## SOMERSET ESTATES, HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION,

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

### What's Up #42: April 16, 2020

### **Stay-at-Home Update**

Coloradans remain under orders to stay at home except for activities identified as essential. Full and current information from the state can be found here.

We are now roughly a month into the crisis and many of us have been maintaining nearly complete isolation. We are extremely grateful for the support of our healthcare professionals, food retailers, infrastructure workers and delivery personnel.

While many activities are suspended as a result of the state mandated stay-athome order, other activities are still ongoing. According to the State of Colorado, Homeowner Associations are designated as one of the "Critical, Non-Healthcare-Related Services Professions" and are exempted from the shutdown. As a result, we are working to keep things moving along while abiding by the limitations imposed by social distancing guidelines. SEHOA continues to publish relevant newsletters, hold online board meetings, and contract for services that are permitted by the state guidelines.

Please stay safe and **contact SEHOA if you need help**. We are all in this together!

# Fence Maintenance Project Starting Soon

**Restoration of the fences along Somerset Drive and Longview Drive is about to begin.** As has been described in several What's Up newsletters, and as discussed in some detail at the March 10, 2020 Annual Meeting, broken boards will be replaced and the fences will be stained in the coming weeks. The purpose of the project is two-fold: To extend the life of the wood and to improve the appearance and uniformity of the fences. The color will be a dark charcoal that provides the most pigment to accomplish both of these objectives.

In addition, the damaged and missing section of post and wire fence on the east side of Somerset Drive next to Legend Ridge will be replaced with our standard three rail fence. This will improve the appearance of our community's entrance route and stop cars driving across our grass in this area.

We expect work to start around April 27, state orders permitting. Please watch What's Up for any changes in the start date. The work will be done in sections by John Quinby of Pretty Fences. Both sides of the fence must be stained to protect the wood. All equipment will be kept on the street side, but you may see John going over the fence to do a proper job on both sides.

Homeowners along the two roadways will receive a letter via mail and a notice which describe the work to be done in greater detail. The notice will also ask that dogs be kept inside on the day of work. Every effort will be made to minimize homeowner inconvenience.

The Architectural Control Committee (ACC) notified owners last spring of the need to make sure vegetation is not growing through, hanging over, or otherwise touching the fence. Thank you to all that did the pruning required. **Please check that the fences are still clear of vegetation prior to April 27.** An option will be made available for homeowners to have their side fences refurbished after the perimeter fences are finished.

**Thanks to everyone for your cooperation.** This project will extend the life of these fences and improve the appearance of our community. Any questions can be directed to info@somersetestates-hoa.com.

### **Dog Poop and Trash on Paths**

The stay-at-home order means that we are using the paths and taking our dogs out for walks more frequently. The unfortunate byproduct of these outings is a corresponding increase in the amount of trash and number of dog droppings along our paths, sometimes left exposed and sometimes in plastic bags. This is unsanitary and unattractive for others.

More signage, poop disposal stations, waste receptacles and trash cans are all options, but these require initial and ongoing costs to have these devices

serviced. We would rather simply ask that dog owners exercise more care. **Please collect and dispose of your animal's droppings.** Thank you!

### **Upcoming Events at a Glance**

There isn't a whole lot going on in and around SEHOA due to social distancing guidelines these day. Watch this area for events when we're past the crisis and public events begin again.

In the meantime, your SEHOA board is working from home and using electronic media to keep making progress. Be sure to monitor the SEHOA website for any last minute schedule changes.

Upcoming Meeting

Executive Board Meeting -- May 12, 6:30pm, Online Conference, check website for link to join

### **Contact SEHOA**

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Effective April, 2020, our local news source has gone all electronic so you won't be finding it on your driveway anymore. 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**

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 Stay-at-Home Order

Constructive Ideas

Sewer Limitations

Fence Project: Phase I

Lost Dog: Returned to Owner

Call for DIY Masks

Going On Around Town

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