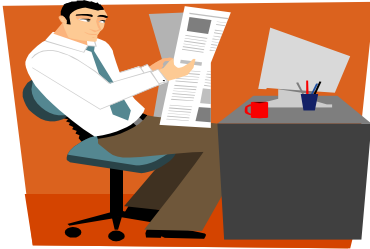




President's Message



Hello Neighbors,

By now, you've received the introduction letter from Four Star Association management and, let me tell you, the board is excited about this new company! It was a long search but we found a company, and more importantly people, that we really like, right on our doorstep (their office is at 95th & Arapahoe). Please keep us apprised of what you think, but we feel that Michele Hudak (our manager) is going to be great and really decrease the workload of the board.

On the subject of a board member's work load.....elections are coming up in October and there will be one or two seats available. I want to thank Randy Owens for all the work he has done for the community. The list of things he has accomplished would be too long for this column. The same can be said for Jerry Faulkenburg, the other board member whose term is up. Jerry is undecided if he is going to run again at this point, but regardless, I want to thank him for his service. He tells us that he is retired but he seems to work more than I do. And he brings this same attitude to the board and community. Randy's wife, Tani, has been an enormous help to the board and AR by overseeing the pool. Tani and Randy are building a new house and will be moving from AR. Their departure will leave big shoes to fill. I encourage anyone who is interested in running for the board to contact a board member for more information. There will be a homeowner's packet arriving in the mail before the annual election.

Another resident who has past the torch and deserves thanks is Don Shepard. He has worn many hats, but most recently the one of Webmaster and newsletter editor. Thanks to Doris Beylkin, our new Webmaster, who I know has plans to build upon the great work of Don. Keep your eyes on the website, it is a great source of information and there will be changes to it in the coming months.

The association has obligations to do certain things through the postal service but we really want to do as much as possible electronically. To that end, if you have e-mail but are not on the resident's list I'd like to see you join the club.

I hope you enjoyed your summer!

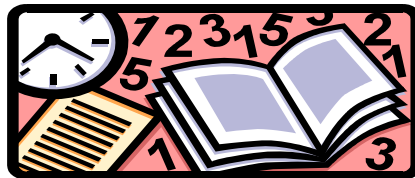
Thanks,

Ben O'Brien



In Search of Neighborhood Volunteers

We know you're out there...Talented Arapahoe Ridge residents eager to make a positive impact on our community. Well, now's your chance to take action! The AR Board of Directors is hosting a Volunteer Recruitment Social on Thursday, September 30, from 6pm-7pm, at the AR clubhouse. We plan to have representatives from each of our neighborhood committees present to discuss the myriad exciting opportunities awaiting new volunteers. AR is fortunate to have a dedicated group of volunteers in place, but they can't do it alone. We appreciate how busy you are and know that it may be difficult to find time to volunteer, but it is certainly NOT impossible. This is OUR community, with OUR responsibilities and OUR challenges. Please RSVP by Friday, September 24th, via email @ secretary@arhoa.org, or phone Diana Walley @ 303.604.9800.



2005 AR Resident Phone Directory

Michele, our new association manager, is in the process updating the Arapahoe Ridge resident phone directory for 2005. If you want your personal information

listed or changed in the directory, please email Michele at michele@fourstarreality.com. Please submit your information by November 30th.

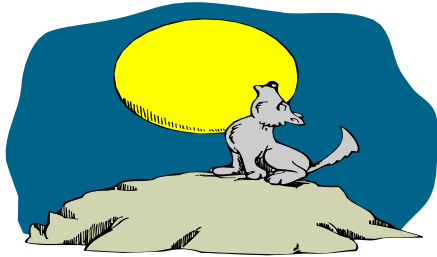
Design Review Committee Update

Please remember to submit your request for any changes to your property with all the pertinent information. We turn down a lot of requests because we don't have enough information. Plot plans are very necessary and helpful to us, so please include one. If you are planning to paint your home a different color please remember to check the paint palette on the website first and choose from the colors there. Also remember your house cannot be the same color as your neighbors. The DRC only meets once a month so please give yourself enough time to get your project approved before starting it.



Poor Committee Update: Another Great Summer Season!

After a few waves and ripples at the beginning of the swim season with a new pool company and some equipment problems, overall the pool season was a good one! Swimmers experienced clear water, clean restrooms and attentive lifeguards, along with some great swimming and playing in the pool! AR neighbors would like to extend a BIG thank you to Shaun O'Rielly for her willingness (yet again) to teach the 6am water aerobics class free of charge to AR residents. We'd also like to thank Shaun and Monica Kash for faithfully opening the pool bright and early each morning for our earlybird adult swimmers. Our community pool becomes an even better asset with all of our dedicated AR volunteers working in the background – and that goes for you too, Tani! In closing, the Pool Committee hopes you enjoyed your last splash and we look forward to seeing you when the pool opens again on Memorial Day, 2005.



The Neighborhood Coyote

There have been reports of a coyote frequenting the grounds of Arapahoe Ridge. Please review the following information from the Colorado Division of Wildlife for tips on peacefully coexisting with our neighborhood coyote.

Do not feed coyotes or any other wild animal. Providing food makes them dependent and they can lose their natural fear of humans. People who provide them with food run the risk of being bitten.

Keep pet food out of their reach and secure garbage cans. Coyotes are opportunistic and will make a meal of pet food or table scraps that are left in unsecured containers. If a dog or cat is fed outside, bring uneaten food inside as soon as the pet has finished eating. Place trash in a secure container so that it is unavailable to coyotes.

Abide by leash laws and avoid letting dogs and cats roam freely. Coyotes kill and eat small dogs and house cats.

Work with your neighbors on making your neighborhood undesirable to coyotes. If coyotes are frequenting your neighborhood, you can be certain that they are being fed or are finding food. By working with your neighbors, you may be able to eliminate food sources that are bringing the animals into the neighborhood.

Be supportive of animal control and wildlife agencies that are working with coyotes and other wildlife and domestic animals.

Do you know an Arapahoe Ridge STAR?

The AR Board of Directors is kicking off a new program this quarter called the Arapahoe Ridge STAR Award. We are asking AR residents to nominate other AR residents who use Success, Talent, Attitude and Results to make a difference in the neighborhood, the local community and/or the world. Each quarter the BOD will select a STAR from the nominations and we will feature an short article on this person and how they are using their STAR qualities to make a difference. Maybe you want to nominate an AR teenager who is making a difference in the community by volunteering to tutor younger students? Or, you may want to acknowledge an AR volunteer who works behind the scenes to make the neighborhood a better place? How about your neighbor who just returned from a mission trip to Africa? This neighborhood is overflowing with STARS so we know these stories are out there! Please submit your nominations by November 1, 2004, to secretary@arhoa.org, or phone Diana Walley @ 303.604.9800. And remember to check the next newsletter for our first STAR award winner!



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