

August 2015 Newsletter

FAC HOA Yard of the Month Winner for July

It was difficult to choose from all the lovely July yards; nonetheless, the winner was 2519 Eagleview Circle, belonging to Alison and Dave Morehead. Of the finalists, the Morehead's yard won for having great curb appeal with all the flowering plants and being well maintained (weeded, mowed, trimmed, debris removed). Alison commented that gardening runs in her family. Some of her flowers came from her mother's garden back in Connecticut and some of those had come from her grandmother's garden. Dave added that they are fortunate to be surrounded by great neighbors who set the bar pretty high for yard upkeep.



July 13 Board Meeting News: Property Guidelines Updated about Trimming Branches Over the HOA Fence, and More

The board approved revisions to the Property Guidelines (revised 7/19/2015; see www.fachoa.org/documents) related to Parking and to Landscaping, including a requirement under Maintenance that homeowners trim their trees or bushes that extend over the HOA-owned perimeter fence to maintain a clearance of at least 6 feet at the lowest point above ground height ("droop"-free zone). This is to prevent injury to lawn care personal and walkers along Plateau. Homeowners who fail to maintain their trees appropriately, after formal notice to do so (www.fachoa.org/policies) will be charged for the expenses of tree trimming and debris removal. Also, Architectural Committee approval is needed for allowing "volunteer" sprouts from tree roots to continue to grow into new trees. Homeowners are also reminded that they are responsible for trimming their trees and bushes back to fence lines between them and their neighbors if their neighbors request. Neighbors have the right to trim to the fence line as long as such trimming does not kill the offending tree or bush (per Longmont code). Complete minutes of the July 13 board meeting can be found at www.fachoa.org/documents.

We need a new Maintenance Manager, who oversees care of our common areas and compliance with property guidelines, and Social Committee members for the child-oriented events (Easter egg hunt, July 4 parade) for these events to continue.

Save the Date! HOA Oktoberfest- including chili and homebrew competitions - Saturday, October 3

Make Us a Bee-Safe Neighborhood?

The Denver Post recently reported that honeybee die-off in Colorado was 38% this year. Less pesticide use may help reduce bee die-off. If you are interested in having us be a Bee Safe Neighborhood by taking a pledge to not knowingly use neonicotinoids or other systemic synthetic pesticides outdoors, email reweller@uab.edu.

Website Link for House and Landscaping Improvements

As a reminder, our website (www.fachoa.org/documents.html) has links to approval forms for all house and landscaping improvements. Note that Architectural Committee approval is required for all new tree or bush plantings, back as well as front yard, if the mature plant will be greater than 5 feet tall.