

SOMERSET ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Maximizing Home Values, Quality of Life, Positioning as Premier Community

What's Up #89: September 2, 2023

Neighborhood Social is on September 10th at 4 PM!

Diane and Mark Jensen have graciously offered to host a social for all adults in the neighborhood next Sunday at 4 pm. You should have received an Evite (but please let us know if you didn't). **You can still let us know you're coming by replying to the Evite or by sending an email to**



p.hemenway@comcast.net. If you haven't said yet whether you are bringing an appetizer or dessert, **PLEASE BRING AN APPETIZER.** We have plenty of desserts. For Broncos fans, the game will be on!

ACC Neighborhood Walk On-Going

The Architectural Control Committee (ACC) has been walking through the neighborhood with the goal of checking the appearance of the community. **The maintenance standards can be found in Section V of the Architectural and Landscaping Standards, available by clicking here.** Any exceptions to the Standards visible from the roads or public paths will be communicated to the homeowner. The ACC appreciates your cooperation to quickly correct any items noted in this courtesy email. Please keep in mind that these are all volunteers that want the best for our neighborhood.

A few reminders:

This has been a wet year with lots of weeds and volunteer plants! Please remove any that are visible to a passer-by, including shoots that spring up from existing (or stumped) trees.

If you have a street monument on your lot with landscaping besides basic rocks or grass, **it is your responsibility to remove weeds and keep the plants lower than the bottom of the street name.** For all monuments, the homeowner must prune trees that are behind it so that branches don't touch the monument.

Please **remove trees and shrubs off all lateral fence boards** and clear all vegetation back a foot from all the fences around your lot, including fences next to access paths to the open space, along the open space, and between lots. This both prolongs the life of the fences and facilitates maintenance and staining.

Dead trees and bushes must be removed and either de-stumped (preferable) or cut so the stump is less than 6" above ground. Approval is **not required** to remove any vegetation or trees.

Street Monument Tuckpointing in Progress

You may have noticed a crew working on our street monuments and the pillars in the fence along Longview Drive. They are repairing mortar joints, reattaching the top stones that have become loose, and cleaning the fronts of the monuments. The electrical components on the backs of the monuments were repaired and/or replaced last year. The last step is to repair the stucco on the backside.



BEFORE



AFTER

Xeriscaping Along Somerset Drive

SEHOA maintains the road rights-of-way along Somerset Drive and Longview Drive, even though these are technically owned by Boulder County. Most of the rights-of-way are grass irrigated by ditch water. Two areas on the south and west facing side of Somerset Drive are being converted to a mixture of grass and landscape rocks because the sun exposure, extensive tree roots, overhanging acidic spruce trees, and underlying sandstone make grass impractical and a waste of water. Sprinklers are being moved as part of the project.



Executive Board Meeting on September 19 at 6:30 PM

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be on Tuesday, September 19 at 6:30 PM at the Mountain View Fire Station at 8500 Niwot Road. All homeowners are invited to attend. The agenda will be posted on the SEHOA website (www.somersetstates-hoa.com) at least one day before the meeting.

Upcoming Events at a Glance

Please monitor the SEHOA website for any schedule changes
-[somersetstates-hoa.com](http://www.somersetstates-hoa.com).

Neighborhood Adult Social -- September 10 at 4 PM at Diane and Mark Jensen's. Please see above for more details.

Board Meeting -- **September 19 at 6:30 PM**, 8500 Niwot Road.

Poker Group -- Next game is in September. Please let Jim Hemenway know at j.hemenway@comcast.net if you want to be added to the Poker Group distribution list and to get the game details.

Somerset Estates Book Club -- Next meeting will be in October. The book is *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett, hosted by Barb Stager. Please let Paula Hemenway know at p.hemenway@comcast.net if you want to be added to the Book Club distribution list.

Monday Mahjong -- Mondays at 3 PM. Contact Diane Jensen at diane-jensen@sbcglobal.net for more information.

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