

From the Board Steve Houston, President

Hello Neighbors. I hope that the new year is treating you all well. I would like to start off by thanking last year's president, Ed Furr, for a great job and a great turnover. For those that don't know, Ed was awarded the CAI Neighborhood Volunteer of the Year for large neighborhoods last December. He has really done a lot for this neighbor-

hood and the HOA. I would also like to welcome our two new Board members, Kurt Nelson (Architectural Control) and Judy Billingsley (Treasurer). Ed Furr is still on the board as Vice President/Secretary. Being the 10th Anniversary of the Vista Mesa HOA, I am excited to be serving

as president and welcome any thoughts or ideas on how we can serve the neighborhood better. We plan on having the same annual functions (i.e. garage sale, trash bins, open space clean up, etc.) and would like to add to this list if possible. Feel free to contact me or any one of the Board members and let us know how we are doing. My goal this year is to make our presence known by adding benefit and purpose that is noticeable to you, the residents of this great neighborhood. Thank you and I'll see you around.

Steve Houston



Ed Furr Kurt Nelson Steve Houston Judy Billingsley

Calendar Of Events

March

- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 20 HOA Board meeting at Fire Station #20 7pm
- 23 Easter Sunday

April

- 17 HOA Board meeting at Fire Station # 20 7 pm

May

- Volunteers needed for yard sale flyer distribution
- 11 Happy Mother's Day!
- 15 HOA Board meeting at Fire Station #20 7 pm

May 16-17-18

Vista Mesa Annual Yard Sales

Volunteers needed!
Get ready to de-clutter!

26 Memorial Day

30—31 Roll-off dumpsters

June

- 1 Apogee: volunteers for distribution needed.
- 19 HOA Board Meeting
- July 17 HOA Board Meeting
- August 8-9 Roll-off dumpster



From the Board — CALL TO ARMS

Okay, maybe it's not quite that bad but we need your help. Now that we finally have a full Board, we need committee members to help with the smaller tasks of taking care of this neighborhood. If you want to get involved and feel like you have something that can help the neighborhood, please let us know. As it stands, we would like help for the following:

- ❖ Neighborhood Watch-including block captains (training available from CSPD)
- ❖ Newsletter publishing
- ❖ Coordinating events (garage sale, valley clean-up, ideas!)
- ❖ Nominating Committee
- ❖ Welcoming Committee
- ❖ and whatever you might feel

would contribute to the neighborhood

If you have a little time(or more than a little) and you would like to help keep your neighborhood stay asone of the top running HOA's, please give any of the Board members a call or send us an e-mail. Thanks and we look forward to hearing from you.

ACC

With spring and summer approaching, it means time for your home improvement projects. All those great ideas to improve your property dancing in your head over the winter; it's about time to put them on paper and start them.

Remember before you start, an ACC application must be submitted and ap-

proved before you start your project. It is an easy process. You get an application from any board member or go the www.vistamesahoa.org and download a copy. Turn it in with your plans and a brief description of the project. Once the ACC committee has review and approved the project a copy will be returned to you and the project can be

started.

The approval process has been streamlined so it does not delay your project. However, don't wait until the last minute to turn in your application. Good luck on your home improvement projects and have a great summer.

Covenant Control - Balanced Bookkeeping & Community Assoc. Management Kristi and Monte McKitterick

Inevitably, from time to time, community rules are broken. When this happens, the association informs residents about the problem and follows what is known as due process procedure.

Simply stated, this means that the association always notifies residents of alleged violations before taking any action. We send written notice describing the possible rule violation and ask the residents to correct the problem voluntarily. These notices also explain any action the association may take if the violation isn't corrected.

The association understands that things aren't always, as they seem. We can arrange for residents to meet with the board before imposing any type of penalty. In fact, imposing penalties isn't the goal at all! It's more important that residents comply with the association rules for the good of everyone in the community. These meetings give residents and the board an opportunity to discuss rule violations informally and arrive at a solution.



After they've had a chance to talk to a resident about a rule violation, board members will discuss the situation among themselves and make a decision. Residents generally receive the board's decision in writing. For those who may disagree with the decision, the association has an appeal process.

With this in mind it's time to start getting ready for spring and summer. With the changing of seasons come the weeds, probably the number one issue homeowners receive a notice for. Please keep the cracks of your driveway, sides of fences, rocked areas, and lawn areas free from weeds. Other landscaping issues are dead trees and plants, you don't have to replace them but please remove them from your lot. Vista Mesa is getting older please check the paint on your house and trim and submit an application to the ACC if it needs to be re-painted. With the problems the housing market has been having its important to keep our homeowners association to the highest standards to keep the values as high as possible.

Parks and Trail

Spring and summer are fast approaching and that means more activity in the Valley. The ecosystem in our valley is very fragile and must be protected. When we use the trails and natural areas there are a few things we have to remember:

1. Don't litter and pick up any trash you see.
2. Don't dump grass clippings or other yard waste in the valley.
3. Be careful of wash outs and erosion when heavy rains have occurred. Walls can collapse making trails more dangerous.
4. Be mindful of the trees in the valley. Some are hundreds of years old.

5. Remember that the valley and trails are for our enjoyment. Please be responsible so it will be there for years to come.

Also this past year we hired a new landscaper and gardener for the association. We are hoping for some fresh and new colors and greenery in our sign areas and along the trailheads. These areas have been over looked for several years and have overgrown becoming unsightly but that will begin to change this year.

Remember these areas are for your enjoyment. Let's protect and take care of them.



The Board of Directors welcomes this new member to the Vista Mesa HOA!

New Neighbors!

5929 Treeledge are Michael & Patricia Spencer.
6132 Soaring are Thomas & Diane McVicker
6155 Soaring Drive are Douglas and Julie Thomas

From the Editor:

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Since the summer of 2002 my heart is with this beautiful neighborhood and I found my opportunity to meet many neighbors. For personal reasons I have to step back from my activities for the HOA and to give someone else in Vista Mesa the chance to show their abilities. Nothing leads faster to become an important part of this serene enclave within Norwood than to be actively involved by spending a little time for a place we all 285 families call home.

Are you new to Vista Mesa and like to help, even just for only a little time? How about talented or interested in helping out or taking over the newsletter chair position? Would you be able to help organize this year's neighborhood wide yard sale May 16-18? Maybe you like to host the next Welcome Coffee. Then there is the combination of walking the neighborhood once every 3-4 months and deliver the Apogee. So many more ways to contribute to the idea where the village raises the child, or to keep Vista Mesa a safe and beautiful place to live. All it needs is a little of your time. Any board member would love to hear from you.

Thank you, Vista Mesa, for the great experience I was allowed to make! DOE.

Take Note!

*Vista Mesa's Annual
Neighborhood Sale*

May 16-17-18 '08

Volunteers needed!

Contact any board member to help with flyer distribution, preparing or hanging signs, placing the ad, creating list of participants etc.

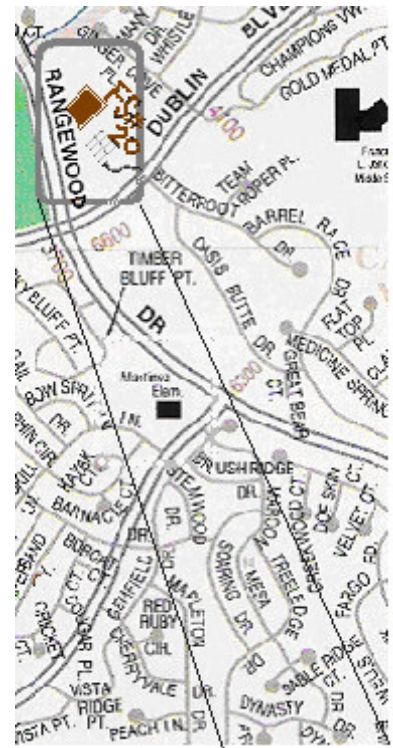
Please take note the monthly meetings have been changed to every third Thursday of the month 7 pm-8 pm at Fire Station #20, N E off Rangewood and Dublin intersection. All Vista Mesa Residents are invited to join.

Trail Reminder: Trespassing onto private property and washout at the curve of Treeledge and Sable Ridge Ct nature path is an ongoing concern. Despite warning signs disappearing, any use of this area will be under own risk and responsibility.

Vista Mesa Homeowners Association Inc.

P.O. Box 25353
Colorado Springs, CO 80936

Fire Station #20 left turn on Dublin east
off Rangewood: Meeting Room on the
right after entering it's west entrance



**SPRING
SEASON
IS NEAR!**

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

**Have you heard yet?
Vista Mesa's Annual Yard Sale
May 16 - 17-18 8am-2pm**

Volunteers needed!

The Neighborhood Watch is in need of a coordinator. This position requires 1-3 hours per month. Contact Steve Houston or Ed Furr for more information.

The distribution of the Apogee by 5-6 volunteers is a great HOA budget saver and requires just a walk in the neighborhood for approximately 30 minutes once every 3-4 months.

Yard Sale preparations only possible with volunteer help!

Vista Mesa Bulletin

Member to Member

Remember, this is the page for neighbors to be used. For example you have to sell something not business related. Or seeking help. Maybe you like to share an idea with the neighborhood. Or you know about an event worth sharing.

Please bring any topic you like to place to the attention of the newsletter chair or any board member to be revised.

Don't be shy! It won't hurt and it is free! But only if you use it.

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