



The Vistas VIEW



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Architectural Control Committee

Meeting Dates for 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.

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



All oil or other 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. Please remove from your driveway all wood, carpet, cardboard, and anything that is not an official drip pan. Thank you!



The Board of Directors is a body of elected or appointed members who jointly oversee the activities of an organization. It is often simply referred to as "the board". A board's activities are determined by the powers, duties, and responsibilities delegated to it as defined in the organizations By-Laws.

Every year the association holds elections for Board of Director positions. This year there are two (2) positions up for election. Each position will be held for a two-year term which will run from 2014 to 2016. If you are interested in running for a Board position please consider the list of attributes for a strong board member:

Strong Board Member = good character, strong integrity, calm judgment, willingness to serve, committed to the best interests of the community as a whole, relevant experience or background, previous volunteer service, strong people/communication (and listening) skills.

If you are unable to put the welfare of the community first, want to run things your own way, are impulsive or quick tempered, have a personal or hidden agenda, unable to work with others for the common good, this type of position may not be for you. But, if you find yourself having the characteristics of a strong board member and have between 10 to 15 extra hours a month, which includes two to three meetings during working hours, you might be a good candidate and should consider submitting your application. To be eligible to serve, and have your name appear on the ballot, you must be a unit owner and disclose any potential conflicts of interest and whether or not you are in good standing. You will also need to complete and return the enclosed Candidacy Disclosure Statement along with a one page Biography Statement no later than April 11, 2014 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. 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.

2014 Meeting Dates

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

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

April 24, 2014, July 10, 2014,

September 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.

Annual Garage Sale April 26, 2014

It is time to begin spring cleaning and to get ready for the Annual Vistas Garage Sale. A few tips are listed below & on reverse to encourage a successful sale.

- ◆ Place items where they can easily be seen from the street to entice people to stop.
- ◆ Have a cash box & be able to make change.
- ◆ Clearly mark items (pre-priced labels can be purchased as well).
- ◆ Please do not put additional signage on the parkway (The City of Sparks has an ordinance prohibiting garage sale signs on right-of-ways).
- ◆ Be creative & have fun. Please be respectful of you neighbors & the surrounding area.



Sale!



Display & Organizing Tips & Tricks

The more items you offer & the larger your display; the more shoppers you will have.



- ◆ Large surface space to display items is essential.
- ◆ Use picnic tables, side tables, folding tables, bookcase, etc. to display items.
- ◆ Take pictures of large items & display on a board or in picture frames. (Use extreme caution when showing sale items within your home!)
- ◆ Jewelry can be displaced & neatly organized on a cork board.
- ◆ Utilize your porch & walkways to display items.
- ◆ Zip-lock bags are great to sell bulk items & the items are viewed easily.
- ◆ Put similar items in boxes to display. What doesn't sell is already packed!
- ◆ Unsold items can be donated to local charities, which can be a tax incentive!

Waste Management Annual Lockwood Free Dump

8:00 am to 4:30 pm

April 3-5; April 10-12; & April 17-19



The Ants Go Marching...

We are entering the time of year when our homes can become invaded by pests. The most notorious of these pests are ants. They are often the most difficult to get rid of as well. However, some cultures throughout the world use ants in rituals and ceremonies, as ants are viewed as an important part of culture. The ant species is approximately 130 million years old and they inhabit all areas of earth except for Antarctica and a few inhospitable islands. Ants are social, in that they are able to communicate to other ants through sound, touch, and the use of pheromones (chemical signatures). When ants are in search of food they leave pheromone trails for other ants to follow to a food source. Pheromones are also released when ants are crushed sending a message to nearby ants to "attack". These same pheromones are also used within the ant colony to communicate information such as food resources and social order. Ants perceive smell with their antennae. The adaptive nature of ants makes eliminating them nearly impossible and usually temporary. Ants tend to enter the home through the tiniest cracks, have colonies under our homes, and within our yards. They seek water, sweets, proteins, or greasy food; sources commonly found in the kitchen or pantry.

Several types of remedies have been created to eliminate ants. These include various poisons (liquids, pellets, dusts) that ants ingest and take back to the nest. Within the nest; they then feed other ants and larvae these various poisons. As a result, the ants are potentially eliminated at the source. Other methods include ant traps and ant bait, sprayed direct on-contact poison, as well as various DIY remedies. Various types of ants will respond to different methods depending on the colony needs. Please, always follow manufacturer's directions and warnings for applying solutions. There are also several "green" alternatives found online.

Historic Notes of Interest

March 27, 1939: University of Oregon defeats Ohio State 46-33 winning first ever men's Basketball Tournament, now called Final Four & March Madness was born.



March 10, 1876: First discernible speech was transmitted over telephone when Alexander Graham Bell summoned his assistant who was in the next room by saying "Mr. Watson, come here; I want you".

March 1, 1872: President Grant signs bill establishing nation's first national park in Yellowstone.

March 15, 1767: President Andrew Jackson born.



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Bud Beasley Elementary School
Home of the Blue Bellies

Bud Beasley Elementary **2014-2015 Re-registration & New Enrollment**

Starting first week of March online re-registration and new enrollment of students attending Kindergarten through 6th grade begins. Parents interested in full-day tuition Kindergarten please call the school at (775)626-5250. Online registration process can be found at www.washoecountyschools.org



School begins on Monday, August 11, 2014.



Community Happenings

March 14-16:

Reno Outdoor Recreation Travel & Vacation Expo at Reno-Sparks Convention Center

March 15:

Rich in Art Youth Art Month Family Festival at VSA Arts of Nevada

March 15:

23rd Annual Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry and St. Patrick's Day Parade in Virginia City

March 17 & 18:

2014 Indian Education Summit at UNR

March 19:

Family Science Expo in Incline Village at Sierra Nevada College

March 19:

Paint Your Pet at VSA Arts of Nevada at the Lake Mansion

March 19-23:

Nature Valley U.S. Alpine Championship at Squaw Valley

March 21-23:

67th Annual Shrine Circus at Reno-Sparks Livestock Event Center

March 22:

Reno Chamber Orchestra Kuchar/Argenta Trio at UNR

March 22-23:

Nevada Women's Expo at Reno-Sparks Convention Center

March 29:

Animal Ark Wildlife Sanctuary open for the spring/summer season

March 31:

An Aquarium Adventure at Scheels Kid's Club

April 3-5:

National Collegiate Club Volleyball Championships at Reno-Sparks Convention Center

April 5-6:

Pond Skim at Mt. Rose & Northstar

April 10-12:

Reno Jazz Festival at UNR

It has come to the Association's attention that on several occasions, trash bags have been placed at neighbor receptacles without prior permission. Please be aware that as homeowners, we are all responsible for the disposal of our personal waste. Also, placing waste at another receptacle that has not been issued to you by Waste Management is considered illegal dumping, trespassing, harassment, vandalism, and a form of stalking. If caught, it is considered a misdemeanor & fines will be applied. Please be considerate and either keep your excess waste behind your fence or in your garage, take excess waste to the city dump, or seek permission from your neighbor to use their receptacle prior to garbage day. Thank You!

