

# FOR THE BIRDS

*With special thanks for the support  
of a few interested residents  
over the years*

*The Time has come, the Walrus said,  
To speak of many things:  
Of shoes - and ships - and sealing wax -  
Of cabbages and kings*

*with a grateful "nod" to Lewis Carrol*

In my last 2 **FOR THE BIRDS** Newsletters, I gave both the history of the program and detailed issues that were relevant in providing a safe sanctuary for the program. Things change, and it's time to stop being "Foster Parents" to the wide variety of Cavity Nesting Birds within the Sanctuary on the Park environs. Accordingly, we have started a project to scale back and eliminate the program.

Immediately, the last two of the original five Habitats that were located in the area surrounding Windmill Creek and the Retention Pond, bordered by Blackhawk on the West and Carson on the East, will also be removed' along with the remaining two Habitats along the West side of South Carson. This will leave only the two habitats on the north border of Maplewood and two of the three East of South Carson between the property line and the CC State Park border. Time will tell on the future of those.

Up until the first of 2015, the program has been 100% self - financed by the Bird Group who did the original planning and subsequent maintenance since its inception in 2001. Here, for the record, is activity since 2015. It accounts for two donations, one from a "pass the hat" at a HOA meeting (2015) and another very welcome one by the Social Committee, from their unused funds left from COVID

### Income/Expense Ledger

DATE	INCOME	EXPENSE	BALANCE	Description
1/31/2015	\$ 197.00			<b>Resident Donations</b>
1/31/2015		\$ 40.00	\$ 157.00	5 Predator Guards-Swallow Boxes
2/2/2015		8.00	149.00	1/1/2" drill bit- Swallow box opening
2/2/2015		12.00	137.00	Wood chips-Kestrel/Flicker box prep
3/22/2015		41.00	96.00	3 replacement West Bluebird boxes
9/2/2015		55.00	41.00	Purchased 2 replacement Swallow/Bluebird Boxes
3/3/2018		21.72	19.28	Purchase new Cedar Wren Box
6/24/2020		\$95.6	(76.28)	1 Complete set-up (stanchion.hardware & baffle)
6/25/2020		59.51	(135.79)	Predator Guards
6/26/2020		37.97	(173.76)	One new box
8/3/2020	# 193.04		\$19.28	<b># Donation from Social Committee</b>

We will be contacting organizations (Boy Scouts?) who may have use for the Habitats, any tools, extra wood etc. in connection with their various programs and/or studies.