



Vista Mesa Bulletin

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President's Letter

Spring 2014

Hello Neighbors,

It is 2014 and already March. Spring is just around the corner. Sorry for the delay in getting this newsletter to you. We had our Annual Meeting last November and we had a new Board member voted on to the Board. Please help us welcome Carlene Roth to the Board. Carlene has been very active with Vista Mesa as our Neighborhood Watch coordinator for many years. We want to thank her for her efforts with that and look forward to working with her in her new role on the Board.

We also thank Porty Roth (sound familiar) for his time on the Board. Porty served as our member at large for over 4 years and we thank him for his time and efforts.

The Vista Mesa Homeowner's Association Board for 2014 is as follows:

Steve Houston-President

Kurt Nelson-Vice President/ACC Chairman

Mike Stroud-Treasurer

Carlene Roth-Secretary

Every year two Board members are up for reelection. If you feel that you would like to run for a Board position and want to know more information, please feel free to call any Board member or Kristie at Balanced Bookkeeping. If you would like to help the Board in any other manner, again, you may contact any Board member with your thoughts or ideas on how you might lend a hand. With Carlene's new role, if anyone is interested in helping with the Neighborhood Watch coordinator position, please contact Carlene directly.

HAVE A GREAT SPRING!!!!

Steve

Calendar of Events

- * May 16-18 Vista Mesa Annual Garage Sale
- * May 30-Jun 1 Dumpster
- * May 26 Memorial Day- Have a Great Summer!
- * August 8-10- Dumpster

Xeriscaping and Landscaping



Although Colorado Springs has had decent snowfall this winter, the official projections is that we're entering yet another year of drought conditions. Xeriscaping a portion of your property may be an option, and is definitely preferable to simply letting your lawn and landscape wither and die. Remember that the Architectural Control Committee must approve any significant change to your property prior to beginning the work.

One of the joys of living in our neighborhood is the mature landscaping. Consistent pruning and shaping can be beneficial to the long-term health of your plants. Do your part for the health of your plants and for the benefit of your community by keeping your larger trees and shrubs tidy, especially where they expand into community spaces such as trail access and sidewalks.

SPRING PROJECTS



With Spring approaching, many of us are getting ready for home improvement projects or those outdoor chores that hit us every year (i.e painting, replacing dead foliage or trees, regular yard maintenance). If you are planning on any of the larger projects that will impact the look of your homes such as new decks, painting or other, please remember to submit your project to the ACC Chairman (Kurt Nelson or Steve Houston) via the ACC application. This form is available on the HOA website under forms. The form allows up to 30 days for approval of projects but we try to turn these around as soon as possible. Please plan accordingly and submit your form to allow for a few days for Board approval.

I think dogs are the most amazing creatures; they give unconditional love. For me they are the role model for being alive. ~Gilda Radner

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BYLAWS AND POLICY UPDATES

All residents of Vista Mesa are responsible to know the covenants and bylaws for the neighborhood. You should have received a hard copy when you bought your home or you can look on the Vista Mesa web page and review the documents there. At the last Board meeting a change to the Bylaws was proposed to change the requirement for quorum. This new change was motioned and passed. The change is currently being added to the Bylaws and should be available for review by the end of May on the web page. There has also been changes to the policies please see the website for the most current policies.

The Covenants are on file with El Paso County at:

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Attention Renters: Welcome to the Neighborhood

If you rent a home in Vista Mesa, we welcome you and we hope that you find our neighborhood as inviting a place to live as the homeowners in the association. Sometimes we can't reach you to announce a meeting, especially if you're leasing from an out-of-state owner or a corporation. 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—owners and renters—must comply with association rules and regulations. They're reasonable rules to protect property values, preserve the nature of our community, and make life more enjoyable for everyone. If you need a copy of our rules, please contact the manager or a board member. The association has the legal authority to enforce all rules, which we do—equitably and consistently. We don't like to take action against those who may not have received this important information, but it's our obligation to do so.
- Renters are entitled to all the privileges of association membership except voting.
- You don't have to own your home to be interested in your community. If you'd like to volunteer for a committee or other type of service to the association, we can't wait to meet you. Responsible, service-minded residents are the backbone of our association regardless of their ownership status.
- Please be sure to check our web page for neighborhood information: vistamesahoa.org

So, welcome to our community. We want you to enjoy your experience here—perhaps enough to become an owner some day.

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