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"It's A Wonderful Day in the Neighborhood" Especially If Mary Ann Fraser Lives Next Door!

Heron River is a treasure-trove of fascinating and talented people. I recently had the pleasure to meet and greet Mary Ann Fraser to the neighborhood.

Mary Ann is a prolific author and illustrator of over 70 fiction and non-fiction books for children of all ages. She loves sharing her passion for reading, writing, and the creative process with students and adults alike.

Mary Ann not only illustrates her own books but also does illustrations for other author's works. In addition, she has a talent and flair for painting murals and has been commissioned to paint custom murals for some very famous clients such as Kobe Bryant. In 2016, Fraser was commissioned to create an 11 ½ ft. by 60 ft. mural for Simi Valley, CA Public Library. The mural recreated landmarks from Simi Valley intertwined with classic children book images.

You get a sense of Fraser's fun and fanciful personality by reading the titles of her children books: *Heebie-Jeebie-Jamboree*, *No Yeti Yet*, *Why Frogs Are Wet*. Next, she reveals her

curiosity and widespread interest in the world around her with books that takes you *In Search of the Grand Canyon-Down the Colorado with John Wesley Powell*, *Vicksburg: The Battle that Won the Civil War*, *One Giant Leap: Apollo 11 Flight*.

I am sure Mary Ann's books are some of those lingering memories children cherish...lying in bed reading a story that makes them giggle and pictures they will hold in their mind's eye for a lifetime. She manages to make books jump into your lap with her titles and amazing illustrations. Check it out for yourself on Mary Ann's amazing offerings of children books on the Amazon website.

Mary Ann is a long-standing member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBW) and a founding member of the Children's Author's Network! (CAN). She has received honors and awards from the American Booksellers' "Pick of the List", School Library Journal Best Book of the Year, and many more too numerous to mention.



Mary Ann Fraser holds two of her recently published children's books; *Alexander Graham Bell Answers the Call* (Charlesbridge, 2017) and *Papa Bear's Page Fright* (Peter Pauper Press, 2018). *Photo by Marie Pavey.*

Mary Ann has a busy travel schedule as she is in demand as a presenter at conferences, and workshops often as the keynote speaker. Authors and artists alike receive invaluable gems of knowledge in her workshops across the country.

Mary Ann is interested in sharing her knowledge and love of art and writing through school and library presentations as well. "I offer students a real-life look at what it means to give life to ideas through words and pictures. My goal is to leave them fired up to do the same and to give them the confidence and inspiration to carry them forward."

Quoting from Mary Ann's biography, "When I'm not in my studio or visiting schools and libraries, I enjoy some of my other interests including gardening, hiking, playing the hammered dulcimer, and tending my small herd of turtles."

Mary Ann and husband, Todd, are recent transplants from Southern California. They moved to the Preserve in July of this year with the thought of retiring. Mary Ann said they choose the Boise area because of friends and the

wonderful outdoor lifestyle and affordability. I suspect retirement may be a way off for this dynamic couple.

By Marie Pavey

Recent HOA Improvements Around Heron River

New Light Helps Members

A new light post was installed next to the cluster mailboxes on West Wildbranch Drive in Waterview during August. The light will provide convenience and safety especially this winter when it gets dark early in the evening. The light pole was recycled from Seneca Springs Way when a bigger entrance light was installed there.



This light post was installed by Alloway Electric Co. workers above the cluster mailboxes on West Wildbranch Drive in the Waterview neighborhood.

Photo by Marie Pavey

Happy Landings 🐼

The playground adjacent to the pool and community center received ten inches of an all-natural pine chip layer to protect little ones' tops and bottoms.

Bark Blowers, Inc. used material that is additive and sliver-free and provides a spongy cushion upon landing. The product and depth is compliant with ADA and IPEMA requirements.



Two workmen use blowers to clean up after putting in the pine chip to refill the landing area beneath the playground equipment and make it safe again for children to play.

Photo by Marie Pavey

Irrigation Water Shuts off Mid-October

The Pioneer Canal water will be shut off in mid-October 2018. The pump company will winterize the main irrigation lines soon

thereafter. Homeowners must blow out their own home sprinkler systems to prevent damage to their own pipes. Creekside homes will be handled by the HOA as part of their maintenance services. Several reputable companies perform blowout service for approximately \$40 - \$50; reserve time soon!

POND RULES FINALIZED

The first ever Monkey Survey was well responded to by members and helped the Board of Directors with feedback so the Board could finalize the pond rules.



Fishing lanyards requirements were modified and non-motorized watercraft were approved for use on the two Preserve ponds.

The lanyards will be issued one per household and guests accompanied by a member will have status as long as they are with a member wearing the lanyard. This will be simpler and eliminate issuing multiple lanyards per family.

Watercraft (not motorized) will be allowed on the two Preserve ponds because they are the bigger ponds in Heron River with the most common area space between homes and pond high water edges for access.

The HOA fishing and watercraft season ended September 30. It will start again on May 1, 2019. New pond signs have been ordered and will be installed.

By Douglas Pfeiffer

3rd Annual Heron River Chili Cook-Off has been cancelled for this year

Heron River Chili Cook-Off scheduled for October 13th has been canceled. We lacked the minimum number of competitors and the necessary volunteer force.

The Chili Cook-Off had a successful run for the previous two years, but perhaps a new fundraiser needs to be created, or perhaps just taking a year off will heat up the event for next year.

Thank you to those residents who answered the call to compete and those of you who did volunteer to help with this year's event.

By Marie Pavey, Chili Cook-Off Chairperson



MEMBER QUESTIONS

*How are the security cameras
used and monitored?*

The Ring security system keeps video with audio records in the cloud for each HOA camera when motion is detected. This is the same type of system used by many homeowners.

These cameras have greatly reduced HOA rule violations. They also help keep the Community Center and pool common areas safe for members to use.

The system can also send alerts which are helpful during the times when our facilities are closed at night.

Cameras triggered after hours may involve trespassing. The Star police are authorized to cite people entering and trespassing in Heron River Common Areas such as the Pool Enclosure, Community Center and Gym.

Our Ring security cameras are not continuously monitored. All areas covered by the security cameras are clearly posted. The Board reviews these recorded files when a complaint about HOA rule violations is received.

THANK YOU



The Board thanks Pete DaCosta for his service on the Board this past year and a half. Pete has served as Treasurer and Vice President. He also spearheaded the security camera program and the pond fishing program. Pete's extensive business travel as well as the need to spend more time with his family were the reasons he has stepped down from the Board.

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