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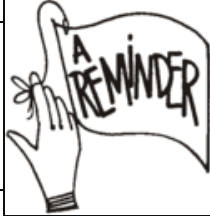
Architectural Control Committee (ACC)

Meeting Dates for 2016

- April 14, 2016
- May 12, 2016
- June 09, 2016
- July 14, 2016
- August 11, 2016
- September 08, 2016
- October 13, 2016
- November 10, 2016
- December 08, 2016

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 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.



Quarterly Assessments of \$72.50 are due April 1st, July 1st, and October 1st.

Board Election Information

Have you ever thought of being part of the Board of Directors? If you have, now is the time! Two Board positions will be up for election in July. The requirements are simple ... be willing to serve your community with honesty, integrity, and dedication. You will also need to set aside time to attend meetings twice a month during the weekday and attend open Board of Directors and homeowners' meetings in the evening four times a year.

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. A Candidacy Disclosure Statement is attached for you to complete and return to the Association office 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 items must be returned to the Association office no later than April 15, 2016 by the close of business. This information can be emailed, faxed, or mailed to the office and will be included in the next newsletter mailing to the membership.

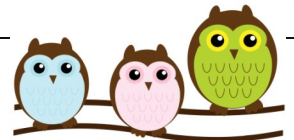


Before You Speak



- T: IS IT TRUE?
- H: IS IT HELPFUL?
- I: IS IT INSPIRING?
- N: IS IT NECESSARY?
- K: IS IT KIND?

Spread Some Good



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Reminders

Speeding on Los Altos and throughout the community has been an ongoing issue. Concerned homeowners recently addressed the Sparks City Council. The Sparks Police Department has agreed to extra patrols on Los Altos. This is a reminder for everyone to slow down and come to a complete stop at all stop signs! Respect your community and drive the speed limit.

The new recycling container that Waste Management has issued to each homeowner needs to be stored where it is not visible from the street. The same rules apply to recycling containers as they do to garbage containers. See page 2 for more information on what items can be recycled.

ANNUAL GARAGE SALE DATE - Saturday, May 21, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. See the attached flyer for more information. The sale will be advertised on Craigslist and in the Reno Gazette Journal. Hopefully weather conditions will be better for this year's annual event.



Waste Management - Single Stream Recycling

Many of us regularly recycle soda cans and water bottles, but did you know that many other food and beverage containers and household items also are recyclable? Take a look at the list below for some guidelines for what you can put into your community-provided recycling container and what should be handled by a professional.

Metal. Aluminum cans, foil and bakeware all are recyclable, as well as steel and tin cans used to package food and beverage items. Ensure these items are free of any food particles prior to putting them into your recycling bin—if they're dirty, recycling facilities may not accept them. Keep them clean and dry.

Paper and cardboard. Computer paper, phone books, junk mail, magazines, paperback books, newspapers and cardboard all are fully recyclable and typically can be made into other paper products like egg cartons and packaging forms. Poly-coated paper-board materials like milk and juice boxes also can be recycled.

Glass. Most clear, brown and green glass items used for food and beverage items are recyclable and can be broken down and made into other glass products. However, some glass items like ceramic dishware and ovenware, heat-resistant glass, mirror or window glass, or crystal are not recyclable.

Plastic. Clean plastic items in the shape of bottles, jars and jugs are almost always recyclable, but plastic bags are not. Typically, grocery stores collect plastic bags for recycling facilities that specialize in producing recycled plastic lumber.

Other Recyclables

Batteries and Bulbs. Car, household and rechargeable batteries are recyclable, but most waste management companies will not accept them via community recycling containers. Along with incandescent, LED and fluorescent light bulbs, these items require special handling. Check the county website for recycling information.

Electronics. Computers and computer accessories, cell phones, stereos, televisions and printers are all nearly 100 percent recyclable, but should be handled differently than put out at the curb with the rest of your recycling. Check the web for local retailers and manufacturers that offer recycling programs for these items.

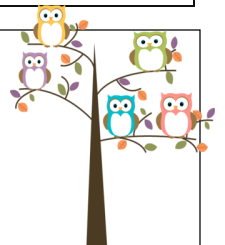
Please remember to store your garbage and recycling containers out of sight—Thank you!

Architectural Control and Compliance

Spring will be here before you know it, March 20th to be exact. This is the time of year to start thinking about painting the house, building a storage shed, changing your landscaping, building a patio cover and maybe even putting in a pool. I would like to remind everyone that these projects must be approved by the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) before any building or painting begins. ACC meetings are generally held the second Thursday of each month and are listed in every newsletter. In order for the approval process to go smoothly and not be delayed, you will need to include as much detail as possible with your request. There is no such thing as too much information regarding your upcoming spring project. Information and forms can be found on the Association website at vistashoa.com. If you are not sure if approval is necessary for your upcoming project give the Association office a call and we would be happy to assist you.

When selecting a contractor to work on home improvements and remodels it should be as easy as 1,2,3... however, there are some things you will want to be aware of, such as, is the contractor licensed and insured? This information can be verified on the Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB) website www.nscb.nv.gov. If you can, try to get at least three bids, but remember to think outside the price as you will be spending time with whomever you choose to do the work. Once you decide on who you will hire, secure a contract in writing outlining the terms. NSCB recommends you ask questions and do not sign anything until you have a good understanding of the contract. After the hiring and the signing of the contract there is still a little matter to consider, the payment. It is a good idea to have the payment terms outlined in the contract. NSCB recommends paying 10% as a down payment, never pay in cash and don't let the payments get ahead of the work performed.

There is a Home and Garden show March 18-20 at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center. This may be a great place to collect information on products and services for improvements or remodels. To obtain more information and to download a \$5 off admission coupon visit www.lockettshows.com. The admission without a coupon will be \$15.



2016 Meeting Dates

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

April 28, 2016 **July 21, 2016** **Sept. 22, 2016**
Nov. 10, 2016— in the Association office after the budget ratification meeting at 10:00 a.m.

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

Members Meetings

July 21, 2016 - Annual Meeting - 6:30 p.m. Bud Beasley
November 10, 2016 - Budget Ratification Meeting (10:00 a.m. at the Association Office)

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 and on the Association website. 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.

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Baking Soda—A common household product has many uses.



Most of us already know that a teaspoon of baking soda in the batter will make the muffins rise, but who knew that a pinch of it mixed with scrambled eggs will make them fluffier or added to water will make steamed vegetables stay green?

Aside from cooking, however, everyone knows that an open box of baking soda in the fridge will absorb strong odors. But did you also know that baking soda in the bath water can relieve itchy skin caused by bug bites or poison ivy? And that pouring a cup of baking soda followed by a cup of hot vinegar down a stopped up drain will unclog it? Baking soda also can be used to polish tarnished silver, remove rust stains, extinguish a grease fire, freshen toothbrushes and clean dishwashers and coffee makers. Add it to kitty litter and the laundry to help freshen and deodorize. Sprinkle baking soda on a wet sponge to scrub residue off a cast-iron skillet. Or use it on sidewalk and driveway cracks as a non-toxic weed killer. A dusting of it around pet food bowls will keep ants away too.

A couple of cautions about baking soda, though: Its magic powers fade with time, so check the expiration date on the box. Most important, don't mix it with other cleaning products. The chemical reaction could be toxic.

2016 Upcoming Events

April 1-3: WinterWonderGrass-bluegrass music & beer festival	April 14-17: Reno Ukulele Festival
April 16: Tahoe-Truckee Earth Day Festival	April 24: Reno Earth Day 2016-Idlewild Park from 11am to 6pm
April 27-May 1: Reno Xtreme Barrel Race	April 28-30: Reno Jazz Festival-University of Nevada, Reno campus
April 28-May 1: Genoa Cowboy Festival-music, cowboy poetry etc.	Apr. 29-May 1: Cinco De Mayo Festival
April 30: Reno Pajama Crawl	Apr. 30-May 1: Virginia City Grand Prix-motorcycle racing
May 6-8: Reno Sculpture Fest-downtown Reno	May 7: Nevada State Police Memorial Parade & Car Show
May 7-8: Reno River Festival-pro kayaking tour	May 13-21: Reno Craft Beer Week
May 14-15: Chili on the Comstock	May 19: AMGEN Tour of California-Tour de France style racing, Lake Tahoe
May 20-21: Spring Wings Bird Festival	May 20-22: Hot August Nights presents Spring Fever Revival
May 20-Oct 7: Reno Street Food-Party in the Park, weekly on Friday's	May 21: Epic SciFi Crawl