

AUTUMN HEIGHTS NEWSLETTER

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THE MISSION OF THE AHCOA BOARD IS TO PROVIDE A PLEASANT, SAFE COMMUNITY ORIENTED ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL RESIDENTS.

AUGUST 2013

Notes from the Board:

On Tuesday, August 6th, our community hosted its 1st National Night Out celebration, which coincided with the 30th anniversary of this program across the nation and it was a HUGE success. Even our weather cooperated. There were about 65 residents that attended the celebration which included conversation, good food and brief presentations.

Amy Sylvester, Mitigation Specialist for the Colorado Springs Fire Department talked about the importance of lesson learned from the recent fires and the importance of mitigation, the matching grant program for single homes and condominiums like Autumn Heights an offered to come to residents' homes, give them some tips on how to decrease potential fire danger and answer questions. Mike Quintana, the owner of the security company we contract with (Colorado Springs Security Services LLC) discussed when it is appropriate to call the security company and when residents should call the police department. Mike also talked about the importance of a strong Neighborhood Watch Program and how by getting involved in your community, knowing your neighbors and reporting anything out of the ordinary is one of the major ways to deter crime in our neighborhoods. Residents also met Officer Sid Santos, Colorado Springs Police Department Neighborhood Watch Liaison (Gold Camp Division).

We were also very lucky to have employees from Target Corporation, one of the national sponsors of National Night Out with us volunteering where ever we needed them. Their assistance in set up, tear down, playing with the children in attendance and providing coloring pages and gifts was truly appreciated. We look forward to partnering with Target again next year.

Susan Clifton, a graphic artist, volunteered her time and talents for face painting. The art work on the kids's faces and arms, even some of the adults who took advantage of her skills was great!

A HUGE thank you to Larry Pierce (neighborhood watch chair) and Pat and Dee Beatty for their hard work organizing the event.

The Neighborhood Watch Committee and the board will be working with Sid to bring some personal safety and home/vehicle classes to the residents. Please watch for more detail coming this fall.

Thanks to all who came out!!!! We are looking forward to next year's event!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

-September-

- 7th- Labor Day** Be safe and have a great day!
20th - Happy Hour 6-8 pm at the Clubhouse.
Snacks and soda provided. BYOB
27th BUNCO 7:00- 9:00 pm at the Clubhouse

-October-

- 5th- Wine Tasting** 7:00 pm
22nd- First Day of Fall
31st- Halloween

Clubhouse Reservations

Our Clubhouse is available to any resident for private functions, such as: birthday parties, graduations, anniversaries or just to get together with family and friend. Reservations will require a refundable damage deposit of \$150.00. Following are the steps to reserve the Clubhouse.

1. Contact Z&R Property Management (719)594-0506 to secure the date.
2. Contact Larry Pierce (719) 393-2084 to get the key prior to your event. He will do a "walk through" with you prior to and after the event to ensure everything is in working order.
3. The key must be returned within 24 hours of your event.

A reminder.....

*Doors to the pool must be closed by 10:00 pm and guests will need to leave the pool/hot tub area and return to the clubhouse.

*You are responsible for the clubhouse and your guests.

*If there is damage to the Clubhouse, pool/hot tub or if the facility is left uncleaned, your deposit will be forwarded to Z&R Property Management to help cover any costs incurred.

*The Clubhouse is to be used for personal use and not for business purposes.

**Winter
and Autumn Heights
Community "Winter Activities" are
being planned now.**

**Watch the Message Boards for Information
on upcoming events sponsored by AHCOA.**

**We hope to see you at any and
ALL our events.**

Fire Mitigation Update

The Waldo Canyon fire last year and this year's Black Forest Fire have made it clear that fire mitigation is essential to protect our lives and property. The HOA Board has met with the mitigation specialist on several occasions. The initial meeting was set to start the discussion of prevention. Some of the recommendations that include removing the dead and dying junipers in the back of many buildings as well as juniper shrubs underneath trees, on sides and in the front of units. According to Amy Sylvester, the mitigation specialist, junipers are like "gas cans on a stick". They are highly flammable and can produce flames 2-3 times their height when ignited. We are in the process of collecting bids for the removal of the junipers throughout the community. The work will likely start toward the end of September, early October. We are very fortunate that the mitigation section of the fire department has available grant money which will match our expenses and help us accomplish the needed steps to increasing fire safety at 50% of the cost to the HOA. Please be patient with us as we go through this process.

Replanting will most likely start next spring. Residents having junipers removed can opt out of having their junipers replaced or can request replacement shrubs by contacting Kerry Cantrell, our Property Manager with Z&R at (719) 594-0506. The Board along with the landscape architect, will work on a landscape plan for the entire community. The process will start after the mitigation work is completed and we actually see what we have and what we need to do in the future.

Parking.....

continues to be an challenge, especially in the summertime.

Please utilize your garage and/or driveway. For use of overflow and/or guest parking spaces, please see the AH Rules and Regulations on our web page. you can also use both sides of Broadmoor Bluffs for additional parking. The roads in the community are considered fire lanes and parking is **not** allowed in fire lanes since this can impede emergency and rescue vehicles. **Viper Towing**, our new towing company, will tow any vehicle parked in the fire lanes without warning. Viper will tag any illegally parked vehicles and if not removed, will tow them at the owners expense.

Pool Closure

Our pool will remain open, weather permitting until after Labor Day and possible through most of September. As a reminder the pool/hot tub is open everyday from 9:00 am- 10:00 pm. Please be respectful of those living around the pool and adhere to the hours listed. For a complete list of the pool/hot tub rules, please see www.autumnheightshoa.com. A complete list of the rules was also printed in our "Special Edition" of the Autumn Heights newsletter last month.

Calling all neighbors.....interested in Neighborhood Watch!!!!

If you would like to be part of the Neighborhood Watch Program as a block caption, please contact Larry Pierce at (719) 393-2084 or lwperce_0125@yahoo.com. OR....if you would like to have your name added to the list of residents that would like to be included in receiving pertinent information regarding our communities efforts to deter crime in the neighborhood, please let Larry know. A strong Neighborhood Watch Program CAN help keep us safe and informed!!!!!!

We are planning a pot luck for current block captains and anyone interested in getting involved. Please watch for more information.

PETS...PETS...PETS...

Pets are family members too and can also be a challenge for a HOA governed community. Autumn Heights has a strict pet rule, with a **one** dog limit (weight restriction of no more than 30 pounds) **or two** cats. If you do not adhere to the pet rules, you will be asked to find a new home for the pets and may be fined. Please help us with this!!!! No one wants to have to see their pets separated from their families. For a complete listing of the rules regarding pets, please see our website: www.autumnheightshoa.com or call Z&R Property Management for a copy.

If you haven't noticed....

the beautification of our median and the rock-scape on the corner of Autumn Heights Drive and Autumn Ridge Circle, take a minute and admire the improvements. These projects have been planned by our Landscape Committee and completed in cooperation with Greener Grass. The committee will continue to work with the Board to help make Autumn Heights one of the best maintained and landscaped places in the area.

Let's Get Together and Have Some FUN!!!!!!

Our last 2013 summer happy hour will be Friday September 20th from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Clubhouse. Refreshments and sodas will be provide. Join in on an informal, conversation filled event.

Join Us.....on Saturday October 5th, we will be have a "wine tasting" event at the Clubhouse. Test your knowledge about wine facts and enjoy appetizers. Bring a bottle of wine and an appetizer to share.

Can you roll dice, count to 5 and holler????? We will be playing BUNCO on Friday September 27th at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome. Please bring \$5.00 to play!!!! Watch the message boards for more information!!!!

Winter Preparations!!!!

As our days get shorter and our nights get *COLDER*, we ask that we ALL make preparations for the change of seasons. If you live in the end unit with an outdoor water spigot, please detach any hoses that are connected by September 15th to ensure the pipes will not freeze and to ensure they are not in the way of the mitigation work that will begin in September. Any hoses that are not removed will be disconnected and donated. Thank you for your cooperation!

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Tips.....when to call Colorado Springs Security Services

Phone: 719 638-6720

Colorado Springs Police Dept. Non-Emergency

Phone: 719-444-7000

Emergency 911

- 1. Any unusual activity in the community.**
- 2. Disturbances that do not include physical harm**
- 3. Trespassing of unwanted/unauthorized individuals**
- 4. Noise disturbances**
- 5. Any other situation that you may feel uncomfortable with**

You may also notify the security company after contacting CSPD for the following:

- 1. Vandalism in process (personal and community property)**
- 2. Theft**
- 3. Personal Safety (physical harm)**
- 4. Any illegal activities**