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News from your Sanctuary on the Park Board, April 2017

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Annual HOA meeting

The annual meeting was held on January 26th, 2017 at Valley Country Club. Dale Jensen discussed the 2016 financials, and explained the budget for 2017. The 2016 budget had anticipated a deficit, but with some expenses including snow removal and waste/storm water less than expected, there was a net income surplus of \$3,023. The HOA dues do not need to be changed and will remain at \$200 monthly for 2017.

Board and Committee membership: Geoff Lane thanked Dale for his outstanding service for 12 years as treasurer, and John Palley was elected to replace Dale. Geoff also thanked Jim Banman, who retired after many years as Chair of the Design/Review committee and wished him and Judy well for their planned move later this year. Earl Wenngren will be the Chairperson for the D/R committee for several months while we recruit someone to take that job.

Changes at our management company. BRC

We welcome Chad Rohr, who is our new manager at BRC. Chad has 10 years of management experience, and has the CAM license required by the State of Colorado for HOA managers. We look forward to working with him.

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Landscaping 2016

The swallows are back, and the plants, weeds and trees are already showing new growth! And for our Colorado Spring, we can still expect the usual alternating showers, sunshine, and even snow.

This year, Kathy Childs and John Edgerly are sharing responsibilities as Co-Chairs of the grounds committee. This is a very busy committee, and some responsibilities may be directed by members with expertise in those areas.

Garden Club

From Carol Race:

Hi, we are going to have a Garden Club, and we met last month for the first time. We would like to host the Spring Clean Up day and provide refreshments. Also, I'm trying to get the Park Ranger to call back to get him to speak at the Clean Up. Our purpose will be to provide information to those who want to learn about flowers and bushes that do well in the Sanctuary and details about the rabbits and other varmints. We are looking for more members. The contact numbers remain the same. We will be available to provide help when and where needed.

This group operates separately from the HOA, and similarly to the Bird Watchers. If you are curious about plants and what grows well in our area as well as what keeps rabbits at bay, please indicate your interest by calling Carol Race (303-400-3451) or Kathy Childs (303 – 809-4963).

Spring activation of irrigation systems

Our other 'Rite of Spring' is the activation of our homeowner sprinkler systems! Summit Services will activate our sprinklers on **Monday, April 17th**. They have already prepared the system outside each house, all we need to do now is to open the valve in the basement before Monday. The small bleed valve cap must be screwed down firmly, before opening the shut off valve by turning the handle until it is parallel to the copper supply pipe. Once the valve is open, check the pipes and backflow device outside the wall; if there is a persistent water leak then shut the valve off and let us know. If you are unable to open the valve and need assistance, please call Chad at (303) 541-1586.

Weed Control

- The Board included funds for weed control in the 2016 budget, and treatment will be done in the Spring at a favorable time. Our biggest challenges have been the wild thistles, and common mullein which spread in from the Park. The weeds were looking much better last fall, especially in the large field to the north-east corner of the community, which had more than other areas. We may be able to remove some more as part of the spring cleanup day.

Tree Bugs

- *Emerald Ash Borer* (EAB)
 - Was first detected in the Boulder area in September 2013, and has now spread to Longmont. It typically spreads about ½ mile every year, but human activity can help spread the disease quickly and much further.
 - The disease has yet to be detected in the Denver area, though it will likely arrive within a year or so. Since our developer planted an ash tree in most front yards (yes, there also ash trees in another 2 back yards) they are a major feature of our landscaping and worth protecting.
 - Most damage to ash trees in Colorado is caused by environmental factors (freeze, drought etc.) and pests other than EAB, including lilac ash borer, ash bark beetle and others.
- *Pine tree beetles*.
 - We have about 130 pine trees, – mostly Ponderosa (43) and Austrian (86) pines. There are approximately 95 pine trees in the Common Area; the remainder are in homeowners' yards.
 - We detected insect damage in about 1/3 of our trees 2 years ago, but the systemic insecticides appear to have successfully treated them. Pests included the Zimmerman Moth, Mountain Pine beetles, and Red Turpentine Beetles, and possibly some Ips beetles.
- *Fire blight*
 - This is a contagious bacterial disease that attacks fruit trees including pears and crabapples. There are several trees on the east side of the retention pond that may be affected, at least one will probably need to be removed. The HOA has nothing to offer for this; best advice is to choose resistant species if you like fruit trees.
- *Tree protection in 2017*
 - This year, we have approved a single systemic treatment for all the ash, pine and spruce trees using “Transtect-70” (dinotefuran.) It is sprayed on the tree trunks from ground level and up 4½ ft., and is absorbed through the trunk.
 - This seems much friendlier for the environment than spraying the whole trees, which can harm birds and other wildlife, and would require 2

treatments annually. The price is favorable when compared with the range of prices that individual homeowners have paid.

- All susceptible trees should be treated, to prevent (untreated) infected trees from re-infecting those we treat.
- The treatment should be applied sometime in mid-May, when the sap is moving up the trunk. The optimal date depends on the weather and when the ash trees develop leaves and flowers.

Fire Mitigation.

Our landscaping company (Summit Services) will continue mowing the grasses and weeds along designated tracts for about 30 ft. from the homeowners' houses as agreed in 2015.

Design Review Issues

The committee is responsible for approving changes in the exterior appearance of our properties including landscaping, exterior paint, exterior lighting and landscaping.

They report several issues:

- The exterior paints for our houses were originally available from KWAL paints, but they were taken-over by Sherwin Williams. If you ask for the paints by the original KWAL number, Sherwin Williams will mix the paint but the pigments are slightly different and the paints appear much brighter than the originals, especially the bolder colors. Many homeowners have some old paint samples, and you may wish to find a sample to match at the paint shop of your choice. If you wish to change the exterior paint, you should submit a request to the committee, using the form that is available on the SOP website.
- The committee is in the process of updating a list of approved exterior light fixtures as some of those posted on our website have been discontinued.

Recycling

The community has several opportunities to recycle unwanted materials and help the environment! Not to mention the benefits of clearing some clutter that can be difficult to dispose of legally.

Haulaway is our regular trash pickup company, they collect recyclables alternate Tuesdays, as April 11, 25 May 9, 23 - - -. More details on their website <haulaway.com> (follow yellow box "Colorado solid waste customers" to "service guidelines," and on the Sanctuary website. Their recycling guidelines are copied below:

There is no need to separate recyclables (Single Stream). Please keep all recycle cans/bins under 40lbs. You may use your own bins if you have designated recycle bins even if they are from a different company. If providing your own recycle container(s), please make sure they are 65gal or less and clearly marked "RECYCLE" with a magic marker, recycle sticker, etc. To help with any confusion, please set your recycling a couple feet away from your trash or on the other side of your driveway if possible.

What kind of paper products can be recycled?

All white and colored paper, magazines, coated paper, folders-manila-coated or colored, adding machine tape, post-it notes, brochures, pamphlets, newspapers-including inserts (no plastic newspaper bags), junk mail, envelopes, computer printouts, posters, all correspondence-direct mail, and all paperboard (cereal and soda boxes) or cardboard (even wax lined cardboard). Moving boxes must be broken down, stacked, and bundled to be accepted as recycling.

Please DO NOT include:

Carbon paper, paper plates, paper cups, tissue paper, lunch bags, napkins, paper towels, candy wrappers, (any items with food waste on them), plastic grocery bags, trash bags, newspaper bags, or any Styrofoam (including packing peanuts).

What plastic, glass, and aluminum products can be recycled?

#1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, and #7 "washed out" plastics (any plastic product with the recycle symbol and a number), Glass (colored or clear), aluminum, and tin cans (you may leave the labels on, but please remove the lids). Please do not include oil, pesticide, or hazardous material bottles.

Arapaho County and SEMSWA will collect toxic wastes including motor oil, antifreeze, auto batteries, pesticides, herbicides etc. They mail you a plastic bag kit, and arrange a curbside pick-up courtesy of Waste Management. You pay \$20 for the service, SEMSWA pays the remainder of costs, about \$106 per household. Go to SEMSWA.org, then "pollution prevention" and "for residents" and on to "Hazardous waste pickup." Or simply read the document copied at the end of this newsletter!

Paint Recycling Event

We thank Jennifer Ogarek, who is arranging for a latex paint recycling event, possibly on Sunday, April 23rd
GreenSheen is a local company that collects old latex paint in original cans, and sorts usable product into pooled batches of similar color and composition. The paint is filtered and then resold at a low price. That saves dumping old latex paint in toxic landfills, the company even recycles the old cans. You can see more on their website <greensheepaint.com> Though you can drop paint off at 1281 W Dartmouth, they

are prepared to come and collect from us on a Sunday. More details will follow by email and the bulletin boards.

Paint can also be dropped off at most paint shops now. When you buy a can of paint, there is a small surcharge to pay for this recycling program, see <paintcare.org>

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

The Arapahoe sheriff's office should be collecting old medications at Centennial Medical Plaza (north west parking lot) on April 29th from 10am - 2pm, (watch news media for more information.) (There is also a drop box at the Sheriff's Office.)

Social events

Carole Lane reports:

We had a successful party at Maggie Smith's Irish pub on March 22: about 32 neighbors attended. We are planning to hold two summer events in the neighborhood. The next party will be on June 21, in the Blackhawk cul-de-sac. Rumor has it that it might possibly feature the return of the Pie Contest.... More information nearer the time.

We are planning to hold a party in late September, probably on the 27th. We are hoping that someone will volunteer to host this event, which we expect to be an informal get together, hopefully on a patio or deck. If you can help, please contact Carole Lane or Cindy Adamek. (caroleglane@aol.com or adamekcin@gmail.com)

This year we are planning to hold the holiday party at Valley Country Club. This will be on Sunday December 10, so go ahead and mark your calendar!

From the Bunco Group:

The Bunco group is seeking new members. There will only be a meeting on April 18 and another one in May before breaking for the summer and reconvening in September.

No particular skill is required! It's just an opportunity for Sanctuary women to get together for a social evening once a month. If you are interested in joining, please contact Lisa Lubin (doclubin@comcast.net)

Geoff Lane, President
Earl Wenngren, Vice President
John Palley, Treasurer
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Home collection program for Household Hazardous Waste



1-800-449-7587

www.wmatyourdoor.com

The Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority (SEMSWA) has a contract with Waste Management for the At Your Door Special Collection service, a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection program. This service offers a home collection service for HHW which includes the proper disposal and recycling of leftover household hazardous materials for residents of unincorporated Arapahoe County and the City of Centennial. The County and City can work towards maximizing the recycling of unwanted household materials. For example, all small batteries collected, including rechargeable, one-time-use, hearing aid and watch batteries, are actually recycled into new materials. Most of the materials collected through this program are sent to be recycled.

The At Your Door Special Collection program works as follows:

Step 1 Residents have 3 easy ways to schedule a home collection of your unwanted items: Call 1-800-449-7587 M-F 7a.m.-7p.m., go to www.wmatyourdoor.com or email atyourdoor@wm.com. This program is available year round to unincorporated Arapahoe County and City of Centennial residents only.

A wide variety of materials are accepted including motor oil, used oil filters, antifreeze, automotive fluids, paint products, household and auto batteries, pesticides, herbicides, household cleaners, florescent lamps, electronics, televisions, sharps/needles, and more. The co-payment for this program is **\$20.00** and is due when you schedule a home collection appointment. SEMSWA picks up the remainder of the costs, about **\$106 per household** collection.

Step 2 Each participating household will be mailed a collection kit. Open, read and follow the instructions included in the kit.

Step 3 Before 7:00 a.m. on collection day, residents must place your items in a safe location outside their home for pick up near your front door or garage area. The resident does not need to be home for the collection activity.

Other areas have voluntary programs in which people will deliver the HHW to a collection point, typically called a "Round Up Day". It has been the experience of both the Arapahoe County's Sheriff's Office and SEMSWA that participation is greater when a home collection is offered rather than a collection site, the transport of the wastes is safer, and the collection is more efficient and cost-effective.

We urge you to utilize this program when you have identified unwanted household items in your home, shed or garage.

Additional general resources on household hazardous wastes and recycling opportunities include www.earth911.org and www.obviously.com/recycle/. **Earth 911** lists by state and county HHW facilities, collection details and collection event information. **Obviously.com** provides a recycling guide that provides a starting point for consumers in the USA and Canada searching the net for recycling information. The information is for regular folks with regular household quantities of materials to recycle. The goal is to help make recycling so easy and automatic that it blends into the flow of everyday life.

www.semswa.org

Questions? Contact us at 1-800-449-7587 atyourdoor@wm.com www.wmatyourdoor.com