



# The Vistas VIEW



**Newsletter**  
**March 2013**

### 2013 Meeting Dates

\*Board of Directors Meetings

**April 25, 2013**

**July 18, 2013**

**September 26, 2013**

Members Meetings

**July 18, 2013** - \*\*Annual Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

**November 13, 2013** - Budget Ratification Meeting (10:00 a.m. at the association office)

Board Workshops

**September 11, 2013** - Budget Workshop (scheduled after ACC meeting at the association office)

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

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 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. (NRS 116.31085)

### Architectural Control Committee

#### Meeting Dates for 2013

**March 14, 2013**

**April 11, 2013**

**May 9, 2013**

**June 13, 2013**

**July 11, 2013**

**August 08, 2013**

**Sept.12, 2013**

**October 10, 2013**

**November 14, 2013**

**December 12, 2013**

Please submit your request no later than one day before the ACC meeting for review by the Board.

All forms for ACC requests can be found on The Vistas website at [www.vistashoa.com](http://www.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.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS POSITIONS

\*\* NRS 116.3108 states that "a meeting of the units' owners must be held ... at a time and place stated in or fixed in accordance with the bylaws." Article IV, Section 2 of the By-laws state that "there shall be an annual meeting of the members of the association, and the annual meeting of the members shall be held at 6:30 p.m., on the third Thursday of July of each year commencing in 1990." Therefore, Board elections will now occur in July whereas, they were previously held in April.

Board elections are held at the annual meeting and this year there are three (3) Board of Director positions up for election. Each position will be held for a two-year term which will run from 2013 to 2015. The role of a Board member should be to strive at all times to serve the best interest of the association as a whole regardless of their personal interests, use sound business judgment, act in good faith and within the boundaries of their authority, disclose all conflicts of interest, responsibly manage the finances of the association, and treat all homeowner's respectfully and fairly. Board member's are also required to attend monthly Architectural Control Committee Meetings, Quarterly Board Meetings, and monthly Executive Session Board Meetings. If this is something you are interested in and have the time to devote to your community (10 - 15 hours per month), follow the instructions below to submit your name to run for a Board position. To be eligible to serve, an individual must be a unit owner of the association and be in good standing.

To have your name appear on the ballot, please complete and return the enclosed Candidacy Disclosure Statement along with a one page Biography Statement no later than April 12, 2013 by close of business. This information can be mailed, faxed, or emailed to the association office and should include your name, address telephone number and a brief narrative. Both items will be included in the next mailing to the homeowners. If after the 30-day period for self-nomination the number of candidates is less than or equal to the number of Board positions, then ballots do not need to be mailed and the candidates will be deemed elected to the Board. If the number of candidates is greater than the number of Board positions an election by secret ballot will occur. The next newsletter will contain information on those who have submitted their name for Candidacy. Any questions regarding this process, please call the association office at 775-786-0500.

### Community wide



**Saturday, April 27, 2013**

**8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

### ONLINE PAYMENT OPTIONS!



Over \$10,000 in transactions were done through the new online payment system offered by Paylease. This service is being provided to each homeowner as a courtesy. Because a third party vender is providing this service they charge a convenience fee to initiate the transaction. If you do not want to pay the convenience fee you are still able to send a check directly to the office. Please note that the association office is not able to take credit card or debit card information over the phone, it all has to be done online through Paylease. Another point of clarification is your account number. Your account number should generally be 6 characters and correspond to your address:

Example: 4444 Santa Barbara = 4444sb Paylease customer service (866) 729-5327

If you are having trouble please call the association office or Paylease for help.

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



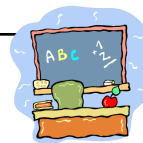
## 6th Annual "Vistas" Garage Sale

Each year the community wide garage sale continues to grow with more homes participating. This year we expect it to be bigger than ever. For those of you wanting to participate, now is a good time to start cleaning things out and preparing for the sale. For others of you, this may be a good time to plan to be out of the neighborhood for several hours that day.

The sale will be held Saturday, April 27, 2013. Like in years past the sale will be advertised in the Reno Gazette Journal as well as on Craig's List. We have added something new this year that allows homeowner's to place an ad, edit the ad, and browse and search all ads, on the association's website. To post your sale or look for sales, go to [www.vistashoa.com](http://www.vistashoa.com) and click on "the Vistas Garage Sale" tab. Here you will be able to add your sale items as well as see what others have to offer. You can also add your own post to Craig's List as well.

**REMEMBER**—Signs are not allowed to be posted on Los Altos Parkway and all items need to be cleaned up after the sale. Please make arrangements to have your leftover items picked up or stored out of sight if they are going to be picked up at a later date. There are also several convenient drop off locations for goodwill in our area.

Watch for more information on possibly having another community garage sale in the fall.



### Time to enroll for School

Bud Beasley Elementary School is now accepting re-registration and new enrollment for the 2013-2014 school year for kindergarten through 6th grade. If parents are interested in **full day tuition based kindergarten** please call the school office **immediately** at 775-626-5250. School begins August 12, 2013. For additional information about the online registration process, visit <http://www.washoe.k12.nv.us/school/register>.

### LOCAL EVENTS

- ◆ Community Easter Egg Dash pre-school to 6th grade Mar. 30 - 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Idlewild Park  
([www.thebridgereno.com](http://www.thebridgereno.com))
- ◆ Food Truck Friday's - 1st and 3rd Friday's of the month beginning April 5th through October 18th @ City Center Complex in Downtown Reno
- ◆ Earth Day Celebration April 21 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Idlewild Park
- ◆ Reno River Festival May 11 - 12 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Wingfield Park  
([www.renorriverriverfestival.com](http://www.renorriverriverfestival.com))
- ◆ Artown July 01 - 31  
([www.renoisartown.com](http://www.renoisartown.com))
- ◆ Shakespeare Festival July 12 - Aug. 25  
([www.laketahoesakespeare.com](http://www.laketahoesakespeare.com))
- ◆ Reno Tahoe Open July 29 - Aug. 4  
([www.renotahoeopen.com](http://www.renotahoeopen.com))
- ◆ Hot August Nights Aug. 06 - Aug. 11  
([www.hotaugustnights.net](http://www.hotaugustnights.net))
- ◆ Rib Cook-off Aug. 28 - Sept. 02  
([www.nuggettribcookoff.com](http://www.nuggettribcookoff.com))
- ◆ Balloon Race Sept. 06 - Sept. 08  
([www.renobaalloon.com](http://www.renobaalloon.com))
- ◆ Air Races Sept. 11 - Sept. 15  
([www.airrace.org](http://www.airrace.org))
- ◆ Dayton Valley Days Sept. 21 - Sept. 22  
([www.daytonvalleydays.org](http://www.daytonvalleydays.org)) Dayton, NV
- ◆ Street Vibrations Sept. 25 - Sept. 29  
([www.road-shows.com](http://www.road-shows.com))
- ◆ Candy Dance Sept. 28 - Sept. 29  
Genoa, NV
- ◆ Italian Festival Oct. 12 - Oct. 13

### January 24, 2013 Quarterly Meeting Highlight



- The audit for the association was started the first week in February and should be completed soon.
- Several landscape maintenance items were ratified. Rock and bark work on Los Altos should be beginning soon.
- Association Liability and Directors and Officers Insurance will go out to bid in June. Bids will be opened at the July quarterly meeting for the policy year commencing October 5, 2013.
- The Board discussed the use of a collection company.
- A discussion to bring affluent water to the parkway was presented and determined not to be economical at this point.
- Board approved hiring an landscape architect to evaluate and make suggestions to improve water efficiency on Los Altos between Santa Barbara and Vista Blvd.
- Crack filling on the pathway on Los Altos will occur in the fall. This item will be placed on the September Quarterly meeting agenda.



Want to serve but you don't want to run for a Board Position?  
Want to improve the look and content of the newsletter?  
If so, the association is looking for you!  
If you have the time and would like to volunteer, please contact Stacie at the association office 775-786-0500.

The City of Sparks will be filling the cracks in our streets from March through May.

Turn your outside house lights on when it gets dark to deter vandals and illuminate the neighborhood.

