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CVOA members,  
mark your  
calendars:

- **ANNUAL MEETING** Wednesday, March 11th at 6pm, details enclosed.
- **CVOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET** Third Tuesday of each month. Check [cvoa.net](http://cvoa.net) for specifics.

**2020 Event Dates:**

- **POOL OPENING** Saturday, May 23
- **BBQ & Pool Party** Saturday, May 30
- **NEIGHBORHOOD YARSALE** June 6th and 7th
- **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (NNO)** Tuesday, August 4
- **Third Annual Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day**, start and end at Rec Center.

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

Columbia Village

# Columbia Village Owners Association

## Annual Newsletter - February 2020

### CVOA Meeting of Members and Board of Director Elections

The Columbia Village Owners Association is seeking three Directors, each with a three-year term (March 2020 to March 2023). Elections will be held at the CVOA annual meeting on March 11th, 2020.

New directors will join the nine-member Board with the first Board Meeting to be held March 17, 2020.

The CVOA Nominating Committee has gathered candidates. Bios for the applicants are enclosed with this mailing as part of the document titled Official Notice. Full applications are on [cvoa.net](http://cvoa.net).

Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the CVOA Annual Meeting on Wednesday, March 11.

CVOA Board membership is a great way to get involved, learn new things, and give back to our neighborhood. Any homeowner in good standing is eligible. All board members must pass a background check via Boise City Neighborhood Watch program.

### Thanks to 2019-2020 Board Members:

#### Term ends 2020

Nikki Hampton  
Chuck Mione  
Jenn Thompson

#### Term ends 2021

Russelee Horsburgh  
Cammi Riemenschneider  
Bonnie Straight

#### Term ends 2022

Tim Egbert  
Sal Palazzolo  
Caitlin Reicks

See [CVOA.net](http://CVOA.net) for officer roles and committees.

### Crosswalks

In the 2019 annual newsletter and at the annual meeting last year we explained that CVOA submitted a request to ACHD for a review of how to make the crosswalks safer in Columbia Village, especially when it is still dark outside before school starts in the cold months. As noted last year it is a slow go. We will discuss again at the Annual Meeting with volunteer opportunities for anyone interested in learning more.

At this point, ACHD has completed engineering analysis. The recommendation is to install five speed humps (bumps) on Grand Forest starting east of Snapdragon Place to east of Hollyhock Way. The ACHD findings did not benefit any changes on Lake Forest Drive as previously requested. Only the fairly straight section of Grand Forest is where travel speeds met the

criteria for Traffic Calming. Next steps include a signature petition list of 247 impacted parcels and a 75% threshold, (186 property owners would need to approve the process to move forward).

In addition, there is a potential cost to the neighborhood. As part of the Traffic Calming Program, if the signature threshold is met then a cut-through study will be performed by ACHD. The results from the cut-through study are used to determine if the highway district or CVOA will be responsible for the installation costs. If the cut-through threshold is met, the highway district will pay for the installation of the speed humps. Regardless of who pays for the installation of the five speedbumps, ACHD will handle maintenance of the speed humps, pavements markings, and signage.

The Board does not want to proceed without Member input. More to come on March 11!

### A message from the Board

This year's Annual Meeting is set for Wednesday March 11 at 6pm at the Club House Pioneer Room. Please arrive early for check-in. The agenda includes brief reports from committee representatives to recap 2019 progress and explain plans for 2020 and beyond.

Election of three Board members for the next three-year term will also occur at the meeting. Please attend so that you may cast your vote OR submit your Absentee Ballot along with your completed Proxy form by Tuesday, March 10 at 3pm. During the check-in process at the annual meeting on March 11, ballots will be distributed to homeowners attending in person to cast their household's vote. Additionally, ballots will be provided to anyone who has been designated as someone else's proxy and who did not submit an Absentee Ballot (based on proxies submitted by the deadline on March 10). Instructions are noted in the Official Notice enclosed with this newsletter mailing. Please submit any questions to Christian at Sentry.

While ballots are being counted on election night, there will be a short Question and Answer session. Our hope is that most of your questions should have already been answered during the presentations and committee reports, but if there are new topics that come up as a result of the Q&A, the Board and/or Sentry will gather feedback and ideas for topics to address in the future.

Meeting attendees will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed location of two permanent benches that have been budgeted in 2020 to be installed near paths on CVOA property.

Hope to see you there!

Very kind regards,  
Your CVOA Board of Directors

### A message from the ACC

With spring approaching, and the Architecture Control Committee, would like to remind homeowners that per CCR's, homeowners must submit an ACC request for any modifications to the outside of your property, including the home. All proposed exterior changes to structures and landscaping must be reviewed and approved by the committee prior to work commencing. Examples include: changes to house color, installation of a new roof, addition of more living or garage space, patio covers, construction of fences, placement of storage shed, or significant changes to the landscaping in your yard. Please note that construction requiring permits per City of Boise regulations should be obtained prior to ACC request submission. While the ACC works to respond to requests within two weeks, per the CCR's the committee has 45 days from receipt of submission to respond with a decision. Please plan accordingly. Sentry Management is available to help with request submissions. Contact Christian with questions.

With the assistance from Sentry, the ACC has started a project to improve communication to homeowners regarding architectural requirements.

Project goals:

- Develop a reference document for the ACC that clearly communicates the rules for architectural control as outlined in the CCRs and supplemental declarations for each subdivision.
- Develop and revise guidelines (i.e., decisions made under ACC discretion) and policies pertaining to fencing, landscaping, and architectural materials pertaining to outbuildings so both the ACC and homeowners have consistent expectations of what will typically can be approved and not approved by the ACC.
- Revise the current ACC form to be more user friendly with clarity on requirements for submission, and may include the possibility of additional forms for specific projects (e.g., fences, sheds, landscaping, etc.).

This project is underway, but given the complexity of the ACC specific CCRs, the multiple phases within Columbia Village (there are 26) which have different construction dates, different developers, different documents, and even some differing requirements, plus the research required to develop guidelines and policies, it will take some time to complete. Please know we hear you!

**CVOA Homeowner Handbook** An updated Homeowner Handbook has been under discussion by the CVOA Board of Directors for several years with a new subcommittee created to develop a revised handbook. A thorough review of the CCR regulations was the starting point for the new handbook along with discussing important topics and required content for the handbook. Homeowner feedback or input regarding the new handbook is welcome. Contact Christian at Sentry if you have ideas you would like to share. Thank you!

## A message from the Landscape and Maintenance Committee

The Landscape and Maintenance committee in conjunction with the CVOA Board and our contractor Aloha continues to conduct work around the neighborhood to beautify the landscape and address safety concerns. The largest project this past year was refreshing various parts of the landscaping along Grand Forest. The following list provides some additional 2019 highlights:

- Repaved asphalt path between schools
- Refreshed traffic islands on Sweet Gum and Hollyhock
- Upgraded traffic islands on Alta Ridge
- Continued placing information signage on trails
- Upgraded landscaping on Intercon/Grand Forest intersection
- Trimmed up spruce tree in various locations for public safety

### General Reminders

- Driving motorized vehicles on common areas within Columbia Village is prohibited (and destructive!). For questions or assistance 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 with 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. Or you can contact Boise Police Department non-emergency dispatch for assistance. For emergencies, call 911.

- The enclosed CVOA proxy form allows a homeowner/household (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 11, please complete the enclosed proxy form and provide it to Sentry before 3pm on March 10th. 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 2020 Annual Meeting. For questions about proxy/elections please contact Christian at Sentry as liaison to the Board and Nominating Committee.

- 2019 completed financials will be provided at the annual meeting. For members unable to attend who would like a copy, please contact Christian at Sentry after the meeting via email.

### Handy Phone Numbers

Aloha Landscape (after hours irrigation emergencies)	208-322-9069
Boise City Police (non-emergency dispatch)	208-377-6790
Boise Code Enforcement	208-972-8150
Abandoned Vehicles	208-377-6790
Animal Complaints (nonstop barking, stray animals)	208-343-3166
Non-Working Street Lights (provide pole # and street location)	208-608-7150

See list of additional resources on CVOA.net Main tab "Service Phone Numbers"

### Neighborhood Watch

If you are interested in Columbia Village Neighborhood Watch Program that operates within Boise City Neighborhood Watch or have questions, please contact Christian at Sentry to connect with CV's NW Chair. Our neighborhood has 90+ block captain spots and some remain vacant.

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### ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS

CVOA CCRs note that assessments payments are due on the 1st day of each quarter. Payments have a grace period up to the 15th of the following month. See [cvoa.net](http://cvoa.net) for date reminders. The annual fee can also be paid in a lump sum at the beginning of each calendar year.

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