

Country Side South Homeowners Association Newsletter

December, 2013

The Annual meeting of the CSSHOA was held November 25, 2013. Election officers were reelected: President – Jo Ann Paulson, Vice President – John Mattson, Secretary – Jim Moore and Treasurer - Delia Thompson.

Residents are reminded to lock homes and garages as well as cars that sit outside. Many people have access to our neighborhood. Remember that there is a history of thieves coming through the subdivision and “helping themselves” to property that is easily available. **Recent reports of car burglaries and entry into at least one locked garage** have led the Sherriff’s Office to emphasize locking car doors and using deadbolt locks the on side door of your garage.

The following e-mail message was sent to Board President Jo Ann Paulson on Dec. 11 following a phone call in which **Deputy Christopher Nelson from the Pennington County Sheriff’s Office** called to introduce himself. He also requested that we hold a public meeting soon after the holidays so that he could introduce himself to area residents and visit with us about our concerns and changes he would like to make in how the area is patrolled:

Per our conversation today I am sending you my contact information. I have been assigned to the area and plan on doing everything I can to help the residents feel safer in their neighborhood. I would love to hear everyone’s input on what we can do to make this a reality.

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Please feel free to call me at any time.

Nicholas Nelson

Jo Ann will work to set a date for the meeting requested by Deputy Nelson and will notify residents by post card once arrangements have been made.

Please remember that **cars should not be parked on the streets overnight or for extended periods of time.** This is especially true in the winter when the Road District operator needs to plow the snow on the streets. Residents are reminded that **the speed limit is 25 miles per hour** on streets within the subdivision. **Recreational vehicles** must be licensed, are to be driven only on the streets and only by licensed drivers. They may not be driven in any part of the commons areas. This includes children’s battery operated cars and scooters.

Tree Trimming and Removal of Damaged Trees - The CSSHOA Board contracted with Arulio Munoz to clean up the damage to trees in the commons areas. The work has been completed in all areas except for the gully between Limelight Lane and Bitter Root Ct. Mr Munoz felt that the steep angle of the inclines into the gully and the small stream that is presently running at the bottom of the gully would make it impossible for him to get his equipment in there to allow him to complete the required thinning and chipping of the extensive amount of “dead and down” material that exists. The board is currently pursuing alternative ways to address this problem and we welcome residents’ suggestions. If you would like to make a suggestion please contact Jo Ann Paulson at 791-1561 or jopaulson@rap.midco.net. Residents are reminded that they are responsible for trimming and removal of damaged trees from their own property. Some branches have been left on Commons grounds. These should be removed by whoever placed them there. Residents are also reminded that dangling branches can be dangerous and should be avoided.

Sheds, fences, siding and other exterior changes to your residences – Please refer to the covenants prior to making changes on your property that are controlled by the covenants. The ACC committee needs to review changes and then pass their recommendations on to the HOA Board for approval prior to any changes being made. If your realtor did not provide you with a copy of the covenants you may ask them to do so. The covenants are also posted on the Countryside South Homeowners Association website. Tom Mastel is the board contact for the ACC Committee.

Feeding deer and turkeys – As a reminder not only does feeding deer and turkeys make the animals dependent on food provided by humans, but the deer and turkeys cause a great deal of damage to other residents’ yards and gardens as they travel to and from their “feeding stations.” Additionally, mountain lions are attracted into residential areas as they prey on both the deer and turkeys. In the interest of safety for both humans and the animals, residents are discouraged from feeding the deer and turkeys.

The Countryside South Homeowners Association has had a busy and successful year. The board consists of the previously listed officers and members Jean Mattson, Tom Mastel, and Richard Larsen. We share a good working relationship and have appreciated input from residents. We are in need of new members due to the fact that several of us will be leaving the board at the end of 2014 and it is good to have members who bring fresh ideas and new perspectives to the board. It is also good to have experience in how the Board functions prior to assuming leadership roles. Please consider becoming a board member. The board traditionally does not meet in December so our next meeting will be held on Monday, January 27, 2014 at the Whispering Pines Fire Station.