a clear path.

Social Committee chaired by Carrie Galusha and Tina Davis :

- Another rich OP tradition is February being Random Acts of Kindness month! It is a great opportunity to show what a great neighborhood we live in. Participants will be assigned another neighbor to give a random act. Nothing extravagant: take trash bins back, leave a picture that your own kids colored, bake something to share, enjoy coffee (or whatever) together with a nice visit.
- February 17 is the day to do your random act! It is a great way to meet someone you don't already know. If interested, email Mary Burgner (jmburgner2@gmail.com) by February 9th. More questions? Email Carrie

Pond Committee chaired by Valerie Harper:

- Valerie spent some time during the HOA meeting discussing the findings by the pond management company: sediment, bacteria, pumps.

Boathouse Committee chaired by Ryan and Amber Potter:

- No updates

Open Space chaired by Janene Beard:

- Janene Beard worked hard to come up with some better plans to support our landscaping needs. There are several different groups.

- From from Janene: I am excited to announce that we are utilizing 4 new contractors to replace Prestige Landscape.
 - 1: The Turf Care specialist will maintain the grass and rock areas with fertilizer and weed control from April to October.
 - 2: The Landscaper will maintain all trees, shrubs, excess weeds and debris removal, plus perform spring and fall clean up.
 - 3: The Lawn Care will be done weekly, along with irrigation start up and winterization.
 - 4: The irrigation specialist is on-call to fix any sprinkler issues that arise.
- We feel that by utilizing these different specialists, we will have a better outcome and beauty within Otter Pond.
- I am asking for your help! If you see any issue, please contact me so I can take care of it right away.
 - Janene Beard
 - 858-354-7343 (text or call)

Reserve Committee chaired by Dave Beard:

- Dave did an absolutely dynamite job studying and cataloging all of the neighborhood assets we enjoy in our neighborhood.
- There are notebooks with his efforts with regard to cost and timeline for every 'asset'.

Financial Committee [currently un-chaired]:

- No updates

Bookkeeping chaired by Vanessa Stratton

- No updates

Neighborhood Watch chaired by Alma Buis and Frances Pink:

- No updates

Ditches and Irrigation chaired by Tadd King:

- No updates



Please see the OtterPondHOA.com for all updates on all agendas and board meeting minutes.

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Regards,

Your friendly volunteer HOA board members:

Christina Files - president
Kevin Dawson- vice president
Mindy Clagett - secretary
Vanessa Stratton - treasurer
Tammi Padilla - member at large

Otter Pond Chairpersons:
Tadd King - ditches
Tina Davis and Carrie Galusha - social
Vanessa Stratton - bookkeeper
Tom Clagett - newsletter
Valerie Harper - pond and silt pond
Amber and Ryan Potter - boathouse
Janene Beard - architectural review board
Janene Beard - open space
David Beard - reserve study
Alma Buis and Frances Pink - neighborhood watch