

Winter/  
Spring 2016

# Vista Mesa Bulletin

[www.vistamesahoa.org](http://www.vistamesahoa.org)

## Letter From the President

Hello Neighbors,

Thank you for everyone who came to the annual meeting and who sent in proxies. It is always nice to see the community coming out to these events. If you would also like to come to the board meetings we welcome you to come we just need to know in advance so that we can get a table large enough for everyone. You can check the website or call Balanced Bookkeeping and Community Association Management for when our next meeting is.

We welcome all residents of Vista Mesa to find out more about your HOA by attending these meetings. If you are interested in running for a Board position, attending prior meetings provides insight into the weekly/monthly dealings of the Board.

With three of the four board members serving better than 4 terms each, we are always looking for other neighbors to throw their name in the hat to run for the Board.


Please contact a Board member or Balanced Bookkeeping for more information. Also see article on Page 3.

Respectfully,  
Steve Houston  
Board President

### Lights



Please remember to turn your garage lights and porch lights on. These lights are important to light the community and to keep criminals out. At the Annual Meeting Officer Bob Harris, stated that criminals hate light and the more light you have the smaller of a chance you have of being robbed.



Thank you to  
everyone who  
decorated their  
home.

We noted 139  
homes had  
holiday  
decorations!



Thank you for everyone who came to the Annual Meeting or sent in a proxy. Those who came or sent in a proxy were entered to win a 50.00 gift card. Congratulations to the winners.



### If you are updating the exterior of your home please submit an ACC Application.

Please go to [www.vistamesahoa.org](http://www.vistamesahoa.org) once on the website please follow the instructions below.

- >Our Association Tab
- >Docs, forms, and info
- >Architectural Control

Then you will see the application under the documents section.

Please send all ACC Applications to Kurt at [vistamesaHOAvp@gmail.com](mailto:vistamesaHOAvp@gmail.com)

### Board Elections

Two Board positions were up for reelection at the Annual Meeting in November. Steve Houston (current President) and Mike Stroud (current Treasurer) were the only two names on the ballots. They were reelected to the Board and at the January Board meeting, all officers retained their previous positions.

### Snow Removal

Please remember that you are responsible for clearing the snow off your sidewalks and driveways 24 hours after the end of a snow storm. It is important to keep the sidewalks clear for all the young kids who walk to school in the community. Please be advised that the roads in Vista Mesa belong to the city and the city is responsible for plowing your roads during a snow storm. If you would like to contact the city about plowing your roads please contact 719-385-5934.



The Annual Garage Sale is:  
May 20th, 21st and 22nd



## Interested in becoming a board member?

Please let Balanced Bookkeeping know if you are interested in becoming a board member on the board. There are 4 meetings a year and the annual meeting. It is a great way to get to know your community and get involved. If you would like to know more please contact Balanced Bookkeeping and Community Association Management.



## Newsletter

If you have any ideas you would like to contribute to our newsletter, please submit your written information to Amanda at Balanced Bookkeeping. The Board of Directors is always looking for homeowner input and will publish any useful community information that is relevant to Vista Mesa Residents.

### Balanced Bookkeeping and Community Association Management

P.O. Box 25696, Colorado Springs, CO 80936

719-593-9811

719- 629-7864 After-hour Emergencies

719-265-6481 Fax

Community Manager: Amanda Crooks  
balbookcam@aol.com

#### **Board Of Directors**

Steve Houston, President  
Kurt Nelson Vice President  
Mike Stroud, Treasurer  
Carleen Roth, Secretary

The Declaration of covenants, conditions, and restrictions of Vista Mesa Homeowners Association can be found at El Paso County. 094164070

HOA policies  
located on our website at:  
[www.vistamesahoa.org](http://www.vistamesahoa.org)

#### **Future Board Meetings (dates are subject to change):**

**May 19, 2016 at 6:30pm**

**September 22, 2016 at 6:30pm**

**Meetings are at Fire Station No. 20**

### **Crockpot Hot Chocolate**

**This recipe is perfect for snowy cold days!**

1 1/2 cups heavy whipping cream

(1) 14 ounces can sweetened condensed milk

6 cups milk

1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

2 cups of chocolate chips

Put all ingredients into a crockpot and whisk together until combined. Cover and cook on low for 2 hours, stirring occasionally, until mixture is hot and chocolate chips are melted. Serve with marshmallows, crushed candy canes, or your favorite topping!

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