

THE PARKS

Homeowners' Association Inc.

NEW BOARD ELECTED

On April 11th The Parks Homeowners' Association was turned-over to the members and an election was held for a new Board of Directors. Please welcome Chuck Arnold, Eric Eidler, Sylvia Morrison, Dave Vogt, and Julian Wright as The Parks Homeowners' Association' first Board of Directors. Chuck, Eric, and Sylvia will serve for two years and Dave and Julian will serve for one year. Next year, two candidates will be needed to fill the seats that become vacant at the next members' Annual Meeting. From then on, each Board member will serve a two-year term. Hopefully, both Dave and Julian will consider running again. There were ten candidates nominated and a thank you is extended for those who accepted the nominations. We had a great turn out at the meeting.

The Board members will hold their "Organizational Meeting" on May 8th to elect officers, decide how to process Architectural Applications, consider forming committees (such as landscape, newsletter, architectural review, or social), and most importantly, decide what future each sees for the community and what leadership roles each will assume.



The first Board meeting will be called shortly thereafter. An announcement of where and when will be posted on this website and around the community. Please be sure to check the site regularly for news updates and general information about your community.

Congratulations to the new Board Members. With their foresight, commitment to the community, and experience, The Parks HOA will continue to thrive and improve.



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MEET YOUR MANAGEMENT

Although the Board of Directors has the authority to implement the rules and regulations of the community and oversee the maintenance of the common areas, it has chosen to retain the services of Central Oregon Community Management to provide the daily oversight of the community's needs. COCM contributes not only 35 years of experience in the form of advice and counsel, but takes care of the numerous tasks which would otherwise make the Board's job as volunteers a full-time occupation.

Together, the Board of Directors and COCM establish policy and direction for the day-to-day operation of our community. If you have concerns or questions regarding the association, common areas, or the community in general, please feel free to contact the Board members or COCM at (541)-318-0704, or send them an e-mail at info@cocommunitymanagement.com.

SPRINGTIME AT THE PARKS

One of the tasks the management conducts in the summer is the dreaded CC&R inspection. Here's a short list of some of the things to remember during the Spring and Summer Seasons:

- Keep your landscape trimmed, mowed, weeded, and green. Now is the time to look at your turf and consider dethatching or aerating and fertilizing. With just a little effort in the spring, your turf will be lush and insect/weed free all summer long.
- In some of our older sections, it might be time to look at repainting or touching up the trim. If you plan on repainting, an approval by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) will be required. The ARC Application can be downloaded from the Association's web site www.theparkshoa.org on the "Documents" page.
- When bringing in your RV's, boats, trailers, campers etc., remember there is a 72-hour timeframe in having any of them on The Parks property (even your driveway). The 72 hours allows the owners to clean and pack. The 72 hours does not allow oil changes or mechanical repairs, so do those outside of the community or in an enclosed garage. Also, if you are washing your vehicles, please make sure to use biodegradable soap so that any soapy water entering the streets will not pollute the catch basins.
- Garbage containers need to be out of view from the street or neighboring properties. Consider some type of screening if trash containers must be stored outside. Remember also that any structures will need Architectural Review Committee (ARC) approval.

HOMEOWNER HINTS

A few of our homeowners have some useful reminders to share:

- In the evening, it is suggested that all alley-access homes keep the outside garage lights on for safety and visibility. If your home is in an area not illuminated with street lighting, it might be a good idea to keep your porch lights, on too.
- Pets should be leashed at all times when outside your property. Please don't let your pet (cat or dog) become the neighborhood nuisance. Pick up after your animals, too.
- Trash and Trash Containers – remember: out of site, out of mind. If it's seen, it's in violation (except on garbage pick-up day).

If you have a handy hint or just want to pass along some concerns – Please contact Lynnda at 318-0704 so that your comments can be added to the web site update or next newsletter.

REMINDERS

- The irrigation system is being checked out and the pools are getting dewatered. You may even see the pool covers off before our official opening date (Memorial Day Weekend), but don't be tempted to use it...it won't be heated or treated. Do, however, start thinking about those long, lovely, hot days of summer.
- Some useful tips for waking up your outdoor spaces:
- Homeowners are encouraged to start gardening areas that the Association doesn't maintain. A helpful gardening hint is to start weeding early so that those uninvited plants don't take hold.
- Those of you who share common ground between homes should join forces in keeping the area weed-free or perhaps come to some agreement about hardscape. This really pertains to the cottages.
- Look around your home for those maintenance needs that have been neglected for the winter. A little touch up on the trim or house might be needed.
- If you are planning on some major renovations or additions, be sure to submit your plans to the Architectural Committee for review before you start. You might want to submit your tentative plans now so when the weather permits, your plans are already approved.