



# THE VISTAS VIEW

HOA Newsletter

March 2015

## Architectural Control Committee (ACC)

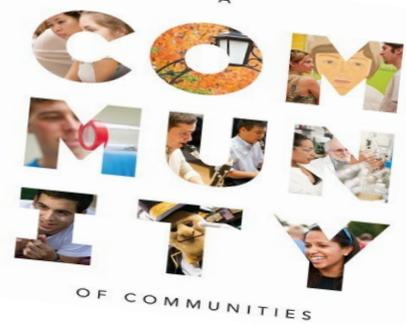
### Meeting Dates for 2015

April 09, 2015	May 14, 2015	June 11, 2015
July 09, 2015	August 13, 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 [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.



## ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

The Association garage sale will be held Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The sale will be advertised in the RGJ and on Craigslist.

See attached flyer.



I am a huge believer in giving back and helping out in the community and the world. Think globally, act locally I suppose. I believe that the measure of a person's life is the affect they have on others. – Steve Nash

Do you share this philosophy? Are you concerned about your community? Would you like to contribute to preserving and enhancing the area you live in? Do you have between 10 to 15 hours per month and can attend meetings during the work week? If you said "yes" to these questions, you should consider submitting your application to run to be part of the Board of Directors for the Association. This year the Association has three Board positions up for election. 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. Attached is the Candidacy Disclosure statement that must be completed and submitted along with a one page Biography statement. The Biography statement should include your name, address, telephone number and a brief narrative of your background and why you want to run for the Board. Both the Candidacy Disclosure and Biography statement must be returned to the Association office no later than April 24, 2015 by the close of business. This information can be mailed, faxed, or emailed. Both of these items will be included in the next newsletter mailing to the membership.

If the number of candidates are equal to or less than the number of Board positions after the 30-day self nomination period, 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. Please call the office at 775-786-0500 if you have any questions.

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On January 22, 2015 the Board of Directors met at Bud Beasley Elementary School for their quarterly meeting. Several items were discussed. Below is a general outline of the topics and discussion:

- ⇒ Charlene Bybee, Ward 4 councilwoman, was present and gave a brief overview of her background. The City Council has been busy with code enforcement changes and establishing civil penalties for violators. More information on these changes will be presented in the next newsletter.
- ⇒ The Association's financial statements are being audited by Gene Clawson, CPA. The 2014 audited Financial Statements will be on the agenda for approval at the April 23, 2015 meeting.
- ⇒ Further improvements to the landscape on Los Altos Parkway will continue in 2015. Approved projects include: additional turf reduction, Vista Terrace tree replacement, additional rock and bark, sprinkler head evaluation and replacement for improved coverage,
- ⇒ A request was made for the Board to look into hiring a private security company to patrol The Vistas. The Board has previously looked into this issue and found that security company personnel generally do not carry weapons and have no more authority than a resident in the community. Overall, the Board determined that due to the expense, hiring a private security company to patrol The Vistas was not cost effective. Instead, neighborhood awareness should be promoted and homeowners encouraged to be vigilant in protecting their homes.
- ⇒ T-Mobile cell tower negotiations are continuing. T-Mobile submitted preliminary drawings for the Board's approval. The plans included a small building with a steeple type structure to house the antennas. The Board approved proceeding forward, subject to having a legal description provided to show the exact location of the structure, and having final approval of the building plans. All documents, including the lease, will be reviewed by the Association's legal counsel prior to approval.
- ⇒ The Board also approved removing \$18,000 in T-Mobile income from the 2015 budget since it is extremely unlikely the cell tower will be built to earn that amount of income in 2015. In addition, \$4,160 from flood control, \$6,000 from grounds/bark, \$2,000 from legal fees, \$5,400 from federal income tax and \$440 from miscellaneous expense were reduced to offset the reduction in income. A copy of the budget with these changes has been included for your review.
- ⇒ Funds were approved to purchase electronic speed signs. To help combat speeding in The Vistas, a portable speed sign with a data collection device can be used to gather information on speeding patterns throughout the community. This information can be compiled and presented to the City to see if they would be willing to partner with the Association to help reduce speeding in our neighborhoods.
- ⇒ Funds were approved to purchase new bulletin boards to be installed on the existing information boards at the top and bottom of Los Altos.



## **HELP SUPPORT HOMELESS VETERANS**

**The Blue Star Mothers of America is currently taking donations to help the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program. This program helps homeless veterans get into and maintain existing housing. The HUD-VASH program moves about 5 veterans/families (approx. 130 children among the families they serve) per month into new housing and carries a case load of 250 for ongoing, long-term support. Most of the veterans come straight from the street or shelter, so moving into an apartment creates challenges. Items needed are:**

- **Pillows**
- **Food storage—for leftovers**
- **12-pc Essential Stainless steel cook-ware**
- **Set of 4—Silverware, plates, drinking glasses**
- **Soap, dish soap & laundry soap**
- **Trash cans, trash bags**
- **Brooms and dust pans**
- **Stick vacuums & clock radios**
- **Razors & other shaving supplies**
- **Shampoo & Conditioner**
- **Cup of soups (no shrimp)**
- **Cans w/pop tops (Chef Boyardee—Ravioli, Spaghetti O's, Spaghetti w/meat balls etc. Also soups that are meals (don't need to add water)**
- **Snack Crackers in small packages**
- **Cans of tuna and chicken**
- **Vienna Sausages or Beef Jerky**
- **Toilet Paper**
- **Peanut Butter**
- **Hormel/completes are microwaveable meals that do not need refrigeration**
- **Fruit and Pudding (cans or plastic cups with pop tops)**

## Tips to protect your home:

Throughout the United States a burglary is committed every 15 seconds. Don't let your home be a target. There are several things you can do to keep your family safe and protect your belongings.



When you are away make sure your house looks like someone is there. Attach lights, radios and TV's to automatic timers. Arrange to have your mail and paper picked up. Have someone put your garbage can out and clean your driveway and sidewalk if it snows.

Make it difficult for someone to break in. Always lock windows and doors. All entry doors should be solid wood or steel-wrapped wood core doors and secured with a good deadbolt. Check with your insurance company or local locksmith to see what they recommend for dead bolts and locks.

Don't leave boxes from recent purchases on the curb for trash pickup. Break the boxes down and put them in your trash can. Keep those tempting items out of view. This just advertises to potential intruders the items you have in your home.

Install motion sensors or leave your outside lights on at night. Poorly lit homes create opportunities for intruders to go unnoticed.

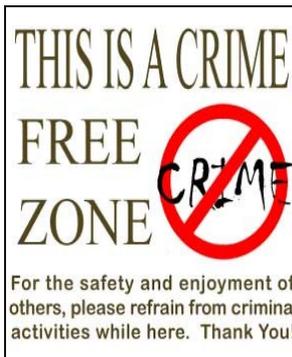
Make sure porches and doors are visible. Trim back or remove plants and shrubs that could be used to hide or block visibility from the front of the home.

Home security alarm systems may deter intruders from choosing your home. Make sure to use the yard sign and window decals to let others know your home is protected.

Security cameras can help to add an extra set of eyes to your property for safety. When determining where to place the cameras, please be sure to consider your neighbors privacy.

Create a neighborhood watch program. Information and training on watch programs can be obtained from the Sparks Police Department.

The best protection is to make it hard for criminals to gain access to your property. Don't allow crimes of opportunity. Be on the lookout, watch what goes on in your neighborhood. Pay attention to your neighbors property and ask your neighbors to watch yours. Report any suspicious activity to your local police department.



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## Upcoming Events

- April 18-19:** Biggest Little Steampunk Expo  
**April 18-25:** Reno Craft Beer Week—regional festival for traveling beer enthusiasts  
**April 23-26:** Reno Jazz Festival—celebrating 52 years of jazz  
**April 25-26:** Virginia City Grand Prix—motorcycle racing  
**April 30-May 2:** Genoa Cowboy Festival—music, cowboy poetry etc.  
**April 30-May 3:** Reno Ukulele Festival  
**May 1-3:** Cinco De Mayo Festival  
**May 2-3:** Chili on the Comstock  
**May 8-9:** Spring Wings Bird Festival—Field trips lead by experts from U.S. Fish & Wildlife, NV Dept of Wildlife, and Lahonton Audubon  
**May 9:** Nevada State Police Memorial Parade & Car Show  
**May 9-10:** Reno River Festival  
**May 29-30:** Hot August Nights presents Spring Fever Revival  
**May 29-30:** Reno Tahoe Odyssey Relay Run Adventure  
**May 30:** Capital Odyssey Relay and Comstock Odyssey  
**May 30:** Reno Mini Maker Faire  
**June 4-7:** Reno Tahoe International Film Festival  
**June 5-7:** Bon Vivant Reno Music Festival  
**June 5-7:** Sands Eurofest 2015  
**June 5-7:** Street Vibrations Spring Rally  
**June 7:** America's Most Beautiful Bike Ride-Lake Tahoe  
**June 12-14:** Country Crossroads  
**June 12-14:** Octane Fest  
**June 13:** Comstock Muckfest  
**June 13-14:** Tough Mudder  
**June 18:** PRCA Xtreme Bulls  
**June 18-27:** Reno Rodeo  
**June 19-20:** Great Eldorado BBQ, Brews and Blues Festival  
**June 19-21:** Stewart Father's Day Powwow  
**June 19-26:** Nevada Humanities Chautauqua  
**June 19-28:** Adventure Sports Week  
**June 20-21:** US Open of Watercross/HT Pro Watercross Tour  
**June 22:** Bob Feist Invitational Team Roping  
**June 24-28:** USA Cycling Amateur Road National Championships  
**June 25-28:** Reno Rockabilly Riot, 5th Annual

**Reno Street Food—Party in the Park**—starting May 22, weekly gourmet food truck, food trailers and pop-up restaurants event in Reno every Friday night.

**Downtown Reno Farmers' Market**—Thurs, June 11—August 27.

More information about these events can be found at [www.visitrenotahoe.com/reno-tahoe/what-to-do/events/special-events](http://www.visitrenotahoe.com/reno-tahoe/what-to-do/events/special-events).

## 2015 Meeting Dates

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

**April 23, 2015    July 16, 2015    September 24, 2015**

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

### Members Meetings

**July 16, 2015** - Annual Meeting - 6:30 p.m. Bud Beasley

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

### Board Workshops

**April 23, 2015** - \*\*Board Workshop

**July 09, 2015** - \*\*Board Workshop

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

**September 24, 2015** -\*\*Board 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.

Spring 2015 Session of Grow Your Own, Nevada  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 7-30 from 6-8 p.m.

Cooperative Extension offices statewide

Learn the secrets of growing edible gardens in the high desert climate. [www.growyourownnevada.com](http://www.growyourownnevada.com)



As homeowners in the area we are very fortunate to have such a beautiful parkway to enjoy. Several of you walk, run, bike and walk your dogs on Los Altos on a regular basis. As much as we enjoy the surroundings we do not enjoy stepping in or over dog feces. Please be a responsible pet owner and clean up after your dog. Doggie bags and trash cans are available on Los Altos for your use.

**A special thanks** to those of you who clean up after your dog as well as other dogs on the parkway. Your efforts are appreciated by all!

If your home needs to be painted, you have or will be receiving notification from the Association along with a paint request form. Please complete this form and attach your color swatches. Submit the information 2 to 3 days in advance to the Architectural Control Committee. Dates are listed on the front page of this newsletter. Please call 775-786-0500 with questions.

## Contact Us

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## Cell Tower Update

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