



BOARD OF DIRECTORS CORNER

Green Thumb Awards

Before the cooler weather finally arrived, the HOA sponsored the Annual Green Thumb Contest in July. Congratulations to the four winners in each filing (see page 3).

Grant Update

The grant funding to repair the 2013 storm damage of our greenbelt drainage continues to progress through the various government agencies in order to release the grant funding. Our projects are still on the approved list. The County is investigating various alternatives in order to have the funding released.

Alcott Court Sidewalk Closure

In early August, a sinkhole was discovered under the sidewalk between the steps at Alcott Court that lead to the greenbelt. Upon further research, the size of the sinkhole was significant and the sidewalk was starting to collapse. Due to the dangerous situation, we closed off the sidewalk until the cause can be determined and repairs can be completed. Please avoid this area. We are working with the County to determine responsibility and ensure the safest solution is implemented.

Holiday Events

There are a few holiday events upcoming within our community to take note of. Besides the HOA sponsored Holiday Wagon Ride and Golden Light String Awards, one of Donald Wescott's fire trucks will be giving Santa a tour of our community on Saturday December 17th around 10 am. See page 2 for details on wagon ride and light contest.

Snow Removal

As a reminder, snow removal of the streets is a County DOT responsibility. Homeowners are requested to promptly clear the sidewalks and around the mailbox stands. There are various school bus stops around the community that our children walk to and from. Also we

strongly encourage residents to refrain from parking on the streets, which could impede the plowing process.

Website Changes: www.gnhoa.com

After 12 years, we've modernized and updated our website to provide more capability and opportunities to pass along information in a timely manner. We will be establishing a voluntary information distribution system that you can sign up for if you desire. Like our GNHOA alerts, it will only provide important updates which have a direct impact to our community and reminders of upcoming events. We hope to have the system up and running for you sign up in January.

Colorado Springs Annexation of Wescott Fire Protection District

The City of Colorado Springs will be annexing (taking over) a significant portion of Wescott's Fire Protection Coverage area (from Old Ranch Road to Northgate) over the next two years. This will result in an over 60% reduction of Wescott's district (coverage area) and tax revenue. The GNHOA BOD, as well as some other area HOAs, have been monitoring this situation closely, as it could have a major impact financially and affect emergency services to our homeowners. We intend to use our new website to pass along information as it becomes available. You can also follow the developments in the monthly Community News, which reports on most local and community organizations.

BOD Membership

Since our last newsletter, Joy Garscadden, our president, and Juan Rivera have stepped down to pursue other endeavors. Their contributions to our community are much appreciated. The BOD also gained four new directors to fill the departures and other vacant positions. The BOD would like to pass along our sincere appreciation to all of you, the homeowners, for your support throughout the past year. We pledge to continue our efforts to enhance our community for you. The BOD wishes each and every resident a safe and happy holiday season.

Holiday Events!



2016 Holiday Wagon Ride



Please join us for a wagon-ride tour of our neighborhood holiday lights and decorations on Sunday evening, December 18th. Four 25 minute tours of the neighborhood will depart from the Antelope Trails parking lot each half hour starting at 6:00pm. Seating is limited so call Kathy Nikolaus (481-6677) to reserve your seats as soon as possible!

Walk-ins allowed as space permits. Hot chocolate will be provided! Tractor-pulled wagon rides provided by **Olson Carriage & Harness**.



It's time to make sure Rudolph can find your house!

The Gleneagle North Homeowners Association proudly announces...

The Sixteenth Annual Golden Light String Awards

Recognizing your outstanding creativity and holiday spirit!

Here's how it works:

1. You decorate your home's exterior.
2. Each Filing's Architectural Committee will judge homes December 17-18.
3. Five winners will be chosen from each Filing.
4. Winners receive prizes plus yard signs recognizing their efforts.
5. One of the five winners from each Filing will be selected "Best-Decorated Home" and receive a special recognition!



Be creative...give your neighborhood the Holiday Spirit!



Trash Collection Notes

As a reminder, there is no change to our trash pick up day over the upcoming Christmas, New Years, MLK, and President's Day holidays. Bestway WILL pick up every Monday. If you want to start or stop the Way Green single stream recycling service, please contact GNHOA at 719-488-5883. On trash pick up day, you should have your trash and recycle barrels at the curb by 8am. Please leave at least a foot or more space between the recycling barrel and the trash barrel. If you move or sell your home, please leave the brown trash barrel in the garage for the new owners or renters.

Our contract with Bestway permits one 96 gallon barrel per week and two plastic bags per week. If you have

oversize or large items like furniture, construction waste, etc., or more than two plastic bags, Bestway collects an extra fee directly from the homeowner at the time of pick up unless you arrange for the extra service prior. If you have such items, contact Bestway directly at 633-8709 to arrange for pick up and payment. Extra pick up fees are the homeowners responsibility.

Finally, Bestway informed us recently, that thieves have circulated the residential areas on trash pickup days in December looking for Christmas gift envelopes that homeowners may leave for the trash employees. If you desire to share some Christmas cheer with the Bestway employees, please do so in person, or send a Christmas card with your gift to Bestway's office: 650 Santa Fe St., CO Springs, CO 80903, noting your address in the card.

15th Annual Green Thumb Award Winners

The Green Thumb Contest judging was held on the weekend of July 16th & 17th. There were many deserving homes, but the Architectural Committee's decision from each filing awarded the Green Thumb awards to the following homes:

Filing 3

15185 Jessie Drive – Earl & Gail Kirkwood
 15305 Copperfield Drive – Donald & Patricia Coram
 15110 Jessie Drive – Bonnie Schmidt
 15245 Copperfield Drive – Larry & Audrey Lee

Filing 8

15575 Curwood Drive – Robert & Jane Lundeen
 15465 Desiree Drive – David & Sherry DeRay
 15505 Curwood Drive – Brian & Alicia Raymond
 15440 Benchley Drive – James & Sandra Barnhart

Filing 4

15440 Paddington Circle – John & JoAnn Seymour
 15427 Jessie Drive – Robin Cadow
 15310 Holbein Drive – Daniel & Rhonda Fink
 15263 Paddington Circle – Greg & Jessica Winslow

Filing 9

14990 Pristine Drive - Rich & Michelle Ghrist
 14735 Pristine Drive – Ken & Karen Fiorillo
 14920 Pristine Drive – Kelly & Tammy Kennedy
 14980 Pristine Drive – Cliff & Judy Weber

Gleneagle Sertoma Needs Short Term Hosts for AF Academy Cadets' Families

Since 1992 many residents in and around the Tri-Lakes and Gleneagle areas have offered their spare bedrooms to Air Force cadet families over Graduation and Parents' Weekend. Hosts are reimbursed \$10.00 per room per night to help defray expenses. Guests usually stay 2-5 nights. Many very nice friendships have developed from these "stays" and the Air Force families from all over the USA are most appreciative of the hospitality this B & B Program provides. If you have questions or are interested in hosting for a few nights, contact Beverly Carlson at 481-5702. This is NOT a long-term sponsorship of a cadet.

Annual Meeting Update

We held our annual meeting on September 21st. Homeowners in attendance numbered 27. Additionally, we had 82 homeowners submit their proxies, thereby meeting our quorum requirement to conduct business at the meeting. A special topic addressing the City of Colorado Springs annexation of the Wescott Fire Protection District was presented. Additionally, there were open discussions on maintenance needs and assessment increases. You can find the presentations from the meeting on our website: www.gnhoa.com.

Upcoming Document Shredding

The GNHOA will once again sponsor a SHRED-IT day in April for your unwanted personal paperwork to be shredded. In less than a minute, your documents will be shredded to almost dust. This will be our sixth year, and while the amount of paperwork shredded has increased, we have yet to turn anyone away or fill the truck. Look for more news on this event in the future.

Treasurer's Notes

The 2017 assessments statements will be sent in early January 2017. The BOD voted to increase the annual assessment to \$75.00, a \$25.00 increase from \$50.00. The last time the annual assessment increased was in 2005. The assessment will be divided into two semi-annual payments of \$37.50 along with the semi-annual trash assessment which will remain unchanged at \$12 per month or \$72.00 semi-annually. Therefore, the 2017 the January and July assessments will be \$109.50 (\$37.50+\$72). For those voluntarily recycling, the \$5

monthly fee is unchanged. The six month recycling fee of \$30 will be added to the \$109.50 semi-annual assessment.

The BOD approved the annual assessment increase to support the increased maintenance and repairs costs that we have been incurring and expect to incur in the near future. While we are still waiting for grant funding to offset the 2013 storm damage areas, there are many areas needing attention and updating that will keep our community looking great and competitive with all of the newer developments around us.

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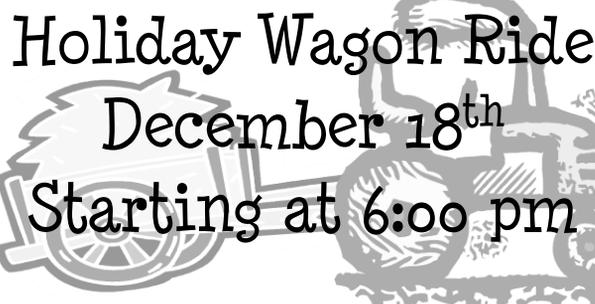
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Don't Miss This Year's Holiday HOA Events!



The Golden Light
Strings Contest
December 17th-18th



Holiday Wagon Ride
December 18th
Starting at 6:00 pm

See page two for details!

Contact the Gleneagle North Homeowners Association Board of Directors at:

(719) 488-5883 or P.O. Box 1922, Monument, CO 80132.

Visit our web site at www.gnhoa.com for more information.