

# The Vistas VIEW



## Winter Newsletter January 2011

### 2011 Quarterly Board Meetings

Please Mark Your Calendar to Attend!

January 27, 2011      April 28, 2011  
July 28, 2011      September 29, 2011

*November 16, 2011—10:00 a.m. Budget Ratification Meeting held at the HOA office.*

All Board of Directors Quarterly Board Meetings are held at Bud Beasley Elementary School starting at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Agendas are posted 10 days prior to the meeting. Copies can be found in the agenda boxes attached to the Information Boards located at the top and bottom of Los Altos Pkwy.



### 2011 Annual Elections

If you are interested in being a candidate for the Board of Directors in The Vistas Homeowners Association there are three (3) Board positions up for election in April for a two-year term. To be eligible all candidates must be in good standing and must make a good faith effort to disclose potential conflicts of interest—see NRS 116.310345.5 as stated below.

For your name to be placed on the ballot as a candidate you will need to complete the enclosed Candidacy Disclosure Statement and submit a Board position application letter **no later than February 14, 2011 2:00 p.m.** Please submit the information to the association office at:

**1281 Terminal Way, Suite #124  
Reno, NV 89502**

#### Please Note:

NRS 116. 31034.5 (a) states: All candidates must "Make a good faith effort to disclose any financial, business, professional or personal relationship or interest that would result or appear to a reasonable person to result in a personal conflict of interest if the candidate were elected to serve on the Executive Board of Directors."

### Members of the Executive Board

For the many hours dedicated to the Association, Board members receive the satisfaction of knowing that they have helped to maintain the highest possible quality of life in the community in which they live.

### Architectural Control Committee

#### Meeting Dates for 2011

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

January 12, 2011      February 09, 2011  
March 09, 2011      April 13, 2011  
May 11, 2011      June 08, 2011  
July 13, 2011      August 10, 2011  
September 14, 2011      October 12, 2011  
November 16, 2011      December 14, 2011

Please submit your improvements for review by The Architectural Control Committee before these dates.

Please call the association if you are unsure what needs HOA approval.

### SPEEDING ISSUES IN THE VISTAS



#### **So many complaints... So little staff can do!!**

As yet another year passes by; we reflect on the many times that homeowners in The Vistas have apprised us of vehicles speeding on the streets in our community. Please slow down and think about the "real people" that live and play on that street that you are driving through. Commit this New Year to slow down and stop talking on your cell phone, or even, heaven forbid "texting" while you drive. Nothing is that important that you need to put yourself or someone else in danger.

There are ways to ensure that you don't have to hurry. Be a little more organized and schedule your time a little better; plan to leave 10 minutes early if you know you are always 5 minutes late. Or just resign yourself to the fact that you are late and you will get there when you get there.

Remember, we need to respect our streets, and our neighbors. They are real, as real as you and me, and the reality of driving too fast or being distracted can be dangerous for us all. We are The Vistas, a community of friends and neighbors who generally care about one another. Please let your driving reflect that. If you see someone distracted or speeding on your street, give them a little wave, a gentle reminder that "real people" live here and we want you to respect our neighborhood.

### Board of Directors & Officers

President: Margaret Powell  
Secretary: William Wagner  
Vice-Pres: David Gurr  
Director: Dave Stefan  
Director: Tim Leighton  
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### Did you know ...

⇒ *The word 'vista' derives from the Indo-European word 'weide' and is of an indeterminable age that stretches back more than 5,000 years. Our modern words 'wise', 'vision', and the phrase 'to see' have their origins in it. May we have the ability 'to see' what good we can do in our community, The Vistas, and have the 'vision' and 'wisdom' to make it happen.*

### Homeowner Insurance Note:

⇒ You can carry loss assessment insurance as part of your homeowner's insurance policy. This coverage is inexpensive and will protect you if the homeowners association's liability insurance is depleted. Your insurance agent/carrier should be able to provide more information on this coverage.



## Christmas Tree Recycling

Below is information on three locations for recycling your Christmas tree. By recycling your tree you can help provide mulch for landscaping projects in your community.

Bartley Ranch Park-6000 Bartley Ranch Road

Rancho San Rafael Park-West side of Coleman Street entrance.

Shadow Mountain Sports Complex-Shadow Lane entrance.

These sites are open from December 26, 2010 through January 17, 2011 between 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., - 7 days a week. A \$3.00 donation is recommended.

Please remove all foreign matter from trees, including bases, lights, ornaments and tinsel. Plastic trees, wreaths and yard waste are not accepted.

For more information, contact Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful at (775) 851-5185

or visit [www.ktmb.org](http://www.ktmb.org)

## Holiday Decorations

Please remember all outside decorations are requested to be taken down in a timely manner. Homeowner reminders will be sent out around February 15, 2011 if decorations are not put away by this time.

The Vistas is very fortunate to have so many homeowners who volunteer to help those in need in the community and in our neighborhoods.



Anyone wishing to volunteer to help those who are physically unable to clear their driveway or sidewalk, please contact the office.

If you are physically unable to shovel snow and need assistance, please call 786-0500.

## City of Sparks

Section 12.16.035 Maintenance of sidewalks.

- A. Property Owners shall be responsible for general maintenance of a sidewalk in the public right-of-way that abuts the property of the owner, including, without limitation, sweeping, removal of snow, ice and weeds, and maintenance preventing any grass, shrubs or trees from encroaching upon the sidewalk.
- B. In the event snow and ice on a sidewalk become so hard that it cannot be removed without likelihood of damage to the sidewalk, the person or entity charged with its removal shall cause enough sand or other abrasive to be put on the sidewalk to make travel thereon reasonably safe (Ord. 1349. 1, 1982.)

**Snow is Here!**



Property owners are responsible for removing snow from their sidewalks. Please pile snow in your yard, not on the street, gutter or sidewalks. We have many homeowners that walk through the area and by clearing your sidewalk you are helping to eliminate the possibility of someone falling and getting hurt. As the snow melts make sure debris is cleared from sewer/storm drains in front of your home to prevent minor flooding. If you are able, help someone in your neighborhood who is not able to keep their sidewalks clear of snow. The City of Sparks will begin plowing when snow accumulations reach 3-4 inches.



## Working Together in the Best Interests of the Community as a Whole.

The office does receive calls from homeowners regarding people in their neighborhood who on a regular basis help out others by shoveling their sidewalks, putting their trash can away or some other act of kindness.

**Thank you!**

## **For Your Information:**

Waste Management Transfer Station Location and Hours of operation:

1390 E. Commercial Row Reno, NV 89512	13890 Mt. Anderson Road Reno, NV 89506
Saturday: 8 am - 4:30 pm	8 am - 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8 am - 4:30 pm	8 am - 4:00 pm

## Winter/Spring Reading Program

The Washoe County Library System Winter/Spring Reading Program is happening now. The program will run from January 1—April 30, 2011. This program is great for children and teens who love to read or to encourage those who aren't fond of reading to read more. Children/teens who read for 30 days will receive a free book. Multiple logs may be finished to win multiple books. Special programs, including game nights and teen gaming events, will be featured at Washoe County Library branches during the four-month reading program.

All library programs are free and children are welcome to participate at more than one library. To sign-up or get more information visit their website at: [www.washoecountylibrary.us](http://www.washoecountylibrary.us)

## Recycle Curbside

Below are helpful hints from a recent article that ran in the Reno Gazette Journal regarding curbside recycling.

### Accepted for Recycling

- ◆ Aluminum, steel and tin remove lids; you don't have to remove labels. Aerosol cans must be empty.
- ◆ Plastic bottles can be recycled but only if the top is smaller than the bottom of the bottle and the caps must be removed.
- ◆ Plastic containers can be recycled but you need to remove the caps.
- ◆ Magazines, catalogs, newspapers and telephone books should be placed in a brown paper bag and placed on top of the recycling containers.
- ◆ Clear, green or brown jars and glass bottles can be recycled. No Pyrex, blue or broken glass.

### What Won't Be Accepted For Recycling.

- ◆ Cardboard and office paper, including junk mail need to be taken to the nearest Waste Management transfer station.
- ◆ Light bulbs of any kind. The screw-in-"pigtail" CFL light bulbs contain mercury and should not be thrown in the trash. Home Depot provides free recycling of these types of light bulbs. Call Waste Management for more recycling places.
- ◆ Plastic grocery bags should be taken to the local supermarkets that have recycling containers.
- ◆ No drinking glasses, chipboard and paperboard, such as cereal boxes can be recycled curbside.