# SOMERSET ESTATES, HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION,

# What's Up #16: November 5, 2018 Upcoming Homeowner Meeting

You are urged to attend the upcoming Homeowner meeting **November 27, 7pm at Niwot High School**. This meeting will require a 30% quorum and majority vote to pass the 2019 Budget. **If you are unable to attend, please give the proxy form included in the recent mailing to a homeowner attending the meeting who you want to vote on your behalf, or mail it to SEHOA at P.O. Box 621, Niwot CO 80544**. Thank you for your understanding and support. This is an important step forward for our community.

This homeowner meeting will also be an opportunity to review and discuss proposed revisions to our community's Architectural and Landscaping guidelines. We look forward to your input.

### 2019 Budget Process

Changes are coming and we've done our best to help homeowners understand the proposed budget and corresponding dues. We previously took the following steps:

**October 9**: Board Meeting and open discussion of draft budget and potential quiet title action

October 23: Board Meeting, final budget discussion and board approval

**October 25**: Budget was mailed to all homeowners with homeowner meeting notice and proxy

All that remains is the November 27 (7pm Niwot High School): Homeowner

meeting to approve the budget. If a majority vote in the affirmative to pass the 2019 Budget, the new dues will be in effect January 1, 2019.

### **Upcoming Social Events**

We've inundated you with lots of official homeowner association business – declarations, budgets, newsletters, legal matters, rules, etc. We'd love to be able to say that we are coming to the end of this, but the truth is that 2019 will still involve lots of weighty matters. Let's not lose sight of why we love living here – the beautiful surroundings and the great neighbors! One of the board's goals is to manage the community in a manner that enhances our quality of life. You hear all the time that people don't know their neighbors anymore – the garage door goes up, the garage door goes down, and no one talks to each other. We don't want to be that kind of neighborhood. If you've been thinking it would be nice to get to know some neighbors, renew old acquaintances, and form new friendships, here are some opportunities for you!

#### HOLIDAY COCKTAIL PARTY - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12 AT 7:00 PM

John and Beth Ryan have graciously offered to host a party at their home at 8061 Bellflower Court. All adults in Somerset Estates are invited. Please RSVP to johnbethryan@comcast.net. Please indicate in your reply the number of people coming and if you'd like to bring an appetizer or dessert (welcome, but not required). We have high school students in our neighborhood that babysit, so if that would help you be able to come, please indicate this in your reply and we can give you some contact names.

#### WOMEN'S COFFEE - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9 AT 10:00 AM

Paula Hemenway is inviting all women in the neighborhood to her home at 8428 Strawberry Lane for coffee, snacks and conversation. Please RSVP to p.hemenway@comcast.net. Snacks welcome. This is a chance to get to know each other as well as talk about other activities we might consider – a dinner club, lunch group, bunco group, book club, etc. You can also ask Paula questions about HOA matters.

#### **MEN'S POKER GROUP**

A group of men (some from Somerset Estates and some from other neighborhoods) meets one Friday evening a month for low-stakes poker. Participants take turns hosting. If you're interesting in playing, please send your contact information to Jim Hemenway at j.hemenway@comcast.net, and he'll put you on the list!

### CHILDRENS' SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

If you have elementary school and younger children and are interested in finding friends within the neighborhood and possibly helping to organize some social activities, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact Richelle Burnett at richelleburnett@gmail.com and let's see if we can start getting the kids together.

## **Fall Leaves**

While you adore that special tree that sits near your property line or on the edge of the street, the leaves and/or pine needles that fall may blow into your neighbor's yard! This may create a true hassle for your neighbor as well as work for your neighbor to pick up your leaves. In the interest of good neighbor relations, please tune in and rake your leaves and/or pine needles before the wind carries them away.

Perhaps, you kindly approach your neighbor for an honest and friendly discussion about the leaf situation. The HOA cannot control how leaves fly in the neighborhood though we can suggest being more sensitive and aware to pick up your leaves promptly – truly an act of kindness to the neighborhood!

Thank you!

# **Local Voting Locations**

Just in case you've misplaced your voting package and want to cast your ballot in the mid-term election, here is a recap of nearby polling locations:

### 24-hour Drop-off Locations from now through November 6:

Longmont Locations Boulder County Clerk & Recorder, St. Vrain Community Hub, Corner of 6th Avenue and Coffman Boulder County Fairgrounds, 9595 Nelson Road (on Fairground Lane near the south parking lot) Garden Acres Park, 18th Avenue between Sunset and Juniper

Boulder Locations Boulder County Clerk & Recorder, 1750 33rd Street (near main building entrance from parking lot) Boulder County Courthouse, East Wing Entrance, 2025 14th Street Boulder county Housing and Human Services, Broadway & Iris CU Campus, UMC, 1669 Euclid Avenue, closest to Euclid Avenue entrance of building South Boulder Recreation Center, 1360 Gillaspie Drive

### November 5 (8am – 6pm), and November 6 (7am – 7pm)... All the above locations, PLUS:

Gunbarrel Hampton Inn & Suites, 6333 Lookout Road

Longmont LifeBridge Christian Church, 10345 Ute Highway

Boulder

Golden West Assisted Living, 1055 Adams Circle Boulder Public Library, 1001 Arapahoe Avenue Brookdale Meridian Boulder, 801 Gillaspie Drive

## **Contact SEHOA**

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### **Anonymous Survey**

Go ahead... tell us what you really think!

