

Special points of interest:

- Yard Sales and roll off dumpster August 10-12
- Members to Members: Host family needed.

The Apogee

VISTA MESA
HOMEOWNERS
ASSOCIATION
INC.



From the Board Edward Furr, President



It is the hot lazy days of summer. School is just around the corner. It seems like it was just last month that I was fighting to get snow plows up here to clear our streets.

Summer comes to a close and we will be having our annual Yard Sale on August 10th – 12th. Along with the Yard Sales we also will be placing a roll off dumpster in the cul-de-sac of Sable Ridge Dr. This dumpster is for all of our use. Remember that no hazardous waste is allowed. **Prohibited items include; paint, engines, petroleum products, electronics, or any**

household chemicals. We will have it dumped on Saturday if necessary. This a good chance to get rid of your excess rubbish and old items you don't know what to do with.

The most important thing coming up for the association is the annual meeting in November. The date and time will be sent in October. This year there will be two open Board of Directors positions. It is so important to keep our board active and our association going strong. The only way we can do this is with volunteers. We as neighbors are the only people that can keep this neighborhood strong and moving forward. Volunteering is easy and



does not take much time. If you are interested in serving on the board e-mail or give any board member a call. We'll help you to get started.

Also, school begins in the next few weeks. Our children will again take to the sidewalks and street crossings to get to school bus stops and school. Slow down and watch out for them.

I hope everyone has had a great summer.

Calendar Of Events

August

1 Apogee Distribution
(Volunteers needed!)

10-12 Annual VM Yard Sales and collective dumpster for annual VM clean-up

21 Board Meeting at 7 pm
at Fire station 20, northeast corner Rangewood/Dublin

September

18 Board Meeting at 7 pm

October

15 Apogee Deadline (last 07 ed.)

16 Board Meeting at 7 pm

November - Election

date/time/location to be announced by mail.

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HELP WANTED - by Steve Houston

Living in a nice neighborhood really has it's benefits. You feel safe letting your kids play outside. You can take leisurely walks through the neighborhood and meet your neighbors. Your home value increases. You feel a sense of ownership and pride when people ask you where you live and as you drive home in the evening. You move to these neighborhoods for a reason. Maintaining that nice neighborhood is a responsibility of all who live in it. What does it take to maintain a nice neighborhood?

It starts with an active HOA. When Classic Homes turned this neighborhood over to the residents in 1998, little did we know the responsibilities and struggles that would come with keeping Vista Mesa the wonderful neighborhood that it was back then and still is today. I have personally been involved with the board for over six of the nine years that the

HOA has been around. Why do I do it? Because it is a nice neighborhood with great neighbors and I am proud to say I live here.

As a Board Member or committee member or volunteer, I feel that I have contributed to keeping this neighborhood as nice as it is. Yes, there are problems here and there and as a Board, we address those issues... believe it or not. But since I have been actively involved, I know that the Boards, past and present, work hard to keep this neighborhood looking nice. Has everything been perfect...not always.

It is easy to pick up the phone and complain to the Board about one or two issues. Be it known that there are many more that you don't know about but are being addressed. Being in-

involved with the Board gives anyone the chance to say they actually did something to help keep their neighborhood nice and a place where others would want to live.

Currently there are five (5) active members of the Vista Mesa HOA; three Board members and two Committee Chair (Newsletter and Welcome). This is hardly enough to run an efficient HOA. In 1998 there were over eight (8).

If you are interested in helping with the HOA please review the newsletter for open positions and volunteer activities. Be proud of where you live by becoming actively involved. Have a great day!

Parks and Trail

We have new neighbors; sighted in the valley: a Red Tail Hawk and recently also a Golden Eagle!
P.S. chair person needed!



The Board of Directors welcomes these new members to the Vista Mesa HOA!

6234 Soaring Dr Mark and Paula Reyes
4283 Brush Ridge Dr Lerlani Feliciano and Nathan Peck

New Neighbors!

If you rent a home in our community

You're a part of our community association, and we welcome you! We'd like to meet you at our community events, meetings, and social gatherings. Sometimes we can't reach you to announce a party or meeting, especially if you're leasing from an out-of-state owner or a corporation. If this is you, please let our manager or a board member know your name, address, and phone—and we'll include you on all our mailing lists. In case your landlord hasn't passed along this

information, here are a few tips to make living in our community enjoyable and stress free:

- All residents must comply with HOA rules. Do you have a copy?
- If you like to show your interest in Vista Mesa by volunteering or other type of service, we can't wait to meet you!
- Renters are entitled to all privileges as members do except voting. Please join our meetings!

This also counts for the upcoming Vista Mesa wide Yard Sales!



Covenant Control: Are our rules reasonable?

Kristi McKitterick Balanced Bookkeeping & Community Assoc. Management

The association has a number of rules and regulations that we ask you to observe so we can all maintain our property values and quality of life. We always try to be reasonable with our rules by following the guidelines below. If you believe a rule fails the “reasonable” test, let the board know at the next meeting. We’ll consider how we can improve it.

- We make every effort to enforce

rules uniformly, taking into account the consequences.

- We think developing rules for the sake of having rules is unnecessary.

The association develops rules only if they’re really necessary.

- All our rules are based on proper authority—either our governing documents or state or local law.

- We don’t make rules to limit your activities. We’re trying to ensure that

each resident can enjoy the community free from the disruptive or harmful behavior of others.

- We really don’t want to punish anyone. We try to make rules that encourage understanding and compliance.

Thank you for following the rules and making Vista Mesa a great place to live and raise a family.

Architectural Control Committee - Steve Houston & Ed Furr

We have had a great year so far with the Architectural Control Application. Participation has really increased this year over the past.

The board would like to thank everyone that has participated this year. I believe this year we were able to help everyone in a timely manner without holding up your projects.

We have added the ACC Application to the website. The application is in a PDF Format and can be easily printed, filled out, and sent in. Just go to

www.vistamesahoa.org



and click on the Our Association button, then Docs, forms, and info button. The PDF File is listed there.

Again thanks for your help in getting your projects approved.

Visit us on the website to get your ACC application!

From the Editor - Daniela Oettinger-Furr

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Next Community wide Yard Sale: August 10—12 Start: 8 a.m.

Here’s your opportunity! Only two weeks to go for the Vista Mesa yard sales.

HELP! Some volunteers are needed for setting up signs. **Also, your immediate response for a successful announcement in the Gazette.** Please show your support and contact me

with some details i.e. location, day(s) of sale, and list of items. No problem, if you like to stay unmentioned in any publication, but again, your count for participation is important!

When setting up your yard sale:

Be prepared

- have enough change
- Remember your nutrition throughout the day!
- Set up early, a day before

Keep it safe

- sharp objects out of reach of children
- Ensure a safe path throughout the items
- Consider your location and traffic when setting up.

When hanging up own signs, make sure to remove them immediately after the sale.

Your feedback will help any future communitywide sale. Please share any thoughts i.e. success, best time of sale, any problems or ideas for future events by calling or emailing me. A message on answer machine would be just fine, but don’t forget a return phone number.

Good Luck and success to all!

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We're on the web:
www.vistamesahoa.org

Back to School again!
Please slow down!

Safe and Happy Fall to All!



**Vista Mesa Bulletin:
Member-to-Member**

*This is "your" newsletter!
Only members or renters of Vista Mesa will have the opportunity to use this space for personal ads, i.e. Lost and Found, For Sale, In Search of, etc. Contact your newsletter chair before a deadline with your request by e-mail or phone for further information or confirmation.*

Host family needed for a 9th grade Korean boy who wants to attend the Pikes Peak Christian School. The Korean family pays tuition/expenses and a generous stipend to the host family to cover room and board. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn about another culture and help the student perfecting his English. On nice days he can walk to/from school. For more information, please call Sandy Graham at 531-6464."

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