

Countryside South Homeowners Association Newsletter



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Summer is finally here (well almost)! Thankfully the moisture has greened up the yards and the development is blooming with flowers and trees, which is always a treat to see after a long and cold winter. A few updates and happenings in the development to keep you up to date:

Garage Sale

The community Garage Sale date is June 6th, 2009. A separate post card regarding the sale was sent to homeowners with participation instructions for this event. We are working with the sanitation company to provide a large dumpster in the picnic shelter parking lot on Countryside Blvd. to dispose of any unwanted household items that weekend. Please consider donating clothing items to the Salvation Army or Red Cross. Please, do not place any yard waste in the dumpster.

Capital Improvements

As you can see, the front entrance on Countryside Blvd is being updated. The HOA board and the road district jointly decided to replace the aging entrance sign (shown above) with a new granite monument that will include night lighting. The landscaping area around the sign has been cleaned out and the area on the opposite side of the entrance will be landscaped to "balance" the entrance. Lastly, the center island will be raised and new plants placed inside similar to the divider on E. Omaha St. in Rapid City. Progress has already been made and the project should be done by mid-June.

The board has also sought bids to replace the asphalt sections of the walking paths that have significantly deteriorated. Due to the large costs, the project will likely be undertaken over time in phases beginning with the worst sections this year. This first phase of the project should begin in late June and be completed by mid July.

Covenants

As a reminder, Countryside South is a covenant-restricted housing development. The summer season brings many home improvements projects to the neighborhood. If you have any doubt as to what the covenants require, please review them on our website. You can also visit with any your friendly board members listed at the end of the newsletter. Finally, please check to see that your yard light is maintained and illuminated – it was required to keep from having street lights in the development.

Activity Alert

An alert resident had notified the Board about suspicious activity in the neighborhood earlier this Spring. A brief summary of what occurred follows:

Two nights ago, the night of Wednesday or actually Thurs. (4/30) a.m. there were a couple of vehicles (red full-sized pickup and a small dark sedan with loud muffler) that drove through the neighborhood at 3:00 a.m. Their descriptions matched a story of about 2 or 3 weeks ago in the Autumn Hills neighborhood, dropping people off that were then going through unlocked vehicles and unlocked garages and taking items, throwing them in the back end of the pickup, that was driving on the street, and speeding off. Unfortunately, he was unable to get a license plate and the "red pickup" had driven off so fast that he was not able to pursue. The Sheriff's department was alerted to the event however have not received any theft complaints at this time.

Two years ago several homeowners had items stolen from their garage as did our neighboring development at Red Rocks. I would ask all homeowners to please help "police" the development and keep an eye out for suspicious activity. Protect your valuable items by locking your vehicles and garages at night. If any of your items end up missing, please report them immediately to the Pennington County Sheriff Department so they may follow up on potential leads that were provided.

Repairs

We've had some property damage in the development over the past 12 months. The white picket fence on Sheridan Lake Road lost a couple of battles with vehicles that slid off of the road this winter. The Board of Directors has hired the Fence Connection to repair the broken sections and should be repaired in early June.

We also had several road signs that were knocked over from what appeared to be intentional vandalism. The repairs were made, but have taken funds away from needed improvement projects that could have been done instead. A report was filed with the Sheriff's Department, and if anyone saw or has information regarding the vandalism, please contact the Board President or the Pennington County Sherriff's Department.

Website Reminder / eMail Update Requests

Our website www.csshooa.org is updated monthly and contains minutes of the Board Meetings, contact information for the board members, and useful information pertaining to the development such as the covenants and bylaws.

We are developing an eMail list of residents/homeowners in the development and would like to be able to send alerts, meeting notices, and newsletters to you electronically. If you would like to register your eMail address, please contact the Board Secretary on our website.

Finally, as our kids are out and about playing and riding bikes, scooters, etc., please drive carefully,

Sincerely,

Todd Christoffer, Board President
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