

FOX CREEK FARM NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2006

BLOCK PARTIES!

There is city grant money available to neighbors wanting to block off their streets and hold a party/picnic. It is so easy to apply and a great way to meet your new neighbors or connect with your old ones. For an application please contact our Neighborhood Group Leader, Stephanie Nieuwlandt at 303-774-9383.

ROOF REPAIR AND REPAINTING

Summer is here and now is the time to replace your missing shingles lost in high winds and to repaint your home. Please be aware that keeping your property in good visual condition is your responsibility when you live in a covenant controlled neighborhood. This also includes front and back yards as well. There is nothing more frustrating than spending your days looking out your window into someone else's backyard mess. If you need help, ask a neighbor for advice, starter plants or some physical assistance. Maybe shoveling rock or bark or helping to install sod. Offer to have them over for dinner in exchange for their assistance or hire some teenagers to help out. Just get it done once and for all! Everyone pays the price for a homeowner who neglects their property.

THIRD ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Thanks to Jo Charlton, our newest board member, who shopped for candy and toys and stuffed eggs for this year's event. Mark Hannon always manages to find the Easter Bunny in time for our event and this year was no different. We awarded Mark a certificate of appreciation for all he has done and continues to do for our neighborhood and he was genuinely thrilled to be recognized. This year was a huge turnout with lots of smiling faces and tons of toys. Excel energy gave us a \$100 grant to help fund the event. Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped to set up the event, we could not have finished it without you!

SPRING GULCH TURNOVER

The road has been long but the rewards are well worth it. The City of Longmont is currently watering and maintaining the entire Spring Gulch for the first time ever!! The paperwork has been held up due to Melody Homes/ DR Horton, but the city has agreed that the land is not our responsibility any longer. This has taken over two years of negotiations and frustration but it is finally off our financial plate. The water alone will save us up to \$1,000 a month during the summer. We could never have afforded to keep it as lush and as green as the city has it today due to the high price of the water. This was such a hard won victory for our HOA and will help manage homeowner assessments for years to come.

CONCRETE WALKWAY IS UNDER WAY

A walkway will be built from Bramble Place to the sidewalk along Deerwood Drive to help homeowners access the new park and Fall River Elementary from that side of our neighborhood. Please keep your eyes open and your hands and feet off once this is poured and in place. It will be shoveled in the winter by the HOA when it snows and maintained by the HOA in the future. This was a project that was requested by homeowners in that area. If there is something you feel would improve our neighborhood and is attainable, please feel free to attend an HOA meeting to share your ideas.

FUTURE PROJECTS

Traffic mitigation on Deerwood Drive is on the way! This takes time for the city to organize, but the plans are on the table and heading our way. We are one of five streets in all of Longmont to receive this! The city is trying to make changes in their program due to the heavy demand for the mitigation services and could only do five projects over the next year and we were one! So be happy we acted when we did and managed to be one of the five. Our hopes are high that this will make Deerwood Drive a slower and safer street for our pedestrians and the drivers in our neighborhood.

Planting the second detention pond along Deerwood Drive is also on the agenda. There is no water in this location so the hot spring put a damper on our plans to plant in this area. There are existing plants on one end but we are waiting for a cool down to continue with any further plantings. It is an area that needs to be hand watered once it is planted so there is a bit more planning than usual involved.

There are many other items that the HOA could use help with. They include planning social events, adopting planted areas to help maintain them, organizing programs within the neighborhood, delivering newsletters and any other items that may come across our table. If you are interested in helping out or would like to share your ideas or join the board please contact a board member or attend an HOA meeting. The meetings are held at 6:30 pm at the fire station off of Ninth and Pace Street every other month of this year. Our next meeting date is Thursday, July 20th.

For more dates and information go to our website at Foxcreekfarm.org. The design review requests for painting your home a new color or adding design elements to your property can also be found on this website.

Our management company is Flagstaff Management and they are responsible for enforcing all of the covenants for our neighborhood on a weekly basis. Board members do not drive the neighborhood looking for infractions or problems, we pay someone to do that for the neighborhood. All of the board members are volunteers who take time out of their busy lives to help keep our neighborhood a nice place to live.

Have a great summer and please drive slowly in our neighborhood!
The Fox Creek Farm HOA