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Special Points of Interest for CVOA members:

- ANNUAL MEETING
Wednesday March 13th
6pm at the Recreation Center, details enclosed
- CVOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET
Third Tuesday of each month. Check cvoa.net for specifics.

Event Dates:

see cvoa.net for details

- CLEAN UP THE VILLAGE—trail walk
Saturday, March 30th
- GAME NIGHTS in the Pioneer Room at the Rec Center, one Saturday a month April to October
- NW MEETING
Tuesday, April 16
- POOL OPENING
Saturday May 25, 7am
- BBQ & Pool Party
Saturday June 1, 11:30am
- NEIGHBORHOOD YARSALE
June 8th and 9th
- NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (NNO) Tues, August 6
- 2nd Annual Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day

Check CVOA.net for details as event dates get closer!

Columbia Village Owners Association

Annual Newsletter - February 2019

CVOA Management Partner

Since January 2018, Sentry has been the Columbia Village management partner handling our association's financial and administrative business in collaboration with and direction of the CVOA Board of Directors. The Board is tasked with running the business of Association per the governing documents of Columbia Village and within the ever-changing laws that affect the association. This includes consistent application of our Master Declaration, Bylaws and resulting amendments and resolutions plus enforcing requirements included in the CVOA Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions, Easements (CCR's) thru the Architectural Control Committee (ACC). Sentry helps the Board and the Association with all of this.

For communication purposes, if you have not already, please provide your email address to Sentry. We are at approx. 45% of CVOA submitting at least one email address to opt-in for receiving email communication from Sentry on behalf of CVOA.

Please check out the Sentry portal called Community Pro for homeowners to securely access account details, CVOA documents, and other helpful materials. There is a Community Pro Portal tutorial on CVOA.net under the Contact tab.

Our Sentry Community Manager is Christian Brockl: cbrockl@sentrymgt.com or 208-323-1080 EXT. 59509. Contact Christian for anything related to the day-to-day operations of Columbia Village including questions about association rules, violations, assessment payments, access to the Rec Center and RV Lot, Pioneer Room rentals, sprinkler issues in the common areas, and to provide information or pose questions to the Board.

Proxy

The enclosed proxy form allows a homeowner/household (CVOA Member) to be counted as attending the annual meeting even if the member can't be there in person. This is very important because the CVOA Bylaws require a certain percentage of total homeowners to attend the annual meeting either in person or by proxy so that business can be conducted. If you can't attend the meeting on March 13, please complete the enclosed proxy form and provide it to Sentry before 5pm on March 12th. There is also an Absentee Ballot if you wish to vote in the annual election for CVOA Board Members. Absentee Ballots must be accompanied by a completed Proxy form. More details are available in the enclosed Official Notice of the 2019 Annual Meeting. For questions, contact Christian at Sentry.

Game Nights

Based on CVOA member feedback, the Social Committee will host Game Nights one Saturday a month, April through October, in the Pioneer Room at the Rec Center. The committee has purchased new card tables and will provide snacks. Attendees can bring own drinks. Proposed dates are as follows: April 20, May 18, June 22, July 20, August 17, Sept 21, October 19.

Please contact Christian at Sentry if you are interested in participating! Christian will get you connected with the Board Member responsible for the Social Committee. And if you are interested in being on the Committee as a Game Night host, we'd love to have help! Card Games such as pinochle, cribbage, hearts, spades, or Board Games, too, depending on response. Stay tuned!

A message from the Board

Another CVOA Annual Meeting is around the corner! We look forward to seeing you on March 13 at 6pm. Please try to arrive early to get checked in. In the past, proxies could be submitted at the meeting. This year we are in more alignment with the bylaws in that proxies must be filed “prior to the date of the meeting” and this year we are also providing an Absentee Ballot option for the Board of Directors election. Any Absentee Ballot must be submitted by Tuesday March 12 at 5pm and must be accompanied by the completed Proxy form. During the check-in process at the annual meeting on March 13, ballots will be distributed to those people attending in person to cast their household’s vote *in addition* to providing additional ballots to anyone who has been designated as someone else’s proxy (based on proxies submitted by the deadline on March 12). Instructions are noted in the Official Notice enclosed with this newsletter mailing. Please submit questions to Christian at Sentry.

At the meeting, a few of the CVOA committee representatives will present reports recapping 2018 and provide updates about plans for 2019 and beyond. Once the presentations have been given and while ballots are being counted, there will be a short Question and Answer session. Our hope is that most of your questions should have already been answered throughout the night, but if there are new topics that come up as a result of the Q&A, the Board and/or Sentry will take forth your feedback and ideas as as items to address in the future.

Very kind regards,

Your CVOA Board of Directors

A message from the Board Treasurer

In December 2018 all CVOA members received a mailing which included a copy of the 2019 Operating Budget approved by the Board and information about Assessments. With the 2018 Financials almost finalized/closed out, a 2018 recap and discussion of plans for 2019 Operating and Capital Reserve expenditures will be outlined further at the Annual Meeting along with an update on cost reviews that are underway in response to questions from members. See you on March 13! 2018 Completed Financials will be provided at the meeting to all in attendance. For households unable to attend who would like a copy, please contact Christian after the meeting.

Crosswalks

Over the past year we’ve pondered how to make our crosswalks safer, especially when it is still dark outside before school starts in the cold months. CVOA submitted a request to ACHD last fall and as we work through the hoops, please know this has not gone away but it is a slow go. More information will be briefly presented at the Annual Meeting for those who are interested in learning more.

Gowen Field

In October 2018 a letter was sent by Concerned Boise Residents to the Idaho National Guard. It appeared the letter may have come from CVOA, which it did not. Leaders from Gowen visited our October CVOA meeting. At the Annual Meeting more information will be briefly presented for those who are interested in learning more about Gowen Field’s rules.

A message from the ACC

The CVOA Architectural Control Committee reminds all members to submit a ACC request for painting your house, modifying the front landscape, installing or replacing a fence or shed. Just because something similar is found elsewhere in Columbia Village does not mean it is approved. It is the time of year (spring, summer) when ACC requests increase. ACC meets fairly often so your requests can be reviewed in a timely manner. Sentry can help with your ACC request submissions. Contact Christian with any questions.

CVOA was incorporated in the early 90’s and is governed by a set of CCR’s that require a vote of at least 2/3 of the association to change. New homeowners should receive a copy of the CVOA documents from your title company at ; sometimes what may have been communicated during the house-hunting process doesn’t match the CCR and other governing documents. The ACC and the CVOA Board spend time discussing CCR issues and situations on a case-by-case basis, therefore, it is best that each homeowner follow the current CCR and ACC process.

We are working to make rules and guidelines more modern, which takes time and buy-in.

Little Free Library

Little Free Library is a nonprofit organization that aims to inspire a love of reading, build community, and spark creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges around the world. CVOA ACC has recently received requests from homeowners who want to host a Little Free Library on their property. If you are interested in doing a similar 'lending library' please contact Christian at Sentry to submit your name and address and to find out a bit more about how CVOA is adopting the Little Free Library concept. A few guidelines:

- The cost to create and maintain the library belongs to the homeowner. See ideas online or prebuilt kits on Amazon.
- Your library shall not be placed on common area or public street right-of-way or public easement.
- Your library shall not obstruct vehicular, bicycle, or pedestrian traffic and must not obstruct pathways utilized for ADA accessibility.
- Enclosures must be sized and arranged that no person is able to enter. The structure shall be anchored to the ground or otherwise securely attached to something having a permanent location on the ground.

Speaking of Libraries, the bookshelf inside the Rec Center is its own "little free library" of sorts. Please come take a book or exchange a book or two.

We are in need of someone to take on this Lending Library as a volunteer project, arranging the books and tidying up every few weeks, categorizing by type of book and alphabetizing by title, etc. This might be a volunteer role in which the coordinator could spend a few minutes a month on upkeep. If you are interested in taking this on, please contact Christian at Sentry who will connect you with the Board to start this project.

And when you come to the Rec Center Library, check out the couches CVOA purchased in December to replace the tattered pieces that had been quite damaged for a while. Looks much better now!

General Reminders

- Driving motorized vehicles on common areas within Columbia Village is prohibited (and destructive!). For questions contact Sentry.

- The speed limit in Columbia Village is 25MPH unless otherwise posted such as 30MPH on Lake Forest & Grand Forest or 20MPH on some side streets.

Watch the school zones!
Watch for pedestrians!

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

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

For all emergencies, call 911!

Garbage/Recycling/Compost/Refuse

From the CVOA master declaration section 5.14.d: "All trash, debris, garbage and refuse shall be kept at all times in a covered container and all such containers shall be kept on a lot within an enclosed structure or screened from public view." There is leniency during snow conditions when cans are not able to be moved out of sight, but otherwise homeowners are responsible for following this rule. Bring in your cans consistently each week within a reasonable amount of time after trash day to the great appreciation of your neighbors.

Mailbox trees

Please see details in the September 2018 newsletter and also posted on cvoa.net under the ACC tab.

Quarterly Assessments

Per the CVOA CCR documents, the quarterly fees are due on the 1st day of each quarter. Payment of the assessments have a grace period, meaning fees are due on or before the 15th of the following month. See due dates posted on cvoa.net or contact Sentry with questions.

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 (provide pole # and street location)	208-384-3744	Abandoned Vehicles	208-377-6790

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A message from the Landscape and Maintenance Committee

2018 Highlights:

- * Refreshed many of the micro-paths around CVOA with weed fabric and gravel
- * Added a new planting bed at the corner of Mimosa and Lake Forest
- * Continue to actively treat desert belts for Firewise — goat grazing off Grand Forest (across from Simplot fields) and in Snapdragon desert belt
- * Removed turf and replaced with boulders and shrubs on Tiger Lily and Eastgate to help reduce watering and maintenance
- * Refreshed the bark around swing sets near recreation center
- * Added compost to flower planting beds in front of recreation center to help with flowers this spring
- * Filled in open space on Grand Forest with 5 new trees
- * Improved the path between Flores Ct and the Basalt Tim Trail with new sand

Neighborhood Watch

There are four components to Neighborhood Watch:

1. Get to know your neighbors
2. Recognize and report suspicious activities
3. Practice good safety habits
(the 3 L's: Locks/Lights/Landscape)
4. Partner with NW Coordinator, Carey Guard,
and local law enforcement.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Christian at Sentry to connect with CV's NW Chair.

***Mark your calendars for a NW Meeting on April 16th prior to the monthly CVOA Board Meeting. More details coming soon via CVOA.net.

March 2019 Board of Director elections

The Columbia Village Owners Association is seeking three Directors, each with a three-year term (March 2019 to March 2022). Elections will be held at the CVOA annual meeting on March 13th, 2019.

New directors will join the nine-member Board with the first meeting to be held March 19, 2019.

The CVOA Nominating Committee has vetted candidates. Bios for the applicants are enclosed with this mailing as part of the document titled Official Notice. Full applications are on cvoa.net.

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

Any homeowner in good standing is eligible.

All board members must pass a background check performed through the Boise City Neighborhood Watch program.

Thanks 2018-2019 Board Members:

Term ends 2019

Chris Bain
Karen Narus
Sal Palazzolo

Term ends 2020

Nikki Hampton
Chuck Mione
Jenn Thompson

Term ends 2021

Russelee Horsburgh
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