



# THE VISTAS VIEW

HOA Newsletter

August 2015

## Architectural Control Committee (ACC)

### Meeting Dates for 2015

September 10, 2015      October 08, 2015      November 12, 2015      December 10, 2015

Please submit your request no later than one day before the ACC meeting for review by the Committee. All forms for ACC requests can be found on The Vistas website at [vistashoa.com](http://vistashoa.com) or you can contact the office and one will be sent to you.

ACC meetings are generally held the second Thursday of every month.



## Newly Elected Board Members & Officers

On July 16, 2015 three new Board of Directors were elected at the annual meeting. Dave Stefan, Scott Stromberg and Briana Forszowsky will serve on the Board for a two-year term.

Your new officers for 2015-2016 are Larry Kleinworth President, Dave Stefan Vice President, Jim Gaba Secretary and William Wagner Treasurer.

Attached with this newsletter is Briana Forszowsky's Candidacy Disclosure statement and biography. Dave and Scott's information were included in the previous newsletter. Please give them all a warm welcome.

## REPORT VANDALISM

As some of you may have noticed the information boards at the top and bottom of Los Altos have received a facelift. New inserts and a fresh coat of paint were given to these Boards a few months ago. Not too long after the improvements were made, a rock was used to smash and break the glass on the board closest to Vista Blvd. Around the same time, two trees and a light pole were struck by a vehicle on Los Altos. The light pole was completely knocked down and substantial damage was done to a large sequoia tree. Unfortunately no community is without accidents, vandalism and graffiti, but the sooner an act of vandalism or incident is reported to the proper authority the better. If you witness an accident, anything broken or needing repair, please call the Association office to let us know.

All graffiti should be reported to the City graffiti removal and identification program at 353-2271.

Thank you for your continued efforts in keeping The Vistas a safe place to call home.



## TMWA July 2015 Update

TMWA reports 1.25 billion gallons of water have been saved so far. July's water demand was 16% lower than in July 2013.

The Vistas has contributed to these savings by reducing water usage by more than 10% as compared to 2013.



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## Contact Us

### Board of Directors

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Vice-President: Dave Stefan  
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To our friends at the Vistas Homeowners Association,

Thank you for your continued support of the Blue Star Mothers of Spanish Springs and our local veterans. We appreciate all of your help & support!

Sincerely,  
Kathy Birtem - Correspondence Secretary  
And all the Blue Star Mothers of Spanish Springs NV 5



### Curbside Garbage Pickup

The Association office was recently contacted by a homeowner wondering why garbage containers are allowed to be placed on the sidewalk, requiring walkers and parents with strollers to move out into the street. I honestly didn't know how to respond to her question, since I thought it was okay to place your garbage container on the sidewalk for pickup. The question made me curious so I decided I would do some research and put information in the next newsletter regarding the topic. I quickly found that there seemed to be no clear cut answer, but one did seem to make more sense than the other.

According to the City of Sparks Municipal Code 7.08.050:

*"It is unlawful for any person within the city to fail, neglect or refuse to clean his premises, place all garbage and rubbish in the designated containers, and place such containers just behind the curb or on the edge of the alley by 7 a.m. on the regular collection day."*

So, does "just behind the curb" mean on the sidewalk? Not according to City of Sparks Code Enforcement. I was told that the container needs to be placed in the street so the curb is behind it. It keeps the sidewalk clear and also allows Waste Management to pick the container up without it rolling away. Okay, make sense, but why does the code say "behind the curb", what am I missing? Next, I checked out Waste Management's website. There was a lot of general information but I could not find anything that told me how the garbage container needed to be placed for pickup. I even chatted with a representative that lead me to the City of Sparks question and answer page. I did however notice that Waste Managements website referred to it as "curbside pickup". The definition of "curbside" is "the side of the road or sidewalk that is nearer to the curb". Does that mean either sidewalk or the street is acceptable? The answer to this question may be right in front of me, but I have completely missed it. What do you think? Sidewalk or Street? I definitely can see the benefit of placing it in the street, and city code enforcement says that is where it needs to go, but I cannot seem to get past "behind the curb". If you have any insight or clarification on this issue, please email [vhoa@vistashoa.com](mailto:vhoa@vistashoa.com). I hope to have the answer in the next newsletter.

## 2015 Meeting Dates

\*Board of Directors Meetings—6:00 p.m.

**September 24, 2015**      **November 12, 2015—after budget ratification meeting in Association office.**

\* Board of Directors Meetings are generally held at Bud Beasley Elementary School at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

### Members Meetings

**November 12, 2015** - Budget Ratification Meeting (10:00 a.m. at the Association office)

### Board Workshops

**September 10, 2015** -\*\* Budget Workshop

\*\*Budget/Board Workshops are held at the Association Office. Please call the office prior to the workshop for scheduled times.

NOTICE: Agendas are posted 10 days prior to the Board meeting in the agenda boxes attached to the Information Boards located at the top and bottom of Los Altos Pkwy. Each unit owner has the right to:

(a) have a copy of the minutes, summary of the minutes or audio recording upon request, in electronic format at no charge or in paper format at a cost not to exceed 25 cents per page for the first 10 pages and 10 cents per page thereafter.

(b) speak to the Association or Executive Board, unless the Executive Board is meeting in an executive session. (NRS 116.31083)  
Executive Sessions of the Board of Directors are scheduled to be held at 10:00 a.m. the 4th Thursday of every month at the Association Office. Unit owners are not entitled to attend or speak at a meeting of the Executive Board held in executive session unless they have been noticed to appear for an alleged violation of the governing documents.