

The Apogee

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Special points of interest:

- Volunteers Are needed for your Association
- Dog waste and parking becoming an issue.
- Knowing your website. It is for your benefit
- We have elections coming up.
- Its summertime. That's means weeds are here.

From the Board Steve Houston, President

We are reaching late spring and our yards and gardens are starting to add beautiful colors to our neighborhood. While busy home and work lives (the Houston's included) may make it difficult to spend a lot of time on yards, the time that is taken to work on our yards is important in keeping our neighborhood a beautiful place to live. It adds property value to the entire neighborhood and makes it that much more attractive to visitors and prospective homeowners driving our streets.



The Summitt at Vista Mesa

Thank you all for making this a priority and for enhancing the beauty of this neighborhood with your hard work.

P.S. we still need prospective Board members for next year and some key

committee assistance like newsletter, neighborhood watch and others.

Calender of Events

June

- 15 Fathers Day
- 19 **HOA Board Meeting at Fire Station #20 7:00 PM**
- 20 First Day of Summer

July

- 4 Independence Day
- 17 **HOA Board Meeting at Fire Station #20 7:00 PM**

August

- 8—9 Roll Off Dumpster
- 9 Neighborhood Clean up
- 21 **HOA Board Meeting at Fire Station #20 7:00 PM**

September

- 1 Labor Day
- 13 **El Paso County Hazmat Collection**
- 18 **HOA Board Meeting at Fire Station #20 7:00 PM**
- 22 First Day of Autumn

Curb Appeal Counts by Kristie McKittrick

Cleaning out and sprucing up your yard are good low-cost alternatives to major home improvements. Whether you hire a professional or have the skills and tools to do it yourself, here are some tips to improve your lawn and landscape:

- ❑ Weeding can make a big difference in the curb appeal of your home.
- ❑ Edging, planting beds and mulching go a long way toward improving a yard's look.
- ❑ Planting colorful annuals in beds or pots around the

house and patio, in hanging plant holders or in flower boxes makes a house look cared for and cozy.

- ❑ To solve problems or add interest, plant new trees and shrubs to create focus areas, or to camouflage foundations and old fencing, or block unsightly views.
- ❑ Have your trees and shrubs pruned, fix brown spots in the lawn and remove and replace diseased plants.

Homeowners who

want help with their yard should seek an evaluation by a professional lawn or landscape firm. A professional can assess the health of the lawn, plants, trees and shrubs and offer recommendations for improvements. Be sure to submit an application to Architectural Control Committee if doing major landscape improvements.



Architectural Control by Ed Furr

Architectural Control Committee is here for you and not to be your enemy.

I wanted to thank all of you for using the associations ACC Application. This has been a real success so far. We had to remind our neighbors fewer times this year than the past. There are 2 ways to get an application. You can contact any board member to receive an application or go to our website at www.vistamesahoa.org and print

it off. To find the application on the website Just click "Our Association" button, click the "Doc, Forms & Info" button, click the Arch. Control button, and click the ACC Application PDF form then Print. If you print it off the website, we only need you to turn the one copy with plans and we make the needed copies. We have made a commit-

ment to make a decision as quickly as possible. However, we will need a little time in most cases for research. Last minute applications make it difficult to fully look at the project and can cause us to make mistakes that are contrary to the governing documents. Remember we are to assist you in getting your projects going, not to stop them.

DOGGIE DOODIE by Steve Houston

We all love our pets. They are a very important part of our families and add so much to a home. We are lucky to have beautiful neighborhood streets and the adjacent trailways to walk our pets. The bad part about this is when the pet owner does not clean up after their pets. I have received numerous complaints

over the last several weeks about people allowing their dogs to use another neighbor's yard as a drop zone and not cleaning up after them (my yard included). One of the responsibilities when walking dogs is to clean up after them. This is common courtesy and should be obvious to dog owners when walking their dogs. Please be mindful of your

neighbors yards and clean up after your dogs when walking them and don't let your pets run around without being leashed

HOA Parking Garage

I have received a recent complaint about a neighbor parking their vehicle in front of their next door neighbors home. I agree that this was somewhat self-ish. When driving through the neighborhood, I have noticed a lot of vehicles parked on the streets. While this is not against covenants, it does cause traffic hazards and can be unsightly at times (which is against the covenants). Two of the major choke points that I notice are the S-turn when coming down Maroon Mesa and the eastern end of Gemfield. These areas seem to attract a

lot of cars. Please make an effort to park in your garages and driveways to keep the streets clear for better movement and visibility through our neighborhood. This is important for child safety, emergency vehicles and a nicer looking neighborhood. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.



Parking on streets is in Vita mesa

Your Website

Our association has its own website at www.vistamesahoa.org. It has been up and running for about 18 months. There is a lot of great information for your use. When we set this website up, we wanted it to be user friendly and have all the information you would need for this community. Some of the major items

on the website are: The governing documents for your association, minutes for the monthly and annual meetings, Architectural Control Applications, and the Newsletters. Other helpful items include your association contacts, community agency contacts, community calendar, special notices, and the daily weather. You are even able to send

emails and requests to the board members from the website. Also, you can subscribe and receive notices from the board that can be helpful that would normally only go out in the newsletters. I hope all of you will go and explore your website and use it to give us your feedback.

Your association needs your help. We need Volunteers to help in the neighborhood. Also to make the area nicer for you.



Our New Neighbors:

**Nicola/Shonne Gigante
Joshua & Jezamin Conant**

**4282 Brush Ridge
6251 Soaring Dr**

Adopt a Flower Bed

Those of you who attended the annual meeting know we had hired a gardener this year to help with the trailheads and flowerbeds. The gardener's assistance badly broke her leg and will be out for the summer. Sadly, as we were her

newest client she had to drop us from her schedule. Before she quit she was able to add two beautiful boulders to the trailheads. We are looking for volunteers to take over the flowerbeds. There are four flowerbeds and four trailheads. It can be one person or a group of people. Vista

Mesa will pay for all the plants and flowers. We need ideas and manpower. If you have a talent for flowers, please help us make the association look great this year. Please call Kristie at 593-9811 to help.

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Remember Summer
Safety and have fun
this summer.

*Were on the
Web
Vistamesahoa
.org*

**El Paso Cty Hazmat Collection
For: Vista Mesa Residents Only
September 13, 2008**

They will take paints, lawn & garden chemicals, household products, automotive products. They will not pick up electronics, fluorescent lights, or anything bulky. ID's Will be required to drop off at Sable Ridge Court.

Wanted: Host family for exchange student.

"Host family needed for an 11th grade boy who wants to attend Evangelical Christian Academy (ECA). 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 perfect his English.

For more information, please call Sandy Graham at 531-6464."



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