



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome from the Board

Welcome to the March 2008 Arapahoe Ridge Quarterly Newsletter. Your HOA Board creates and publishes this newsletter to bring important information to all of our residents concerning the neighborhood and the town. We hope you'll find this newsletter to be informative and useful.

If you have an idea for a future newsletter, please send an email message to the Board secretary (secretary@arhoa.org) or the management company (management@arhoa.org). Or call the management company directly (see "Contact Information" at the end of the newsletter for the telephone number).

Remember that we only provide paper copies of the newsletter twice each year, in the same mailing as your dues notice. All our newsletters are always available to you on our web site at <http://arhoa.org/newsletters/newsletters.html>. To receive an email notice when each newsletter is published, as well as messages concerning neighborhood events, weekly ads and so on, please be sure to subscribe to our email distribution list: http://arhoa.org/community/email_distribution.html.

And now on with this quarter's newsletter, in which you'll find a schedule of upcoming events, new

information about trash and recycling, clubhouse and pool news, and more...

Thank You Notes

The Board would like to thank Kerstin Dickson for her thorough research into recycling information to improve our web site. We'd also like to thank Jim Barbour for generously allowing us to work on his computer to create all the paint palette colors for the web site.

Annual Arapahoe Ridge Garage Sale	Dates and times TBD
Pool Opening Party	Saturday, May 24 at 10:00 am
Semi-Annual HOA Dues	Due July 1 st (Semi-annual assessment is \$240)

Volunteer Opportunities

Making our neighborhood one of the best places in Colorado to live takes a lot of work, and much of that work must be done by volunteers. Please volunteer to be part of one or more of our committees, or to help with some of our special events. It's a great way to get to know more of your neighbors, it's very rewarding, and it can be fun, too!

Here are some current opportunities:

- Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale
- Pool Opening Party
- July 4th Party
- Special Events Committee Members
- Tribunal Members (see article below)
- DRC – 2 more members needed!

Upcoming Events At A Glance	
Annual Easter Egg Hunt	Saturday, March 22 @ 11:00 am
Monthly HOA Board Meeting	The Board now meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the clubhouse. Residents are welcome to attend. Please contact the management company to verify meeting date and time in advance.

Please contact our management company for more information about any volunteer opportunity.

Architectural and Design Control

One of the most important features of a covenant-controlled community, and possibly a very good reason you purchased a home one, is the additional protection afforded through rules and guidelines on architectural and design control. Not only does it help maintain the overall continuity and aesthetics, it helps protect property values as well. Enforcement is a major responsibility of the Association. One of your major responsibilities as a homeowner is to adhere to your community's bylaws and submit, as required, any and all requests for approval. Please do not start or have anything done that needs approval without first submitting a Design Review application and receiving proper approval. You may have to remove it and repair any damage that could have been caused by that work.

If you have any questions or concerns relating to the Design Review process, please contact our management company (see Contact Information, below).

Updated Paint Palette

The new paint palette is now available for viewing on the AR web site at <http://arhoa.org/committees/drc/paintPalettes/Palette.html>. Our Design Review Committee has done a wonderful job of providing us with a palette that is greatly expanded from what we've had in the past while maintaining the fabulous look of our neighborhood.

Is it time for you to paint your house? Remember that you must follow all the rules laid out in our covenants regarding choosing colors, applying them to appropriate parts of your house exterior, and awaiting DRC approval of your plans **before** beginning any painting. For a complete description of the rules, as well as other guidelines and tips, please see the above-referenced web page and the other pages to which it contains links.

If you have any questions about the paint palette, please contact the DRC (drc@arhoa.org) or Bill Burnett (vp@arhoa.org), Board liaison to the DRC.

Clubhouse Exterior Improvements Update

Construction is now complete on the new public restroom attached to the exterior of the north side of the clubhouse. The restroom is open on the same schedule as the park, and is controlled by an automatic lock.

The Arapahoe Ridge HOA Board has noticed the possible danger of the drop off from the sidewalk immediately in front of the new restroom, and has had that area filled with dirt.

The Board has also had the clubhouse exterior painted. It looks great; come on by to check in out!

9th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Easter is early this year, so the Easter Egg Hunt is just around the corner! Come on out with your family, and your baskets, on Saturday, March 22 at 11:00 am to the Arapahoe Ridge Park. The hunt is once again brought to you by Nancy L. Welch. We'll see you on March 22, barring inclement weather!

Annual Arapahoe Ridge Neighborhood Garage Sale

Plans are underway for our annual neighborhood garage sale. This is a great opportunity to do that spring cleaning and get rid of all those things you just don't want around the house anymore. When we have a coordinator to schedule the event, the dates and times will be sent via email. The Association covers the advertising costs so all you have to do is sort, price it right and make money! If you only have a few items, talk to your neighbors about combining your garage sales. And remember, the more homes there are with sales in a given area, the more buyers will be coming through to shop. The event will be advertised in a number of local newspapers and signs will be placed at the entrances to the neighborhood. If you can help coordinate this event, please contact the management company right away.

Pool News & Rules

Can you believe it? We're just 2 months from pool opening, and the HOA Board has arranged for several improvements to ensure that the pool and shower room facilities are in great shape for the summer. In the restrooms: new, higher quality floors have been installed, toilets have been leveled, and shower stall doors have been replaced. The new flooring has also been installed throughout the pool-level of the clubhouse. In the pool itself, all damaged or missing tiles will be replaced prior to pool opening at the end of May.

This year the pool will open on Saturday, May 26, at 10:00 A.M. If we want to have a community pool opening party, then we will need volunteers to grill hotdogs, provide entertainment, and coordinate pool

activities. Please email the Board at bod@arhoa.org if you can help.

Just in case the excitement of the pool opening party isn't enough to get you and your family out there, we have two other important reasons for you. First, it's time again for new pool keys, and we'll be handing them out at the party. Watch your email for further information. Second, Board members will be at the party with draft copies of the new Residents Directory. We encourage you to come look at your entries in the directory and let us know if we need to change anything.

Also, we are looking for volunteers to serve on the Pool Committee and to help open the pool in the morning. If you are interested in helping, please email the Board at bod@arhoa.org.

As a reminder, below are some of the basic pool rules. For the comprehensive list, please visit the HOA website at www.arhoa.org, go to the "Committees" page and then the "Pool & Clubhouse" page.

- The pool is officially open from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm daily. We have arranged for lifeguards to be on duty during that time.
- Children should not be at the pool unattended.
- The baby pool is for babies and toddlers. No one over 6 years old should be in that pool.

During summer months in Colorado, we often have thunderstorms. It is a legal requirement that the pool be closed if there is a chance of lightning. The lifeguards will close the pool and wait a half hour for the danger to subside. If the danger has subsided, they will reopen the pool. Otherwise they'll close it and display a sign explaining that the pool has been closed due to weather. Depending on the time, the pool may remain closed for the rest of the day.

We look forward to another great summer in our beautiful pool!

Trash and Recycling News and Reminders

Please remember that, per our covenants, trash cans must be stored out of sight except for the evening before and the day of trash pick-up.

For your convenience, the Board has expanded our "trash and recycling" page on the web site (<http://arhoa.org/community/trash.html>). It now includes a comprehensive listing of what can and can't be recycled. Check it out! For your further convenience, here's an abbreviated list: metal cans, trays and foil; #1 and #2 plastic bottles; glass bottles and jars; paper including phone books and paper board; corrugated cardboard. It's easy to recycle, please participate and help to keep our planet healthy.

Erie Clean Up Day

Saturday, May 3rd, will be the Town of Erie Spring clean up day. From 7:00 am to 3:00 pm there will be a roll-off dumpster at 1149 Telleen where citizens can dump virtually anything, even large items such as furniture. There will also be another day set in September. Watch your water bills for more information from the town.

Tribunal Members Needed

At times, it becomes necessary for the Board to call a tribunal to help settle a complaint or appeal brought to the Board's attention by one of our residents. Tribunals must be comprised of volunteers from the neighborhood who are **not** currently members of the Board or the DRC. We'd like to keep a list of residents who are willing to serve

on a tribunal so that we may convene one as quickly as possible when the need arises. If you are interested, contact the management company (see Contact Information, below). We urge you to consider volunteering; it's a great way to serve your community.

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Financial Update (Per. Ending 2/29/08)

Account	Total
Operating Checking	\$167,164.00
Reserves	\$665,349.00
Accounts Receivable	\$27,484.00
Deposits	\$250.00
Total Assets	\$860,247.00