

# Deer Creek Newsletter

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All the News that Print can Fit

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## Design Review **Committee**

Don't forget to contact the Design Review Committee BEFORE making exterior changes to your home. DRC will ensure your plans don't run afoul of community standards (available at your HOA website). Send your request to Michael Atencio at Diversified Property Management, michaela@diversifiedprop.com. It's easy and it's free, and it will save you a lot of headaches later.

# **End-of-School Celebration** Fieldcrest Dr., May 18, 2024

School's letting out and it's time to party. Come join the community as we celebrate the end of another successful academic year together with our school children. Mike Hendricks is organizing an end-of-year bash for Saturday, May 18th, at the top of Fieldcrest Dr. The party will include music, games, food, and contests. The fun begins at 11:00 am and runs to 2:00 pm. Come out and meet your neighbors. Come out and watch your children have fun. For more information or to volunteer, contact Mike Hendricks at (347)909-0507.

#### Garage Sale / Picnic Coming June 8th!

Mike Hendricks is also organizing the annual community Garage Sale & Picnic. He can certainly use our help. Please call or text him at (347)909-0507.

### **Accent Lighting Not Allowed**

Salesmen have been seen canvassing the neighborhood trying to interest residents in under-eve accent lighting (so much for our "no soliciting" sign at the entrance). Deer Creek Design Guidelines (available at our website deercreekcos.com) prohibit year-round outdoor accent lighting. According to Section 5.2.1, "Colored accent lighting and above ground plastic housings and connections are prohibited." Christmas lighting is excepted but constrained under Section 5.2.3 which states, "Holiday lighting is a temporary improvement and may not be installed on any home before November 1 and must be removed in its entirety (including all holiday lighting accessories) by January 31." In general the Design Guidelines approved by the community in 2014 set a muted tone for all outdoor lighting, stating in 5.2.4 that "...exterior lighting should be kept under 10 feet, comply with Dark Sky and related code requirements..." The company making the rounds in Deer Creek was contacted and notified about the restrictions to help preclude any homeowners running afoul of the community Design Guidelines.

#### 2024 HOA Calendar

#	Event	Date	Time	Location
1.	1Q Board Meeting	13 Feb 24	6:30 pm	2102 Silver Creek
2.	2Q Board Meeting	14 May 24	6:30 pm	2089 Silver Creek
3.	Annual Garage Sale & Picnic	8 Jun 24	8 - 3 pm	Coldstone Way
4.	3Q Board Meeting	13 Aug 24	6:30 pm	TBD
5.	Annual Homeowners Meeting	10 Oct 24	6:00 pm	Library 21c
6.	4Q Board Meeting	12 Nov 24	6:30 pm	TBD

#### **Community Contacts**

- ⇒ Emergency? Call 911
- ⇒ Non-Emergency? Call CSPD, 719.444.7000
- ⇒ Noisy Pets? Call ALE, 719.302.8798
- ⇒ Snowy Sidewalk? Code Enforce: 719.444.7891
- ⇒ Injured Wildlife? Call CP&W, 719.227.5200
- ⇒ City Rep: D2, Randy Helms, 719.385.5493
- ⇒ County: D1, Holly Williams, 719.520.6411

#### Deer Creek HOA Financial Highlights March 2024 - Year-to-Date Summary 56,575 Homeowner Assessments Other Income 629 Total Income 57,204 7,511 Trash Services 3,944 **HOA Management Fees** Other Operating Expenses 491 Total Expenses 11.945 Operating Income - 3-31-24 45,259 Operating Income - 3-31-23 41,193 **Cash Position** Operating Cash at 3-31-24 49,328 Certificates of Deposits - 3-31-24 42,132 Cash Reserves at 3-31-24 1,433 Total HOA Cash 3-31-24 92,893



Please contact a Board member if you are interested in helping with the Annual Garage Sale/Picnic

#### **Reliable Lawn Care**

James Knapp on Fieldcrest Dr. is a motivated TCA sophomore now taking appointments for lawn care. You can schedule weekly or one-

time service. James offers quality mowing and trimming starting at \$40. Call or text him at (650)265-1193 to schedule today!

Total HOA Cash 3-31-23



91,885

#### **Sound Bites**

- If you know where the Dog Library may be found, the community would appreciate it if you returned it to its original location.
- Despite assurances, Representative Rose Pugliese, CO HD14, did not respond to our in-person request about paying annual assessments to the North Gate Business Owners Association.
- The City said it will build a fire station at Interquest and Voyager.
  Deer Creek is 2.2 miles from CSFD 22 on Voyager. The question is whether we will be taxed for both stations? It happened before.
- Pot holes continue to plague the neighborhood. Please report any pot holes at https://coloradosprings.gov/reportpothole. A crew will be sent out to fix them within two weeks.
- Covenant communities help sustain home prices by establishing and enforcing standards. Covenants Section 6.4 says "Lot Owners shall maintain, replace, and keep in good repair the interior and exterior of their Dwelling and all improvements to their Lots." Standards enforcement will begin in June and continue through October.
- My apologies to readers who may have got caught up in last month's April Fool's joke. I promise it won't happen again, until next year.

## **Happy Mother's Day!**

Mother's Day is celebrated in countries throughout the world. The holiday originated in the United States, where it is observed on the second Sunday in May. Many other countries also celebrate the holiday on this date, while some mark the observance at other times.

Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia, whose mother had organized women's groups to promote friendship and health, originated Mother's Day. On May 12, 1907, she held a memorial service at her late mother's church in Grafton, West Virginia. Within five years virtually every state was observing the day, and in 1914 President Woodrow Wilson made it a national holiday. Although Jarvis had promoted the wearing of a white carnation as a tribute to one's mother, the custom developed of wearing a red or pink carnation to represent a living mother or a white carnation for a mother who was deceased. Over time the day was expanded to include others, such as grandmothers and aunts, who played mothering roles. What had originally been primarily a day of honor became associated with the sending of cards and the giving of gifts, however, and, in protest against its commercialization, Jarvis spent the last years of her life trying to abolish the holiday she had brought into being. Happy Mother's Day!

Learn More: https://www.britannica.com/topic/Mothers-Day

#### Field-of-Dreams Initiative

Want to help improve our common areas? Contact Kim Caves about the South Common Area, *kpietszak@gmail.com*.

"My internet went down yesterday. I think my cheap neighbor forgot to pay the bill. How irresponsible!"