

The Apogee

From the Board Steve Houston, President

Hello Neighbors. April 2009 already. And it's hard to believe that we have to worry about lawn care already. Certainly the nice weather seems to put everyone in a springtime mood but I sure do miss the snow. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the 2009 Board members. Kurt Nelson and Judy Billingsly will be finishing out the second year of their term. Kurt remains as the Architectural Control Committee Chairman and Judy has assumed the role of Vice President/Secretary. In November 2008, Mike Stroud and I were voted onto the Board for two years. Mike is filling the role of Treasurer and I am continuing on as President. I want to welcome Mike to the Board and also thank the two returning Board members. I also want to take this time to thank Ed Furr for all of his efforts for the last 4+ years as Board member and



President for Vista Mesa. I know this has been stated before but Ed has done a lot to get Board documents and files organized and up to date. His efforts throughout his time on the Board will be missed. We wish the best for Ed. Feel free to contact me or any one of the Board members and let us know how we are doing. We are all working to keep this neighborhood a safe place and a neighborhood that everyone enjoys coming home to. Thank you and I'll see you around.

Steve Houston

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Special points of interest:

- Yard Sales and Free Dumpster in May
- Free Cell phone Information Number
- Volunteers and Neighborhood Safety
- Community Activities
- Summer Safety

Calendar of Events

April

12 Easter Sunday
 15 Tax Day
 16 HOA Monthly meeting 7PM at Fire Station #20

May

10 Mothers Day
 15-17 VM annual Yard Sales
 21 HOA Monthly meeting 7PM at Fire Station #20
 25 Memorial Day

May Cont.

30-31 Free Dumpster Weekend

June

14 Flag Day
 18 HOA Monthly meeting 7PM at Fire Station #20
 21 Fathers Day

July

4 Independence Day
 16 HOA Monthly meeting 7PM at Fire Station #20

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED by Steve Houston

The Vista Mesa Home Owners Association still needs volunteers. If you have a little extra time, we would love to have your help for several action committees. Some of the more important things we need help with include the following:

Neighborhood Watch-If neighborhood safety is one of your concerns, we could really use your help in starting a Neighborhood Watch program for the area. Education for the neighborhood about safety, local crime statistics,

property protection could be instrumental in keeping Vista Mesa a great place.

Newsletter-Ed Furr has been kind enough to hang around for one more newsletter (this one) so we will be needing assistance in the future from someone who has experience in putting these types of things together.

Nominating Committee-We are always looking for new faces on the Board. We will be holding elections in November for two new Board members. If you would like to assist us in

finding prospective nominees or interested yourself, please contact one of the current board members.



NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY by Steve Houston

I feel like I repeat myself a lot in the newsletter but it is for items of concern that I share with a lot of the residents. If these issues didn't keep popping up, I wouldn't have to address them. Street safety is a major concern in the neighborhood. This includes speeding, parked cars, off-road vehicles. I get numerous calls regarding speeding in the

neighborhood. This is a police issue and we can't do anything about it except ask that all residents watch their speed (and ask their junior drivers to do the same). Parking on the streets is dangerous for kids and creates many bottlenecks in the neighborhood. Maroon Mesa and Gemfield seem to be big congregating points for cars on streets. Please park in your

driveways when possible. Off-road vehicles and unlicensed go-karts are illegal on city/neighborhood streets. Not to mention the noise level is disturbing to your neighbors. Please refrain from driving these vehicles and be mindful of your neighbors right to a peaceful neighborhood.

Even though we live in a safe neighborhood, watch out for your neighbors.

Free Directory Assistance for Cell Phones provided by Kristie from CAI

If you've ever had to call directory assistance using your cell phone, you know cell phone companies are charging \$1.75 or more for 411 information calls. AT&T charges \$7.00 per call! If your car has broken down or a big business deal depends on getting a number from information, \$7 might be acceptable.

"Despite the charges, U.S. consumers continue to avail themselves of the 411 directory assistance service, placing about

six billion such calls per year," explains the rumor-busting website snopes.com.

For the rest of us, however, an economical alternative is now available. You can get directory assistance on your cell phone (or land line) at 1-800-FREE 411 (or 1-800-373-3411). And it's free. Add this number to your cell phone now, before you actually need it. The service is voice activated and offers the option to connect the call.

Of course, nothing is entirely free, so be prepared to listen to a brief audio advertisement. For more details, visit www.snopes.com/inboxer/nothing/free411.asp



Winter Safety

FROM THE EDITOR by Ed Furr

From the Editor

Spring and summer are fast approaching. This year Vista Mesa will be holding our annual Yard Sales on the weekend of May 15th through the 17th. We will also have the Free dumpster on the 30th and 31st on the Sable Ridge Ct Cul-de-sac.

As you prepare for your yard sales. The board will purchase and ad in the Gazette and post signs for the event around the area. I will try and put as many signs around as I can, however it always help for individuals to put their own up to get buyers in the neighborhood. We will advertise

the sales to start at 8 AM and end at 3 pm each day. However most shoppers start showing up earlier. Be prepared to haggle.

The Dumpster will be the last weekend of May. The dates are the 30th and 31st. This is a service to you. Please remember that no Hazardous waste, i.e. oil, fuels, poisons, pesticides, gas canisters, and household chemicals are allowed. Also if the dumpster is over full or over flowing do not place items next to the dumpster or over fill.

With summer approaching our kids will be out playing in the neighborhood. Please remember your speed and watch out for the

kids. It only takes a split second distraction before disaster happens.

Also with summer our home projects will be picking up. ACC applications are required for most projects at your home. You can get a copy of the app from the website or contact a board member. Vista Mesa has made this an easy process and the response has been great.

Have a great summer and be safe.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES by Judy Billingsly

Would you be interested in participating in any of the following activities if they were organized for the Vista Mesa community?

- Citizen Emergency Response Training (CERT), which includes:
 - Disaster preparedness
 - Fire safety
 - Disaster medical operations
 - Triage
 - Treating life-threatening injuries
 - Light search and rescue
 - Team organization
 - Disaster psychology
 - Terrorism and CERT
 - Final exercise
- American Red Cross First Aid and CPR classes, which could include:
 - Standard first aid
 - Adult CPR
 - Child CPR
 - Infant CPR
 - Wilderness first aid
 - Babysitting (11-15 years old)
 - Dog first aid and CPR
 - Cat first aid and CPR
- Vista Mesa community cookbook
- Neighborhood Watch

Other suggestions? _____

If you have any interest in participating in any of these activities, please contact HOA Board Member Judy Billingsley at 268-0428 by April 30.

May 15-17
Vista Mesa
Yard Sales
May 30-31
Free Dumpster
Sable Ridge Ct.

Please Let us know if you would interested in the these and other Activities/

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Safety: School will be out soon. Watch for our kids playing in the Neighborhood.

We are on the Web at Vistames ahoa.org

YARD SALES

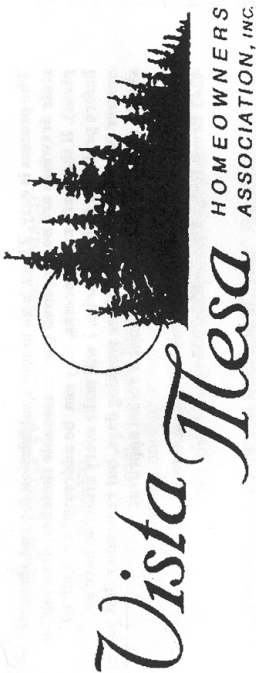
The annual Yards for Vista Mesa
May 15, 16, and 17
8AM—3 PM
Each day
Have fun and make some money

FREE DUMPSTER

At Sable Ridge Court on
May 30th and 31st.

Open to all Vista Mesa Residents.
Get rid of your excess trash.

No hazardous Waste.
i.e. Oils, Fuels, Poisons, Household Chemicals, Pesticides, Gas Canisters, etc.



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