

Happy Friday! Here is today's news:

1. **The agenda** for the upcoming Golf Estates Board meeting has been posted to the web site, www.skymountainhoa.com, "Association", "Golf Estates", "Meeting Agenda".
2. **The minutes from the June Master HOA and the June Golf Estates HOA Board meetings** have been posted to the web site, www.skymountainhoa.com, "Association", either "Master" or "Golf Estates", "Meeting Minutes".
3. The next **HOA Golf Tournament** will be held on Saturday, October 4th with an 8:30 shotgun scramble. More details will follow in the next few weeks, but mark your calendars for another fun outing.
4. Most of you have probably noticed the **red silt in the streets near our fire hydrants**. Yes, the silt is back and yes, the City is aware of it and doing what they can. I spoke with the City and was told:

- In the summer months when water demand is high because of watering lawns, they have to turn up the volume of the pumps in the well and when they do, the silt is stirred up. That makes sense as we don't seem to have the silt problem in the winter months.
- The water department requested funds from the City last year to install a second tank which would act as a settling tank from what I understood and the funds were not available to install the second tank.
- The water department is currently in the process of installing a new pipeline which they believe will alleviate the problem. The pipeline will take several months to complete.
- The large pressure reducers the City installed a couple of years ago have large filters which keep the silt from entering our water system. When the silt comes through in the quantity it has been recently, those filters get clogged and cause the pressure reducer valves to malfunction.
- We have had some water spikes this week because of the clogged filters. The City is now on a schedule of checking those filters on the large pressure reducers every day and will continue to do so all summer long.
- In an effort to relieve the stress from the pressure reducers, the City flushed a large volume of water through our fire hydrants and will continue to do so if they see the need to do so as they check the filters at the pressure reducer valves.
- If you have a whole house filter or a filter on your sprinkler valves or drip system, you may wish to check the filter and will probably find it needs to be cleaned. If you have sprinkler heads that are malfunctioning or bubbler emitters that are not working, they may be clogged with silt and rather than replacing the item, you can typically clean it out and it will function properly.

I have made Got Sod, our new landscaping contractor, aware of the issue and they will be checking systems as they begin care of the contracted lawns in a couple of weeks on August 1st.

5. Many of you are on **the pest control contract through the HOA** which has had a price point of \$16/month if you were not on the HOA landscape contract or \$12/month if you were on the landscape contract. At this point, the pest control contract will remain with Bug Man, which is part of Keep it Green. Because the lawn contract will no longer be administered by Keep It Green, all residents on the **HOA pest contract will pay \$16/month for your pest control effective August 1st. If you have your HOA payment set up on auto pay with your bank, please note this change.**

6. Got Sod is getting prepared for the HOA landscape contract which they will take as of August 1st. Got Sod has approached Clay who many of you know from his years of working with Keep It Green as well as Bug man. Clay has been a real favorite with many of you as we have all seen how hard he works. **Got Sod and Clay have come to a hiring agreement**, so you will continue to see Clay in our Community and caring for your yard as we move forward with the new contract. Clay will have the benefit of the knowledge of the homes and our residents, but will also now have qualified help on a year round basis as well as the added expertise of the Got Sod crew's specialized knowledge of sprinklers and irrigation systems.

7. This week's **safety tip** from Board member Karen Wlodarek:

COMPUTER TIPS –Keep your computer physically clean

Cleaning the monitor

Dirt, fingerprints, and dust can make your computer screen difficult to read; however, it's easy to **clean your screen** when needed. Although there are monitor-cleaning kits you can buy, they may damage your monitor if they are designed for a different type of monitor. For example, a monitor cleaner that is designed for **glass screens** may not work with some **nonglass LCD screens**. The safest method is simply to use a **soft, clean cloth** moistened with **water**.

Do not use glass cleaner to clean a monitor. Many screens have anti-glare coatings that can be damaged by glass cleaner.

1. **Turn off** the computer.

2. **Unplug** the monitor from the power. If you are using a laptop, unplug the laptop.
3. Use a **soft, clean cloth** moistened with **water** to wipe the screen clean.

1. Do not spray any liquids directly onto the screen. The liquid could leak into the monitor and damage the internal components.

Tips for cleaning other computer surfaces

From time to time, you should clean your computer case and the sides and back of the monitor to avoid buildup of dust and dirt. Here are a few tips you can use when cleaning these surfaces:

- Dust is your computer's main enemy. Use an **anti-static** wipe to lightly dust your computer casing. **Don't use** furniture cleaners or strong solvents.
- Use a can of **compressed air** with a narrow nozzle to blow out debris from the air intake slots.
- Spray cleaning solution (such as diluted ammonia cleaner or glass cleaner) on a **paper towel or anti-static** wipe. Clean the **monitor housing** and **case (not the monitor screen)** by wiping in a downward motion.
- A safe cleaning solution for **computer surfaces** (not computer screens) is **ammonia diluted** with water, or **glass cleaner** comprised mostly of ammonia and water (check the label). Remember, the milder the solution, the better.

Resident Announcements:

1. Resident Steve Carpenter provided the following tip:

If you are not sure if you are **over-watering your yard**, call the **Washington County Conservancy District** who will come to your home, free of charge, and evaluate your water usage. The phone number for the Conservancy District is **673-3617**.