

## **July 2016 Newsletter**

### **Annual HOA Dues Due July 1**

You should have received a letter about the 2016 HOA dues, stating that they are due July 1. Late charges start to accrue after payment is 5 days overdue. Questions: [treas@fachoa.org](mailto:treas@fachoa.org)

### **Farm at Creekside HOA Yard of the Month Winner for June**

The HOA is sponsoring a friendly yard of the month competition. Preference is given to those who did not win last year. Yard landscaping visible from the street and sidewalk should be well-maintained and have “curb appeal”. Winners get a sign to post in their yard for the month and a gift card to The Flower Bin. (The sign was stolen from the May winner’s yard, but the board purchased a replacement.)

The winner of Yard of the Month for June was 2221 Barn Swallow Drive, belonging to Kristen Devoto and Mark Bottemiller. The yard abounds with flowers designed to bloom throughout the spring and summer. A beautiful stacked flagstone wall divides the yard into lower and upper tiers. The lower tier includes echinacea, peonies, salvia, lavender, diaphanous, irises, hostas, and hydrangeas. The irises came from the yard of Kristen’s grandmother. The upper tier has campanula by the wall, astilbe and columbine around the honey locust tree, and rose bushes in front of the house. The healthy lawn is maintained organically. The yard on the other side of the driveway has butterfly bushes, penstemon, and coreopsis.



### **No July 4 Parade This Year**

The children’s parade is cancelled for this year, as the social committee did not get any volunteers to help.

### **Need HOA Perimeter Fence Repair?**

Homeowners with an HOA-owned perimeter fence that needs repair should email the board ([hoa@fachoa.org](mailto:hoa@fachoa.org)) ASAP. The board will also be checking for fences that need repair.

## **Reminder that Longmont Limits Street Parking of RVs, Campers, Trailers, and Boats to 24 Hours**

As posted in highlights and minutes of the 4/16/2016 board meeting (at [www.fachoa.org](http://www.fachoa.org)), we revised the Property Guidelines (5/2/2016) to remove the 72 hour limit on street parking for RVs, trailers, and boats because it was in violation of Longmont city code, which now limits such parking to 24 hours. Street parking of such vehicles limits visibility and raises safety concerns for children riding bikes in the street. (Driveway parking of RVs, trailers, and boats, which we *can* regulate, is still limited to 72 hrs. for homeowners and a week for guests.) To report a violation, contact Longmont Code Enforcement (Shannon Stadler, Code Enforcement Manager, 303-651-8695, [shannon.stadler@longmontcolorado.gov](mailto:shannon.stadler@longmontcolorado.gov)). Longmont Code Enforcement can also be contacted about low branches (< 8 ft.) over the sidewalk.

## **Neighborhood Oktoberfest is Coming!**

We've tentatively scheduled the Oktoberfest for Saturday, September 17, 2016. It will include a chili contest and homebrew contest.

## **Website Link for House and Landscaping Improvements**

As a reminder, our website ([www.fachoa.org/documents.html](http://www.fachoa.org/documents.html)) has links for property guidelines and Architectural Control Committee approval forms for exterior house and landscaping improvements. Please allow 5-7 days for the approval process.