



Sanctuary Sentinel

For and About the Sanctuary on the Park Community

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No HOA Dues Increase Foreseen in 2010

We most likely will not see an increase in our \$165 monthly Homeowners Association dues next year.

Dale Jensen, HOA treasurer, told the board of directors and guests at the October board meeting it's a bit early to be certain, given that the annual meeting comes up about three weeks earlier than in the past, but Dale's thinking is he can complete a budget without an increase. All the numbers weren't available, especially the required amount for reserves.

The absence of a completed reserve plan irritated Dale because the firm hired to do the work failed to provide the information for budget calculations by the board meeting.

One item in that reserve plan will be two options for replacing the fence along Jordan Road. One option will be to replace the existing fence with wood like it is now. The second option is to replace the wood with a composite material such as Trex. Joe Dirks, chairman of the Grounds Committee, said that two companies submitted bids for the Trex and the prices varied from \$25,000 to \$35,000 with a mid-point of \$30,000, the amount available for this in the reserves. The actual type and schedule for replacement is to be presented to the entire HOA at the annual meeting by the Grounds Committee for approval and implementation.

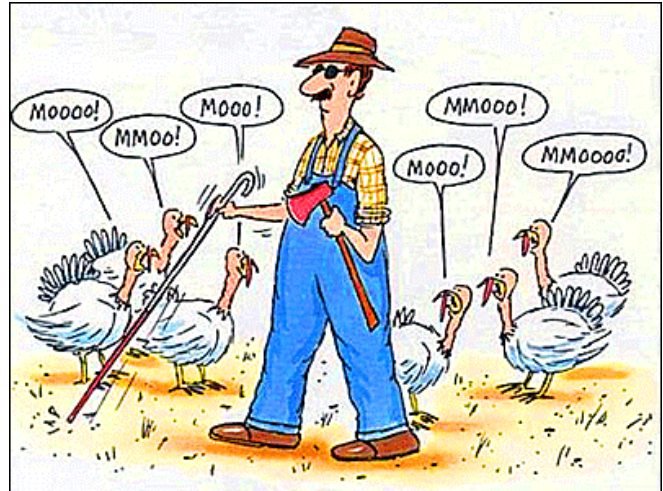
Please Mark Your Calendars

The Sanctuary on the Park HOA annual meeting will be 7 p.m. Nov. 19 at the Valley Country Club. Your information packet will arrive at least 10 days before the meeting.

Another iffy budget item is the HOA's cost for once-a-year trimming of shrubs and other low-growing landscaping at homes. As in 2009, the cost is \$75 a home for each of the 35 to 40 of the 53 households requesting this service. A second yearly trim would clip us another \$3,000 or so in a budget increase, Dale observed.

In other matters the board:

- Approved a contract for The Green Plan to remove snow on drives and walks when depths reach 3



Some Thanksgiving thoughts from the turkeys down on the farm...

inches and plow the street when snow depth measures 5 inches.

- Agreed to submit to the membership a proposal to change penalties for HOA Bylaws violations to \$50, \$75 and \$100 for each notice of a continuing violation after an initial warning.
- Heard the Bird Subcommittee comprised of Steve Jeffries and Malcolm Jones had cleaned out the birdhouses in common areas and treated them with linseed oil. There's some talk that the Colorado Division of Wildlife is removing its birdhouses because predator birds are cannibalizing eggs and babies, and birds are better off fending for themselves.

Cup o' Cheer Time

Our Cup o' Cheer holiday dinner will be Dec. 6 at the home of Lisa Lubin, 6175 S. Carson St. Just as last year, we won't be called upon to schlep in with the hors d'oeuvres, covered dishes and desserts. The event will be catered. Please mark your busy December calendar now. This fun gathering is the work of our busy Social Committee.



Lisa Lubin is all smiles about her move to Sanctuary on the Park at 6175 S. Carson St.

Meet Our New Neighbor: She's Lisa Lubin

Moving to Sanctuary on the Park was just a short hop for our newest neighbor, Lisa Lubin, who now resides at 6175 South Carson St.

A Long Island native, she arrived in the Rocky Mountain West some years ago after a few years in New Jersey. Prior to her move to Sanctuary on the Park, she made her home just east of here in Chaparral where her two sons enjoyed the benefits of Cherry Creek Schools. Her older son, Ian, 22, graduated from Grandview High School, and Brad, 20, is a Cherokee Trail H.S. alumnus currently attending CU's engineering school.

Lisa was attracted to our neighborhood by the abundant open space and the proximity to the park and all its trails. She is an avid walker and hiker. Now that her boys have left the nest, she is excited about having a place of her very own.

A graduate of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Lisa is a clinical psychologist in private practice nearby. She is already in one book club, and doesn't feel she can handle another right now, so the Off Jordan Book Club group will just have to wait. However, she was so enthusiastic about meeting the neighbors that she was the very first one to sign up for the Ports o' Call progressive dinner. And next she will host our annual community holiday dinner, Cup o' Cheer, on Sunday evening, Dec. 6.

By Joan Liebchen

This N' That

If you enjoyed this summer's three happy-hour BYOB evenings, you'll get another opportunity next summer, the Social Committee headed by Joan Liebchen says. The size of the group varied from about 15 to 25 so the committee will probably do something similar next summer. Twenty-eight people participated in a three-course cruise of the Mediterranean at the recent Port 'o Call progressive dinner. Appetizers were served at the home of Bill and Anne Nelson. Winnie and Allan Kortz and Gail and Jeff Ploen hosted the main course, and the guests came back together at Esther Bailliet's home for dessert.

So what are you reading just now? And would you enjoy sharing your book discoveries with your neighbors? Sure you would, and you would be welcome to join the Off Jordan neighborhood bookies discussion of "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak on Nov. 9. They'll meet at Esther Bailliet's home at 6209 South Carson St. Gail Ploen will lead the discussion. Other upcoming books will be "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett on Dec. 14 and "The Art of Racing in the Rain" by Garth Stein on Jan. 11.

One of our neighbors would like to remind all of us our community's documents require that we set out our trash no sooner than 7 p.m. the night before pickup.

Allan Kortz, 6242 Blackhawk St., a retired physician, has been appointed director of the new masters-degree program in healthcare leadership at the University of Denver. Classes began in July on subjects leading to a master of professional studies in healthcare leadership degree. The aim is to aid in the advancement of healthcare professionals into leadership roles, and assist those who would like to pursue a career in this field to do so.

We survivors of Trex still can't savor traffic-jam-free travel at Arapahoe Road and I-25 now that the Colorado Division of Transportation has put its mind to the fine mess it made with four or five stoplights within spitting distance of each other. CDOT has begun a "safety and capacity improvement project" there to add an additional through lane in each direction underneath the overpass of I-25. This work will go on until late spring 2010. Drivers should expect there to be single lane closures east and westbound on Arapahoe Road from 9 a.m. to 3:30 pm and from 7:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Monday through Friday and reduced lane widths at other times. Ramp closures may be necessary in the evening and on weekends, CD warns.

Sparkling-Clean Water Just Months Away

That whitish, filmy gunk we detest seeing deposited on our glassware and faucets will soon be gone from our water supply, thanks to the \$26 million state-of-the-art water treatment plant our water-supply district will open early in 2010.

That's the good news from the Arapahoe County Water and Wastewater Authority, which was not bashful about passing along this kind of news at its annual open house in October.



This is ACWWA's Joint Water Purification Plant near Bronco Parkway and Jordan Road that'll send us bottled-water quality H2O.

Martin Stegmiller, operations and construction manger, says it'll begin work sometime between January and March to deliver sparkling-clean water to us. Our ACWWA owns 5/7ths of this Joint Water Purification Plant with the Cottonwood Water and Sanitation District. The plant, located near Jordan Road and Bronco Parkway, can provide 12 million gallons of water a day if needed. That's just 2½ miles to the south of us.

As matters stand now most of our water comes from seven shallow alluvial wells in the Cherry Creek drainage area. ACWWA must replace each gallon of that water with a gallon of treated water from elsewhere. That's where the purification plant's twin, the new Lone Tree Creek Water Reuse Facility, comes in. That sewerage-treatment facility uses microbes that busily eat up all the yucky stuff we flush before sending it into Cherry Creek above the reservoir. And it soon will include all that whitish calcium and other impurities that'll be back-flushed out of the purification plant's filters.

Don't yawn quite yet but this ought to do it. The new plant uses reverse osmosis—the same purification process often used for bottled water. It'll force the impure water through a spun-material membrane to filter out the tiniest contaminants and send the good stuff merrily along to our homes and the gunk to the treatment plant.

In the future, Martin says, ACWWA will get water from the Barr Lake area after it's treated at the East Cherry Creek treatment plant; that won't be sooner than 2012. ACWWA is also seeking water rights from Chatfield Reservoir. As for that calcium? Martin says, ACWWA adds that to our water because they think it'll then taste better.

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