

President's Letter

This is a message from Dorothy Hilts, your Board President. A little bit about me, I was elected president in February. My family purchased our lot in the early 50s and my Grandfather and Dad built the small cabin we have there. With my grandkids we are on our fourth generation of family enjoying the pool and the community.

I have had growing concerns about social media in our community. At the February Board Meeting I talked to you about social media and clarified and corrected some issues that came to my attention. First, if you have not seen them, there are two Facebook pages with the words Lilac Park in them. These Facebook pages are not sponsored by or affiliated with our homeowners association in any way at all. I bring this to your attention because I am concerned that one of the sites in particular is spreading very negative, misleading and false information into our community. In fact, posts in January slandered two of our Board members with false allegations.

Joanie Bennett had sent an email to a member stating that, "Dorothy and Kim both receive HOA email communications through the info@arnoldlilacparkhoa.org. This is the only email address members are to use to communicate with Board members. Responses may come from a personal email address or an ALPHA email but to ensure receipt by the directors, all replies are to be sent to the info@ address."

A member's response on a Facebook posting was, "HOA board, possibly just new board member Joanie Bennett believe HOA board members are banned from communicating with members. ... Correspondence with the board members designated to resolve these IDRs have hit a snag because these two board members are banned from communicating with members attempting to resolve IDRs open since July."

This could not be further from the truth.

Another example, after a series of emails that successfully negotiated a date for a meeting, a member, unhappy that the meeting was not happening as soon as desired, posted on Facebook. "However one board member insisting on participating in these meetings (which are defined according to state law) is causing the HOA to violate state law by not meeting promptly. This person, Kim Phillips, needs to be replaced by another member who is able to meet promptly. ... Until she is replaced by someone who can meet promptly, the HOA is in violation."

Clearly Kim is not violating State law, nor is she causing our HOA to violate State law. I appreciate that she was kind enough to volunteer to go to these meetings with me.

Sadly, the defamation, slander and misinformation continue. I felt that I had to speak up about it.

If any of you have any questions, concerns, or are worried that we are breaking the law, please do not hesitate to contact us at: info@lilacparkhoa.org or P.O. Box 722, Arnold, CA 95223 or (209) 795-3807.