

# SOMERSET ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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

## What's Up #64: September 18, 2021

### Executive Board Meeting on Tuesday, September 21 at 6:30 PM

All homeowners are welcome to attend the Board meeting on September 21. We will be meeting outside at the Somerset Swim & Tennis Club at 6:30 PM. The weather may be chilly, so dress accordingly! With cooler weather upon us and indoor Covid restrictions again in place, future Board meetings will likely be on Zoom until restrictions are eased. **Please watch the website [SomersetEstates-HOA.com](http://SomersetEstates-HOA.com) for meeting information.**

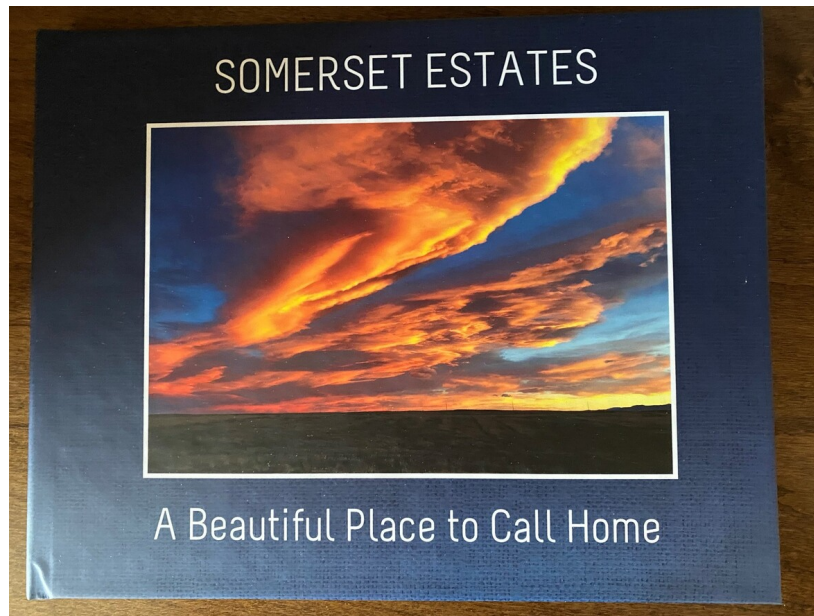
The agenda will be posted at least a day in advance, but of particular note is that Barbara Stager's term on the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) is up for renewal. She has agreed to serve another two-year term (Thanks, Barb!), which will be a Board action. **If you are interested in being considered for the ACC, please contact Scott Abrahamson at [ScottA@somersetestates-hoa.com](mailto:ScottA@somersetestates-hoa.com).**

### Thank you to Gayle and Larry Becker for Hosting Fun Social!

We had a great time on a warm evening at Gayle and Larry Becker's on September 9th! Many thanks to them for providing their home, back yard, great bartender, fabulous food, and more. **A special highlight of the evening was to thank Marc Arnold for his outstanding leadership to our community as SEHOA President from 2018 to 2021.** We enjoyed reminiscing about how much has been accomplished in these early years as a "new/old" HOA. Without Marc's patience, wisdom, and diplomatic skills, we wouldn't be where we are

today with new and appropriate governing documents, a reasonable budget and long-term financial plan, a great start on upgrading the common areas, and agreement with SHOA on a multitude of issues (no litigation needed!).

Marc was presented with a book of photos contributed by several homeowners. **If you'd like to see the book and possibly order your own copy** (you are welcome to modify the text to make it personal to your family), it is available on Shutterfly by clicking [here](#).



## **Capital Project Highlight: New Path and Pond Signs**



The faded and out-of-date signs on the paths throughout Somerset Estates have been replaced. The key message of the new signs is to **"Please remove all pet waste"**. Putting it in a bag and leaving it by the path isn't enough! We hope that these signs remind homeowners and those that visit our neighborhood to not leave any pet waste next to paths.



We've also added signs near all the ponds. The key message of these signs is

to **stay out of the ponds**. While nice to look at, they are not recreation areas. The liners are fragile and very expensive, so please be sure to keep all children, pets, rocks, etc. out of the ponds. Any fish in the ponds are for algae control purposes, so no fishing! These are open bodies of water, in most cases deep enough to be a danger for drowning. As such, these signs are also required by our insurance company.

## Social Committee Corner!

The next Book Club meeting is on **Thursday, October 28 at 4 pm** at the home of Shari Kalm. The book is *Songbirds* by Christi Lefteri. Please let Paula Hemenway know at [p.hemenway@comcast.net](mailto:p.hemenway@comcast.net) if you want to be added to the Book Club distribution list.

Melissa Koller is organizing **Mahjong games**, with both inside and outside table options. **No experience is needed** - several players are learning for the first time! Please contact Melissa at [mzkoller@gmail.com](mailto:mzkoller@gmail.com) if you want to participate.

Melissa is also looking for **people interested in playing pickleball**. She didn't get enough responses to start a group from the last notice, but please let her know ([mzkoller@gmail.com](mailto:mzkoller@gmail.com)) if you're interested and we'll try to get something going. Fall is a great time to play pickleball!

## Special Assessment Reminder - \$2500 due October 1st

A special assessment of \$5000 per lot was passed in January 2021 to fund capital projects and build reserves for future projects. The **second payment of \$2500 is due on October 1, 2021** and was included in this month's third-quarter dues invoice from Trio Property Management. The Executive Board **thanks all of you for your support of the community**.

## Upcoming Events at a Glance

Please monitor the SEHOA website for any schedule changes.

**Executive Board Meeting -- September 21, 6:30 PM**, Somerset Swim & Tennis Club. Please check the website the day before for the agenda.

somersetstates-hoa.com.

**Somerset Estates Book Club** -- Thursday October 28, 4 PM. See details above.

## Volunteer Opportunities

SEHOA is a volunteer-run organization of neighbors helping to maintain and improve our community. Please join us! **We are always open to new volunteers and there are many ways to participate.** Board positions turn-over once a year. Committee members come and go. Special projects need help. Participating in the HOA is a great way to meet and get to know your neighbors. Email [info@SomersetEstates-HOA.com](mailto:info@SomersetEstates-HOA.com) at any time to let us know of your availability and interest.

## Contact SEHOA

### Association Name and Address

Somerset Estates Homeowners Association  
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### Website

[SomersetEstates-HOA.com](http://SomersetEstates-HOA.com)

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### Architectural Control Committee

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Randy Haisfield  
Barbara Stager  
Bob Uhler

### Social and Welcome Committee

Richelle Burnett  
Kamla Chopra  
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Melissa Koller  
Pea Lawson (Board Rep - PeaL@SomersetEstates-HOA.com)  
Susie Lindau  
Beth Ryan

### Water Committee

John Ryan (Chairman and contact - JohnR@SomersetEstates-HOA.com)  
Anthony Chirikos  
Marc Arnold  
Scott Abrahamson

Paula Hemenway

## Community Contacts

### Left Hand Courier

Paper copies of our local news source are only produced once a month, but weekly editions are available online. To subscribe, visit their website or click [here](#).

### Niwot Community Associations

We are fortunate to live in a warm and inviting community. Click [here](#) to explore our many neighborhood associations.

## Anonymous Survey

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

[Click to send an anonymous message to the board](#)

## In Case You Missed the Last Issue

Click [here](#) to read the last newsletter that included the following topics.

**Family Ice Cream Social at SSTC at 6 PM on August 27th!**

**Capital Project Highlight: New Path from Longview Dr to Primrose Ln**

**Updates on Other Projects**

**Special Assessment Thank You!**

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