

SOMERSET ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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

What's Up #41: March 29, 2020

Coronavirus Stay-at-Home Order

On March 25th, Governor Polis issued Executive Order D2020-017 ordering Coloradans to stay at home due to the presence of COVID-19. [Click here for details](#) regarding the effect of the executive order. Even before this order was issued, many of us were self-isolating by staying in our homes. Some families are entering nearing their third week of isolation.

St. Vrain Valley Schools are closed through April 17 with an online instructional program scheduled to begin March 30. [Official information is available here.](#)

As of March 28, 2020, **spread of the virus in Colorado continues to climb rapidly.** [Click here for a graph of COVID-19 cases in Colorado](#) derived from [plague.com](#), a website operated by the University of Washington that aggregates data from multiple sources worldwide and updates information every four hours.

We remain grateful for the diligence and bravery of all our frontline personnel helping us through this time, including healthcare professionals, first responders, grocers, law enforcement, waste disposal and infrastructure workers.

Following the recommendations of our medical professionals is our best hope to reduce the spread.

Constructive Ideas

As we adjust to this situation, the following comments have come to the SEHOA board. We invite you to contribute your constructive suggestions and ideas for future publication by email to info@somersetestates-hoa.com.

Keep the World Going -- Many of us regularly employ household help, gardeners, hair stylists, personal trainers, and other independent contractors. While the government is instituting emergency aid legislation to help various sectors of our economy, consider continuing partial or full payment to people who provide informal services that won't be covered by government programs. These people provide valuable services and may need our help during this crisis.

Home Activities -- It is tempting to binge watch TV coverage of the current worldwide crisis. Being at home on an extended "staycation", however, doesn't necessarily mean being unproductive. Household "To Do" items, online education, new hobbies and quiet reading are some of the many opportunities made available by this period of staying at home.

Local Businesses -- The lifestyle we enjoy in Somerset Estates extends beyond our individual homes. We also benefit from the presence of an assortment of local businesses. The near complete shutdown of retail activity is hitting these businesses and their employees hard. Consider purchasing Gift Certificates for yourself or others from these struggling businesses. Some still offer curbside service to purchase their products. Keep in mind that it is in our best interest to see these business survive and do what you can to help.

The Power of Us -- This is a time when we are all reminded there are external forces affecting our community. Let's use this opportunity to draw closer and help one another. We will weather this storm much better as a cohesive community.

Be Alert -- None of us knows what the future holds. Please be vigilant and look out for one another's welfare. Some of our homes are vacant and need a watchful eye. If something doesn't seem right, please contact a member of the board or, if it is time sensitive, call 911.

Sewer Limitations

As reported in this [Denver Post article](#), Americans are experiencing more sewer backups during this "shelter-at-home" time when toilet paper seems to be in short supply.

"Many Americans seem to be following the recommendations of public health officials to clean and sterilize countertops, doorknobs, faucets and other frequently touched surfaces in their homes. **The problem? People are tossing disinfectant wipes, paper towels and other paper products they used into the toilet.**

The result has been a surge in backed-up sewer lines and overflowing toilets, according to plumbers and public officials, who have pleaded with Americans to spare the nation's pipes from further strain."

Please remember to only flush toilet paper and discard other disposable products in the trash.

Fence Project: Phase I

As discussed in previous issues of What's Up and again at the recent Annual Homeowner meeting, SEHOA's Executive Board investigated fence maintenance options regarding the aging fences along Somerset Drive and Longview Drive. These fences were originally installed by the developer decades ago. We concluded the community will be enhanced by remedial maintenance to extend the useful life of these fences, correct damage and improve uniformity. After evaluating competitive offers, **the board engaged a fencing contractor to perform the maintenance described in earlier communications.**

Do I need to do anything to prepare for the project? If your property is adjacent to fences along Somerset Dr or Longview Dr, vegetation from your yard must be cut back from the fence. Most homeowners took care of this last year, but if some has grown back, a good "stay-at-home" project is for you (not outside contractors) to get your pruning shears and clippers out and do some trimming!

Will the current stay-at-home order affect the schedule? Yes. Guidelines from the CDC, government and progress of the virus continue to change. We cannot predict precisely how these factors will affect the work schedule. The project will be scheduled and performed when permitted. In the meantime, by contracting for the work now, the contractor can order the necessary materials and we will be near the front of their scheduling window when business resumes.

Will it address the broken area along Somerset Drive? Yes. The broken and missing sections of fence along Somerset Drive mar the appearance of our community's primary entrance. Phase I will address these deficiencies.

Can I get my "side" fences stained too? Yes. Phase I will address both sides of the fences along our major access roads. At the close of the initial staining process, homeowners will be offered the opportunity to engage the same contractor to stain perpendicular stretches of fence which separate homeowner lots.

Lost Dog: Returned to Owner

A notice was sent in recent days with a photo of a lost dog. Good News! The dog was returned to its owner within a matter of hours. Thanks to everyone who responded!

Call for DIY Masks

Boulder Community Hospital still needs homemade masks. [Click here to see the previous notice for details.](#) Thank you!

Upcoming Events at a Glance

There is a lot going on in and around SEHOA! Make a note of the following preliminary dates and join in. These are all subject to change, so be sure to monitor the SEHOA website for any last minute schedule changes.

Executive Board Meeting -- April 14, 6:30pm, Online Conference, check website for link to join

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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 which included the following topics:

Coronavirus

Board Member Election

Virtual Neighborhood Meeting: Check In and Chat

Book Club Meeting Postponed

Going On Around Town

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