

FOX CREEK FARMS WINTER 2007 NEWSLETTER

2007 ANNUAL DUES!

If you have not already paid them, please do so ASAP. We budget those funds to run the new year and we need them to pay our bills. Snow removal is a biggie this year and if it keeps snowing, we keep paying. Our management company and electric bills are also paid monthly. There is a \$30.00 late fee effective February 15th, and eventually your bill gets sent to our attorney for collections. That costs everyone, especially you, more in the long run. If you need some assistance with payments and would like to talk to Flagstaff Management about setting up a payment schedule, please contact them immediately.

HOMEOWNERS HAVE 24 HOURS TO CLEAR THEIR SIDEWALKS AFTER A SNOWSTORM STOPS.

That is a City of Longmont ordinance, not ours. Some of the homeowners in our neighborhood are either out of town, out of kids to help, out of salt and sand, out of time or simply not capable physically of keeping up with all of this shoveling. If you fit into any of these categories, you need to make some alternative plans for shoveling your walks for the rest of our winter/spring storms.

The city offers a service for citizens who are elderly or disabled and in need of help shoveling called Snow Chasers. The city contact person is Cari at 303-651-8495.

If you would like to be put on a list to be hired to shovel walks in our neighborhood or need to hire some helpers please contact Theresa O'Neill at 303-684-8812. We can get you in contact with each other now before the next storm hits.

If you know of a neighbor who needs some checking on, don't wait, call them or just go over and offer what help you can. You can shovel for them, take them a hot meal, ask them if you can run an errand for them, you know, be neighborly. How fun was it hauling your groceries through the parking lot full of snow? Think of what they are going through and offer to help when you can.

Some Winter Tips!

If you know you are going to be out of town, talk to your neighbors about shoveling your walkways in the event it snows while you are away.

If you live by a mailbox, it is your responsibility to shovel the walkway on your property to the mailbox! Not the HOA, City of Longmont or the US Postal service. The same applies to fire hydrants on your property.

Keep your cabinets open under your sink and a drip in the faucet to keep it from freezing up overnight. Keep your crawlspace door open too if your plumbing runs through it. This will keep them warmer in the bitter cold we have been experiencing.

NEW SIGN ON THE CORNER OF MOUNTAIN VIEW AND PACE

We are currently applying for a grant to help fund a new neighborhood sign for the corner of Mountain View and Pace. The city of Longmont's NGLA program is offering grant funds for improvements to neighborhoods that are active in their program. Stephanie Niewlandt is our NGLA representative and she has researched and submitted the grant on our behalf. We hope to hear soon if we receive the funds and start work on the new sign for this summer. Way to go Stephanie! If we do not get funding, we will have to wait another year to ask again.

TEENCLUB ANYONE?

This year we were asked by our president, Theresa O'Neill, to help start a teen club for our neighborhood. We put forward a budget of \$250 to start it out and she is applying for a city grant to help further the effort. What we need now are some volunteers willing to support this endeavor. We need ideas on the how, what, where, who and when to run the club. We are targeting the ages of 11-15 and hope for a monthly meeting/fieldtrip. This will take some serious thought and with any luck a city grant to really get us up and running. The idea behind this is to get to know the teens in our neighborhood in a positive environment and to keep them out of trouble whenever possible. Many of these kids come home to empty houses, are left with very little supervision and have a tendency to fall into trouble during these years. Why not give them a safe place to meet, some fun activities, a diverse network of friends and hopefully a better outlook on being a part of our neighborhood. If you would like to help contact Theresa at 303-684-8812.

TRAFFIC MITIGATION ON DEERWOOD DRIVE

We hope to see some temporary traffic control devices such as those on Mountain View sometime this year on Deerwood. They are planning two raised walkways and an entryway planter with our neighborhood name on it. There will be votes taken and the process is very long and involved but the outcome should be a safer and slower Deerwood Drive.

Thanks to Bev and Jo Richards and Darla Searls for being on that committee.

CITY OF LONGMONT LAND TURNOVER COMPLETED!!

We have finally signed the land deed over to the city for the walkway land along Spring Gulch. This has taken two long years and some funding to accomplish but it is FINAL!! This should save our community a large amount of money in costs related to water, mowing, fertilizing, maintenance, liability and snow removal for years to come. Thanks to everyone who supported us in this matter and cheering the board on. We were told it would never happen and here we are.

Upcoming projects and topics include; 4th annual Egg Hunt, purchasing a 4x4 and blade for future snow storms and Teen Club. We also still need one new board member to help fill out our five person team. Our thanks go out to everyone who attended our annual meeting and to those of you who continue to volunteer your time and talents to help out our community. Our next meeting is Thursday, March 22nd at 6:30 pm at the Fire station by 9th and Pace. For more info go to www.foxcreekfarm.org.