



Happy Spring!

Swimming Pool News

Even though the first day of summer is still a few months away, it's already time to start thinking about our pool opening on Memorial Day weekend! The BOD has hired a new pool company for 2005. And there's good news for you early morning and late evening swimmers – the BOD agreed to raise the pool temperature to 80-82 degrees. This will ensure more warmth without a significant increase in heating costs. In preparation for the pool opening, the pool gate locks are being changed. Homeowners will need to pick up a new key at the clubhouse on one of the following dates:

Monday, May 2nd, 5:30-7:00pm

Wednesday, May 4th, 5:30-7:00pm

Please note that if you are delinquent in your quarterly dues you will not receive a pool key. Please contact the association manager if you have questions regarding your account.



AR Covenants, Rules & Policies Update

The BOD has adopted a new resolution regarding interest on delinquent HOA accounts. Interest will begin accruing as of May 1, 2005, at a rate of eighteen percent (18%) per annum and will continue to accrue until the account is current. The first billing of the interest will be in June with the late letters for that month. Owners who are overdue as of June 1st will have accrued one month's worth of interest in addition to the late fee. Interest will accrue on all overdue amounts, with the intent to encourage homeowners who only owe a small amount to the HOA to pay it in full in a timely manner. Please contact the association manager if you have questions regarding your account.

AR Design Guidelines

The warmer weather has a way of inspiring homeowners to tackle those outdoor home improvement projects they've been putting off all winter long. If, for example, you're planning to add a hot tub, build a fence, deck or patio, or do some general landscaping, you are required to submit your plans to the Design Review Committee prior to beginning the work. The design review request form is located on our website at www.arhoa.org. The design guidelines are intended to preserve and maintain the design, value, desirability and attractiveness of AR.

Changes to Our Weekly Ads

As you know, "Arapahoe Ridge Ads" are a fabulous place for homeowners to buy, sell and request items, and advertise one-time events and services. In order to make submitting an ad easier for our homeowners and our ads volunteer we have created a new online ads submission form. Please use this form instead of emailing our ads volunteer directly. The form is located on our website at www.arhoa.org. Only ads that meet the rules defined on our website will be posted so please read the rules carefully. Our website volunteers have the authority to deny anyone publication at their discretion.



Landscape News

As the saying goes... you never get a second chance to make a good first impression. With that in mind, the BOD has approved a landscaping project focusing on the AR entryways. The project includes adding colorful annuals, new shrubs and fresh mulch.

As an AR homeowner you are welcome to contact our landscaping company, Sun & Shade, for services at your home. The number for Sun & Shade is 303.702.1232.



Don't Let High Winds "Trash" Our Neighborhood

If you've lived in AR for any length of time, you know that Erie is no stranger to high winds. Please don't allow the wind gusts to wreak havoc on the beauty of our neighborhood – keep your trash covered! If the winds are especially strong, please keep your trash inside until trash day and, when you place your can on the sidewalk, make an effort to secure the lid so it won't blow open allowing trash to litter the neighborhood. If your garbage still manages to escape, please be respectful to your neighbors and clean up your mess!



Volunteer Opportunities

The BOD is pleased to welcome Shaun O'Reilly to the Pool Committee as the new chairwoman! Shaun has graciously volunteered her time to oversee the swimming pool this summer. For those of you who don't know Shaun, she's a terrific lady who's full of energy! While the BOD is grateful to have this position filled, we are still in need of additional volunteers. Help make a difference! Contact Diana Walley @ secretary@arhoa.org or via phone @ 303.604.9800 for more information.

Open Positions:

- *Special Events Committee chair*
- *Special Events Committee members* (please see the events committee update below for details)
- *Budget Oversight Committee*
- *Neighborhood Watch block captains*. Please view the current block captain vacancies at



http://www.arhoa.org/nbr_watc_h.html to see if your block needs a captain. Email NW@arhoa.org for more information.

The BOD would like to thank Don Michael for his work as the Events Committee chairman. Don recently announced that he is stepping down from the position. Over the years, Don has organized myriad AR events, including the July 4th festivities and the Halloween party. Don, thanks for creating so many enjoyable times for the youngsters in our community (and the young at heart!).



Financial Update

Account Description	Totals
Cash Checking	\$58,317.87
Reserves	\$534,258.51
Assessments Receivable	\$10,837.00
Late Fees Receivable	\$915.00
Legal Fees Receivable	\$2,225.50
Misc. Owner Receivable	\$431.00
Owner Admin. Fees - Receivable	\$25.00
Fines -Receivable	\$800.00
Total Assets	\$607,809.88



Too Close for Comfort

Dear Neighbors,

A few weeks ago, my son and I were almost run over by a neighbor pulling out of his driveway. A split second later, and we would have been hit. This frightening incident has made me rethink safety precautions both as a pedestrian and a

driver. Our neighborhood seems quiet most of the time, but the number of small children and street congestion is increasing yearly. We all need to reevaluate our street safety. By following a few simple steps, we can keep our neighborhoods safe. For example, before entering your car, step out onto your driveway and survey the streets and sidewalks. Small children are almost impossible to see from inside your car. Back up slowly, and drive slowly! We really should not drive more than 20 mph on our streets.

Pedestrians also need to be responsible. Stay on the sidewalks and teach your kids about road safety. Together we can all make a difference in the safety of our neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Neighbor



Arapahoe Ridge STARS

You can 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 a short article on this person and how they are using their STAR qualities to make a difference. This neighborhood is overflowing with STARS so we know these stories are out there! Please submit your nominations by May 1, 2005, to secretary@arhoa.org, or phone Diana Walley @ 303.604.9800.

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