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Notes, Reminders,  
Updates:

- CVOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET on the third Tuesday of each month. Check cvoa.net for specifics.
- Semi-Annual NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH Block Captain Meeting Tuesday, October 16th at 5:15pm, prior to monthly board meeting.
- ANNUAL MEETING of all CVOA MEMBERS will be held Wednesday, March 13, 2019
- Drivers—Reminder to SLOW DOWN! The speed limit through Columbia Village is 25MPH unless otherwise posted such as 30MPH on Lake Forest & Grand Forest or 20MPH on side streets.

# Columbia Village Owners Association

September 2018 Newsletter

## Mailboxes in Columbia Village

Based on feedback from the city Postmaster, the mailboxes in Columbia Village (and many other subdivisions throughout the valley) might be on the association's common area *but the associations are not mandated to maintain* the mailboxes or mailbox trees. This is the case in Columbia Village. Our governing documents and current budget do not provide for a neighborhood-wide mailbox replacement/improvement program.

Depending on the age of the area where you live in Columbia Village, the paint might be peeling off the boxes or the tree that holds all the mailboxes is starting to tilt. This is a great opportunity to collaborate with your neighbors to fix (add bracing?) or replace the whole tree and/or replace your own mailbox. The homeowners on Nasturtium Pl have done a great job of working together to replace their two trees and all their boxes over the summer. Take a look in their cul-de-sac for an example if you and your neighbors are interested in working together.

Some streets in Columbia Village have many mail boxes on a tree, some just two or four. Pursuant to Section 5.21 of Article V of the Master Declaration, a free-standing mailbox must be approved by the ACC (and would also need permission of the Postmaster since the mail routes and delivery order are established).

An older version of the Homeowner Handbook (new version coming out late 2018/early 2019) notes that "Mailboxes and their stands shall be maintained in good condition by owners at their individual expense. Mailboxes shall be black or beige as is the standard on your particular street." The new handbook will include white as an acceptable color.

Your individual mailbox must be a USPS approved receptacle that reasonably operates to hold mail. If you are interested in a mailbox that locks, there are some nice options such as the Mail Boss Locking Security Mailbox on Amazon.com. Self-stick numbers for your mailbox can be found at any home improvement center.

The Postmaster has shared that style and structure of the mailbox trees do not matter if the delivery order does not change. For Columbia Village, mailbox trees (wood frame work) already have an approved design so no need for CVOA ACC approval - - as long as the same design is being used - - similar to what already exists on your street in terms of shape, size, and wood material. A neighbor has provided pictures of their mailbox tree project along with a sketch. Those pictures and the sketch are posted in the Rec Center hallway and are also on CVOA.net. Their replacement tree is not exactly the same, but close enough - not warranting ACC approval. If you want to propose a mailbox tree solution that is different in size, shape, and material other than what is already located on your street, please work with Christian at Sentry to submit an ACC request to obtain permission.

## Neighborhood Watch

Thanks to everyone who attended National Night out on August 7. It was a fun evening to visit with neighbors, see Boise City guests, entertainment, and a food truck rally. We'll participate in Boise's NNO again next August. Stay tuned for more information in 2019!

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### Semi-Annual Block Captain meeting on October 16, 5:30pm.

**For block captains or anyone interested in Neighborhood Watch. See you then!**

### There are Four Components to Neighborhood Watch:

1. Get to know people (engage with neighbors)
2. Recognize and report suspicious activity
3. Practice good safety habits (the 3 L's: Locks/Lights/Landscape)
4. Partner with local law enforcement.

***We need a few more block captains! Minimal responsibility...please contact Sentry if you are interested.***

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## Carey Guard

CVOA's security contractor has a nightly patrol. Every night from 10pm to 2am there is a guard on duty in Columbia Village. Carey Guard will work with law enforcement as required. Please call for assistance or to report suspicious or unreasonable activities. 208-353-0348

For Boise Police Department non-emergency dispatch assistance, call 208-377-6790.

For all emergencies, call 911!

*A big thanks to Carey Guard for the extra effort with summer duty and a guard at the pool area.*

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## Pioneer Room

As noted in the Spring newsletter, at the annual meeting in March there was a fun vote held to name the rental room in the Rec Center. Thanks to those who participated.

Details for renting the PIONEER ROOM can be found at [cvoa.net](http://cvoa.net) along with the rental agreement. The Pioneer Room is a multi-purpose facility within the Rec Renter that can be rented by Owners and Tenants in good standing as a reasonably-priced location to hold meetings and parties.

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## Quarterly Assessments

Quarterly Assessment payments are due January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1 of each year. The payments have a 45-day grace period. This means the payments are considered late after the 16th of the following month (January is due by February 15; April is due by May 15; July is due by August 15; October is due by November 15). Questions? Contact Sentry.

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## Handy Phone Numbers

Aloha Landscape (after hours irrigation emergencies)	208-322-9069	Boise Code Enforcement	208-384-3845
Animal Complaints (nonstop barking, stray animals)	208-343-3166	Traffic/Speeding Complaints	208-577-3857
Non-Working Street Lights (location and pole #)	208-384-3744	Abandoned Vehicles	208-377-6790
<b>Non-Emergency Police Dispatch</b>	<b>208-377-6790</b>	<b>Carey Guard</b>	<b>208-353-0348</b>

## March 2019 Board of Director elections

At the annual meeting to be held on March 13, 2019, CVOA Members will be electing three directors, each for a three-year term, to be part of the 9-director Board.

Directors must be available to meet on the third Tuesday of each month from approximately 6pm to 9pm, plus be responsive to daily and weekly emails.

Directors may be asked to serve on subcommittees and attend other activities each month. The time commitment for a CVOA Board member (Director) might be two to four hours per week depending on the time of year or topics at hand.

CVOA Board membership is a great way to get involved and learn new things while giving back to our neighborhood!

If you are not interested in a Board position, serve on a CVOA committee!

### Committee Opportunities

- Architectural Control Committee (ACC)
- Landscape & Maintenance (plans and oversees care of common area including the work performed by Aloha)
- Amenities (including Recreation Center, Pioneer Room, Pools, RV Lot/Boat Storage, Horseshoe Pits, and Disc Golf)
- Communications & Events
- Nominating Committee

### Nominating Committee

CVOA Bylaws provides for a Nominating Committee to be appointed by the Board of Directors. This committee shall bring forth at least as many candidates than the number of vacancies to be filled at the Annual Meeting elections. The committee will be led by a Director from the Board and consist of at least two Members. If you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee, please contact Christian at Sentry no later than 10/10/18.

### Events Committee

This committee has one more event on its radar for 2018—a Fall/Winter Activity, advertised in the Spring Newsletter as TBD. The time is now to determine what that activity might entail! If you are interested in participating on a planning committee, please contact Christian at Sentry. Christian will connect you with Nikki Hampton, the CVOA Communications and Events Chairperson.

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### Community Pro

During the July CVOA meeting, Pat Lidell from Sentry gave a demonstration about Community Pro, the portal for all homeowners to view their accounts. The tutorial document is posted on CVOA.net under the Contacts drop-down menu—look for “Portal Access Tutorial” - - questions? Contact Sentry.

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### Enforcement Policy

The enclosed Enforcement Policy Update was adopted by the Board in March 2018 to align with the Idaho Homeowners Association statute which governs the Association’s right to enforce CC&R’s and resolve infractions.

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