



The Vistas VIEW



Newsletter
December 2013

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Architectural Control Committee

Meeting Dates for 2014

January 09, 2014	February 13, 2014	March 13, 2014
April 10, 2014	May 8, 2014	June 12, 2014
July 10, 2014	August 14, 2014	September 11, 2014
October 09, 2014	November 13, 2014	December 11, 2014

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 www.vistashoa.com or you can contact the office and one will be sent to you.



2014 Meeting Dates

*Board of Directors Meetings - 6:00 p.m.

January 23, 2014

April 24, 2014

July 17, 2014

September 25, 2014

Members Meetings

July 17, 2014 - Annual Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

November 13, 2014 - Budget Ratification Meeting (10:00 a.m. at the association office)

Board Workshops

January 23, 2014, April 24, 2014, July 10, 2014, and Sept. 26, 2014 - **Board Workshop

September 11, 2014 - **Budget Workshop

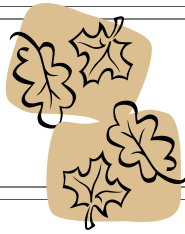
*Board of Directors Meetings are generally held at Bud Beasley Elementary School at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. **Board/Budget Workshops are held at the association office. Please call the office prior to the workshop for scheduled times.

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.



All those beautiful leaves on the trees throughout the neighborhood have fallen to the ground. Please make it a priority to clean your leaves up if you haven't done so already.

Thank you!



2014 Budget

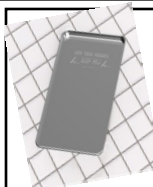
Enclosed is the 2014 operating budget and 2014 reserve budget summary. The operating and reserve budgets were ratified at the November 13, 2013 budget ratification meeting. The associations budget/financial information and the complete reserve study and budget are available for review at the association office. The information will also be provided upon request.

As stated in the President's letter the 2014 budget is very similar to prior years and assessments will not increase. Your January 1, 2014 statement will be mailed shortly. Please make payment in full prior to January 10, 2014. Payment can also be made online at www.vistashoa.com through PayLease.

Community Outreach Opportunity

As I am writing this newsletter, I suddenly realize there is less than 40 days until Christmas. Some of you get very excited when you hear that, and others dread every day from now until Christmas. No matter how you feel about the holidays, your association would like to present an opportunity for The Vistas community to be part of giving back to military men and women serving in the armed forces. During a recent conversation with a homeowner I learned about an organization called The Blue Star Mothers of America. This group is a non-profit organization who have, or have had, children honorably serving in the military. The Spanish Springs chapter has partnered with NV Energy on the NV Project, which provides care packages to deployed Nevada service men and women and their families, and provides outreach to K-12 schools to promote patriotism. The group has also partnered with the American Red Cross as part of their Holiday Mail for Heroes program which collects cards that are delivered to veterans, military families and active-duty service members at hospitals and installations around the world. Cards are available at the Northern Nevada Chapter of the American Red Cross at 1190 Corporate Blvd. in Reno or you can call them at 775-856-1000 for more information.

The Board of Directors and the office staff would like to invite each and every one of you to participate with them in reaching out to our military to thank them for their dedication



All oil stains are required to be cleaned from driveways. The Board of Directors has determined that the only acceptable item to put under a leaking vehicle is an oil pan. The oil pan is only a temporary solution, the vehicle must be fixed or parked where it does not leak on the driveway. Please remove from your driveway all wood, carpet, cardboard, and anything that is not an official drip pan. Thank you!

The Vistas Homeowners Association does not endorse any advertisements included in this newsletter. Paid ads are used to offset postage costs for this mailing.



Three Doggie Stations have been provided on Los Altos so that animal waste can be picked up and disposed of properly. Please do your part and respect the laws and the community in which you live!

Thank you to those that do carry bags and regularly pick up after your animals, we all appreciate your effort!

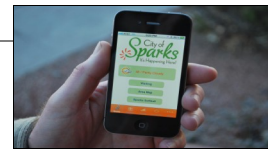


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Community Outreach Continued ...

and sacrifice to our country. If you are interested in helping, the office will be collecting items as part of the NV Project. Below is a list of donation items. Your donation can be delivered to the association office between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. All items received by December 10th will be included in the holiday boxes, any items received after the 10th will be shipped after the holidays.

If you are unable to bring items to the office, we will be working on a donation site in The Vistas so please call the office at 786-0500 for more information.

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| Crossword/Puzzle Books       | Deck Cards          |
| Flip Flops                   | Pencils/Pens        |
| Reader Digests—old issues ok | Socks               |
| Magazines                    | National Geographic |
| Paperback Books              | New or used DVD's   |
| New or used CD's             | Stationary          |
| Baby Wipes                   | Body Soap/Soap      |
| Chap Sticks                  | Shampoo/Conditioner |
| Hand Sanitizer               | Lotion              |
| Mouthwash/Scope              | Q-tips              |
| Razors                       | Small Tweezers      |
| Toothbrush/Toothpaste        | Beef Jerky          |
| Towelettes                   | Gum                 |
| Granola                      | Powder Drink Mix    |
| Nuts                         | Top Ramen           |
| Starbucks VIA Ready Brew     | Craft Paper         |
| Trail Mix                    | Note Books          |
| Sharpie Pens                 | Watercolor Sets     |
| Thumb Drives                 | Colored Pencils     |
| Sketch Books                 |                     |



Sparks Citizen Request Program

Want to report graffiti? How about cracks or potholes in the street? Better yet, report a vehicle that has been parked in the same spot on the street for the last two weeks? The City of Sparks has launched the Sparks Citizen Request Program which is available on the City's website or you can download a City of Sparks mobile application on your cell phone. Sparks residents can report an issue, submit a picture or ask a question and city staff will respond to their request. Please go to the City's website at [cityofsparks.us](http://cityofsparks.us) for step-by-step tutorials.

**DID YOU KNOW ...**

The Board of Directors for the association has established internal accounting control procedures or "hard-and-fast rules" to protect the associations money. These rules were instituted to safe guard your money within the association. Some of these "rules" include:

- ⇒ Only checks, money orders and cashiers checks made payable to the association are accepted in the office. Cash is NOT accepted.
- ⇒ All expenses are approved by a Board member or officer.
- ⇒ All payments are made via check and require two signatures by Board members, at least one signature is an officer.
- ⇒ Bank statements are opened and initialed by the Treasurer.
- ⇒ Monthly reconciliation of accounts are reviewed and approved by the Treasurer.
- ⇒ Operating and Reserve money are held in separate accounts and is never co-mingled.
- ⇒ Financial information is regularly provided to the Board for their review. The Treasurer reviews financial information monthly.
- ⇒ Adequate insurance is carried for embezzlement or fraud coverage.

These are just some of the ways your money is being protected. Please call the association office if you have any questions.



**REMINDER - Even though we live in a relatively safe community, no neighborhood is immune from danger. Please don't leave your car or house unlocked for any reason. Remove all valuables or items of interest from your vehicle if parked in the driveway or on the street. Report all suspicious activity in your neighborhood or any vandalism to the Police. The non-emergency police number is 353-2231. For all emergencies dial 911.**

**Please remember that no motorized vehicle shall be operated in any area within the development except on a street or driveway. Motorized vehicles are strictly prohibited on all paths, trails, or walkways. ATV's, motorcycles, dirt bikes or other vehicles should not be operated in the open space areas within The Vistas.**



**Is your driveway flaking, heaving or cracking? If so, you may need to start making plans to have it replaced in the Spring. Driveways can be replaced with concrete or you can submit for approval to have pavers installed.**