

Opinion

How Secure Are We?

Time and time again we hear our village described as a “walled, gate guarded secure community”. Are we really? We know that people intending to steal are not throwing blankets over the ancient barbed wire and actually scaling the walls. Instead we hear from Security that the people who come in to steal are coming in legitimately using gate passes, or flashing fakes to the gate ambassador who really is a uniformed but relatively helpless guard. Does anybody in their right mind expect one of our gate ambassadors to stop those using fakes, or do anything about those drivers who run the gates, especially in a white Toyota pickup? Are they expected to memorize a license plate (or even read one) to the point where they can call the dispatcher on duty, report the breach of our gate security and get the motor patrol out in hot pursuit?

Fortunately our Security division is looking into current and far more efficient technology to attack and prevent the problems of illegal gate entry. They are also looking into the proliferation of inappropriate gate passes, All this is discussed at the GRF Security and Community Access Committee which meets on the third Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the Community Center. Their next meeting is scheduled for February 16th. If you have concerns or suggestions regarding improvement of our security using 21st century methods, mark your calendar and plan on attending. Community participation and support is the secret to making positive changes in the best interests of us all. Where a committee is open to suggestions from residents, we have an obligation to accommodate them.

In line with attending meetings, asking questions, offering suggestions Resident's Voice will be including with periodic newsletters, (i.e., the Dec 2010 Issue) a listing of Board Members and their contact information. You will note that a few Directors you elected to the United Board either refuse to provide or simply do not have email addresses. We guess you'll just have contact them the old fashioned way...ring their doorbells, make a phone call, or write them a letter. You will not be imposing on them...remember they ran for the Board in order to be responsible to you as well as the corporation...and each of you are members of that corporation. **Trust** that they are acting in the best interests of both, but take the time and trouble to make personal contact and **verify** that they are actually meeting their responsibilities.

We also need to be vocal when advanced technology is being considered and keep on stressing the word “affordability” since we need to differentiate between wants and needs.

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