



MEADOW HILLS V NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2011

A CHANGING OF THE SEASONS, BUT NOT OF THE GUARD

As spring is among us, the lawns are starting to green and the trees are beginning to bud. Eco-cutters has once again been awarded the landscape maintenance contract for Meadow Hills V for the 2011 season. Eco-cutters enhanced their contract to include the following:

Mowing will now take place on Thursdays.

Eco-cutters will be removing and disposing of all pet waste in the community prior to each mowing.

Weekly pet waste removal is a year-round service. ***Please note that this service does NOT alleviate residents of their responsibility to pick up after their pet at all times***

Eco-cutters will be monitoring and removing trash and debris that accumulates around the dumpster areas and enclosures as well as the area in and around the shared covered mailboxes. This is a year-round service.

Eco-cutters will be scheduling an initial water audit with the City of Aurora for the Meadow Hills V community in order to address any areas of concern. The water audit may not be scheduled until mid-late season as there is currently a waiting list with the City of Aurora.

Eco-cutters including these additional services in their 2011 contract rather than the Association contracting out for each service separately will save the Association \$65 per week in comparison to 2010.

****The Board has scheduled a Landscape walk-through with Eco-cutters to take place on Thursday, May 5, 2011 at 6:00pm. Meadow Hills V residents are encouraged to attend the walk-through to provide input, suggestions and concerns regarding landscape needs to the Board and Eco-cutters. If you wish to attend the landscape walk-through, please send an email to mhvcarecommentbox@gmail.com or meet at 4054 S. Carson St. on Thursday, May 5, 2011 at 6:00pm.****

The Meadow Hills V Board of Directors is also considering the possibility of a Community Planting Day based on input, ideas, suggestions and plant/flower donations. There are currently no plans in place for this event. If you are interested, please email your thoughts to mhvcarecommentbox@gmail.com and look for updates in future newsletters.



BE KIND TO YOUR NEIGHBORS: ENJOY THE WARM WEATHER WITH YOUR PET!

With warmer weather brings more pets out of doors. Pets should be kept on hand-controlled leashes at all times when outside the pet owner's home rather than be tied or tethered to an exterior object such as a tree, post or fence, and should be attended and supervised at all times, even when on the individual patio or balcony of a unit. Please remember that your Association rules and the City of Aurora's ordinances require that pet excrement be picked up and disposed of by pet owners in an appropriate container at all times. In addition, any cost of damage to the common elements as a result of a pet will be the pet owner's responsibility.

For more information on the Association's Rules regarding pets, please refer to Article IV of the Association's Rules and Regulations on the CPMG website at www.withcpmg.com. Follow the link to Meadow Hills V.

The Meadow Hills V Board of Directors is currently considering placing pet waste signs and pet waste bag stations in various locations throughout the community. Please watch for more information in upcoming newsletters.

Is anyone interested in getting a small group together for after dinner dog walks or strolls with your neighbors? Please send a message to mhvcarecommentbox@gmail.com if you would like to participate.

RECYCLE & DISPOSAL INFORMATION

The Meadow Hills V community currently has one location for disposing of recyclable materials. The bin is located just west of the Meadow Hills III pool and across from 4054 S. Carson Street in the double dumpster enclosure. Please note: **THE WEST BIN IS FOR RECYCLING ONLY**. The east bin of the double enclosure is to be used for regular trash disposal. It is important for the success of the recycling initiative that residents are placing the appropriate disposables in the correct bins. Stickers have been placed on all 3 sides of the west half of the dumpster enclosure to indicate the designated area for disposal of recyclable items. Your participation and support are greatly appreciated.

The Board of Directors for Meadow Hills V is currently considering having an additional recycling bin placed at another location on the property, but would like resident input prior to proceeding as it would involve replacing an existing trash bin. Please email your thoughts regarding the placement of an additional recycling bin in the Meadow Hills V community to mhvcarescommentbox@gmail.com.

The Denver/Arapahoe Disposal location at 3500 Gun Club Road accepts disposal of all electronic items, home appliances and even steel and scrap metal. Some items are accepted at no charge while others may incur a small fee. For more information on what items are accepted and their applicable fees, please contact 720-876-2620 Monday-Friday from 6am-8:30pm or Saturday from 7am-5pm. The facility is just a short distance of 7.5 miles east from the Meadow Hills V community.

Following are some additional locations where residents can dispose of batteries, light bulbs, cell phones, small electronics and more:

Arapahoe County Door-to-Door Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program:

800-449-7587

Home Depot:

14001 E. Mississippi Ave., Aurora, CO 80012; 303-743-7557

5600 S. Chambers Rd., Aurora, CO 80015; 303-699-5006

Low e's:

1701 S. Havana St., Aurora, CO 80012; 303-369-4222

4455 S. Buckley Rd., Aurora, CO 80015; 303-627-5140

Ace Hardware at Buckley Square:

17190 E. Iliff Ave., Aurora, CO 80013; 303-745-7177



HARBORPLAZA STORAGE: FIRST MONTH FREE !

Harbor Plaza Storage is a family owned business located at 4411 S. Parker Rd., Aurora, CO 80015 and is offering the first month FREE to Meadow Hills V residents. Available storage units range in size and price. If you wish to rent a storage space at Harbor Plaza Storage and get your first month's rent free, please contact Dustin at 303-690-2759 and let him know that you read the information in your Association newsletter!

SAVE ON ASSOCIATION COSTS: GET YOUR NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

Did you know that your Homeowner's Association spends a total of \$133.20 each month (or more in some cases) on copying and mailing your newsletter? Help save on Association costs and paper usage by signing up to have the Meadow Hills V monthly newsletter emailed to you. To sign up to receive your monthly newsletter electronically, please send your email address to mhvcarescommentbox@gmail.com.

WATER & ENERGY CONSERVATION INFORMATION

Residents should consider the following water and energy conservation tips and information in order to cut down on both Association and individual expenses in the community:

Water

Is it time to replace your water guzzling toilet and/or washing machine? The City of Aurora Water offers a \$75 rebate on 1.28 GPF toilets and a \$100 rebate on High Efficiency (HE) Washing Machines (Tier 1 and Tier 3 only). Also available are faucet aerators and low-flow shower heads that may reduce your water use by up to 10%. The City of Aurora is offering free in-home audits to residents. Each resident must call individually to schedule their in-home water audit. For more information on the City of Aurora rebate requirements or to schedule an in-home audit, please contact the Aurora Water Conservation Hotline at 303-739-7195, visit www.auroragov.org or go to the Aurora Water Conservation Office located at the Aurora Municipal Center in the Public Works Division at 15151 E. Alameda Parkway, Suite 3200, Aurora, CO 80012.

Energy

According to the EPA Energy Star program, the average American household spends at least \$1,500 annually on energy bills, a cost which has been known to increase from year to year. Almost half of that energy goes to heating and cooling your home and lighting and appliances represent approximately one quarter of those costs. Residents can now take action to reduce energy use in their homes without sacrificing comfort by following these tips:

Schedule an Energy Audit: Home Energy Audits help determine where your home is performing well and where improvement is needed when it comes to energy efficiency.

Energy efficient light bulbs: Switching out the light bulbs in your home with energy efficient light bulbs, also known as compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL's), is an easy way to save on energy costs. CFL's use about 75% less energy than standard incandescent light bulbs and they last up to 10 times longer.

Thermostat adjustment: Turning your thermostat down to 60 degrees each night and when you are away can save as much as 20% per household on heating costs. During the winter months, it is recommended to keep your thermostat set to at least 65 degrees when you are away. Programmable thermostats are a good option to consider.

Water heater settings: Reducing the temperature on your water heater will save energy and keep your household's hot water at a safe temperature. In addition, insulation of the hot and cold water pipes that extend a few feet from your water heater will reduce the amount of energy the water heater will use to keep the water warm.

Appliance upgrade: Homeowners can upgrade home appliances such as refrigerators, dishwashers and washing machines to energy efficient appliances.

For more information on energy conservation and in-home energy audits, please call the Recharge Colorado Hotline at 800-462-0184, visit www.rechargecolorado.com or go to The Governor's Energy Office located at 1580 Logan Street, Suite 100, Denver, CO 80203.

GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY: MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

What happens when you've found the perfect community, but the love affair doesn't extend to all of your neighbors? Get Involved! Attend a monthly HOA meeting. Don't negate the power of having a voice in our community. Come and get to know your Board of Directors, your Association Manager and your fellow neighbors.

We meet on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. Every new or familiar face we see is the sign of a successful meeting. Our doors are open and suggestions are always welcome. If you'd like to attend but cannot make it in person, please take advantage of the mhvcarecommentbox@gmail.com email account as an alternative. This month's meeting will be held in the 2nd floor conference room at CPMG's office at 2620 S. Parker Rd., Aurora, CO 80014.

Meet the CPMG Team

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CPMG is located at:

2620 S. Parker Road, Suite 105

Aurora CO 80014

Office hours are 9:00a.m. to 6:00p.m. M-F

Closed from noon – 1:00p.m. for lunch

MEADOW HILLS V **CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Lauren Hauert, President

Mike Kloverstrom, Vice President

Shannon Dillavou, Secretary/Treasurer

The Meadow Hills V Board of Directors meetings are on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm in the CPMG 2nd floor conference room at 2620 S. Parker Rd., Aurora, CO 80014.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON

APRIL 27, 2011 @ 6:00PM.

The agenda includes an opportunity for homeowner comment for the betterment of the Association. If you cannot attend a Board meeting and would like an item addressed by the Board, send your written comments to mhvcarescommentbox@gmail.com.

For After Hour Emergencies, call 303-671-6402 and follow the prompts.

EMERGENCY: An emergency is defined as a situation endangering

the health, safety and welfare of persons or property.

Meadow Hills V Condominium Association

c/o Colorado Property Management Group

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