

# Summerlane Village News

May 2011

## Summerlane Village...

*...it takes a village!*

ARC: WE NEED YOU! There is an open position on the Summerlane Village Architectural Review Committee (ARC), please consider volunteering by sending an email to [info@summerlanevillage.com](mailto:info@summerlanevillage.com). The ARC consists of at least three homeowners and meets twice a month during the "busy" season, and then monthly or as needed in the "offseason". Responsibilities include being familiar with the Covenants of the community and a desire to keep and make Summerlane Village a beautiful place to live.

There is no limit to the number of homeowners that can be on the ARC, so volunteer today!

THANK YOU!

## ARC Spring Walk

The ARC will be walking the neighborhood the week of May 30<sup>th</sup>. Please review the list below so that you know what they are looking for and so that you can make any corrections before that week:

- **Yard:** Weeds and/or grass in rock, xeriscape, flowerbeds, etc.; mulch or rock that needs to be replenished; lawns not watered or cut regularly; dead areas in lawns; rock that has slid down the sides of the house leaving exposed ground
- **Trees:** Dead tress and/or branches; shooters growing out of the base
- **Fences:** Split in foot and/or head rails; damage; missing parts
- **House:** Porches being used for storage; stones falling off house, trim and/or pillars; paint peeling on porch rails; damaged downspouts

## Homeowners' Education

*An evening with the HOA's lawyer*

Ever wonder about why you have a homeowner's association and what the association can do for you? Come to the Summerlane Gazebo on June 8th at 6:30pm for an hour-long presentation by the Association's law firm about living in an HOA.

Topics will include an overview of HOAs, homeowners' responsibilities and benefits, architectural issues, and an opportunity for Q&A. What better way to spend an evening than with the Association's lawyer?

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**REMINDER:** If you are making any changes to the exterior of your home, beyond planting flowers, you **MUST** submit and obtain approval from the ARC **PRIOR** to starting the work. Failure to do so will result in a fine of \$100. Forms are available at [www.summerlanevillage.com](http://www.summerlanevillage.com).

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## 2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### HOA EDUCATION CLASS – JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup>

SUMMERLANE VILLAGE GAZEBO  
6:30PM TO 7:30PM

### COMMUNITY WORK DAYS – JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup> & TBD IN SEPTEMBER

MEET AT THE SUMMERLANE VILLAGE GAZEBO  
8:30AM

### ANNUAL MOTORCYCLE RIDE – JULY 16<sup>TH</sup>

MEET AT THE SUMMERLANE VILLAGE GAZEBO  
NOTE: FRIENDS AND FAMILY WELCOME

### ANNUAL COMMUNITY BBQ – AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup>

SUMMERLANE VILLAGE GAZEBO

The HOA will be supplying hamburgers, hotdogs and buns – stay tuned for details. Please plan to attend!

## HOA Monthly Dues

Please remember that your HOA dues are payable and due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. They can be paid by mailing a check or money order to our P.O. Box or by dropping them in the milk cooler on the porch of our Treasurer, Stephanie Schmalz, at 7868 W. Layton Way.

HOA dues are considered late if not postmarked by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month or not placed in the milk cooler on Stephanie's porch by 8:00pm. Stephanie collects all payments on evening of the 10<sup>th</sup> to ensure on-time payments.

Please keep in mind that this perk—putting your dues in the milk cooler—is something that Stephanie has agreed to allow homeowners to do in order to give those that may have forgotten to pay their dues some extra time each month. Leaving payments in the milk box is done at your own risk and although we have not had any trouble in the past, Stephanie is not responsible for missing payments.

Our post office box info is: Summerlane Village HOA, P.O. Box 620895, Littleton, CO 80162.

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## Community Work Days

For the past two years, Summerlane Village has had a Community Work Day – it's been a GREAT success and, although it is a lot of work, it is also a lot of fun! Not to mention, it saves us a lot of money!

This year, as discussed at the annual meeting, we will have two work days so that more homeowners will have the opportunity to participate. Please join your fellow neighbors as we replenish wood chips, clean up older trees, replace dead bushes and generally “clean up” our neighborhood.

We'll see you on June 18th and/or a day to be determined in September at 8:30am at the Gazebo! Bring your work gloves, shovels, rakes, water and enthusiasm!

## Our Furry Friends

The rules of Summerlane Village, as well as Jefferson County, require all dogs be on a leash when in public. Please keep your pets on a leash when walking them

in the community, working in your yard and/or spending time outside. Those not compliant with this regulation can expect to be contacted by the Jefferson County Sherriff's Department.

Additionally, pet owners are required to pick up their pet's waste immediately. This means that you must carry a bag with you or use one of the “doggie station” bags in the neighborhood. This continues to be a problem in the community—especially along the common area paths leading to and away from the play area. Please be a responsible pet owner and respect the community.

Along those same lines: the Board also asks that you please be respectful of other homeowners' property by not allowing your pets to urinate on others' lawns and leaving “burn marks.” We all try to have nice looking yards, so let's help each other!

Lastly, we all know that dogs bark, but from time to time there are situations where dogs are left to bark or whine excessively. While the HOA cannot do anything to enforce excessive noise we do ask that you, again, be respectful of your neighbors.

If you have any trouble with a neighbor's pet, please consider approaching them first – open communication is usually the best solution. Many times you'll find that the homeowner had no idea their pet is causing a problem. If that doesn't resolve the issue, please contact Jefferson County Animal Control.

Dogs aren't the only reason that you might need Animal Control. It has been brought to the Board's attention that there are a few cats in the neighborhood that are leaving waste in yards. It is important to know that, per Jefferson County, cats may be trapped and taken to the animal shelter where they will be held for six to seven days. When the owner reclaims their cat, they will be charged a reclaiming fee and also a daily boarding fee for the number of days the cat was held at the shelter.

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## Email Communications

To receive HOA news and announcements via email, visit [www.summerlanevillage.com](http://www.summerlanevillage.com) or send a request to [info@summerlanevillage.com](mailto:info@summerlanevillage.com).