



Audubon Spring Homeowners Association

Community News ♦ 3rd Quarter Summer 2011

Important message from the Board of Directors

At the last Annual Meeting a couple complained about a motorcyclist racing up and down our street while their small children were playing in the front yard. They confronted the speeder and asked him to slow down. What else can be done? The HOA has no jurisdiction over Audubon Drive; it is a City street. The City of Colorado Springs has jurisdiction and as such speed violations by any motor vehicle should be reported to the police with as much information as you can get, license plate number and/or the speeder's address. The speed limit in all streets in Colorado Springs is 25 MPH unless otherwise posted. 25 MPH is the fastest anyone should drive on our street; slower is better. There are lots of cars and trucks parked on the street and lots of little kids. It doesn't seem to matter how many times children are warned not to go in the street; it still happens.



Bird Sanctuary

The open area in back of the homes on the east side of Audubon Drive is a bird sanctuary; as such, it is off-limits to the public. It is not a park or playground. It is illegal for any type of motor vehicle to enter. Please respect it and leave it in its natural state.

Please do not dump any debris or furniture or use the road on the east side of the property. Any Violators seen will be reported to the Colorado Springs Police Department.

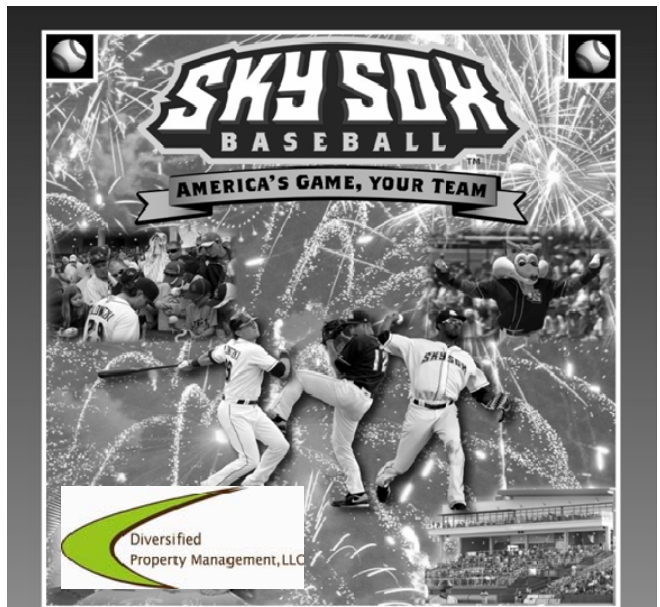
Thank you,

The Board of Directors



Fireworks Reminder

It is illegal for any person to possess or discharge any fireworks, other than sanctioned displays in the city of Colorado Springs. **ALL FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL**; that includes Roman candles, cherry bombs, M-100's, M-80's, shells and mortars, helicopters, bottle rockets, and sparklers, to name a few. Fire bans may impact and change standard regulation - please check your local municipality for fire ban or fireworks prohibition information. Personal use of fireworks result in about 9,500 injuries each year that require medical attention (N.F.P.A. 6/2003). Fifty-five percent of firework-related injuries are burns, and most of those burns involve the hands, eyes, and head. Nearly 40% of victims of firework-related injuries are under the age of 15, and these numbers are increasing each year. Sparklers are the leading product involved in injuries to children under the age of five. Sparklers reach temperatures greater than 1800° F at the tip - hot enough to ignite clothing. Colorado averages about 1,100 fires caused by fireworks.



Community Night at the Sky Sox!

Friday, July 8, 2011 • 7:05pm

Sky Sox vs. Salt Lake Bees

\$5 Upper Reserve Tickets (normally \$9)

\$8 Box Seat Tickets (normally \$12)

Call 314-4503 to reserve your tickets!

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A message from Colorado Springs Utilities

Water Restrictions

Our customers have proven they care about water resources in Colorado, and the water storage situation has improved dramatically since the extreme drought of 2002. As a result, voluntary restrictions are now in effect.

We actively monitor the situation and update City Council as conditions change. We support good habits and

encourage responsible water conservation in our semi-arid climate, even when water supply is normal. Customers are encouraged to continue their conservation efforts!

Recommendations for wise water use:

Wise Watering

Water only when needed and no more than three days per week.

Water before 9 a.m. or after 6 p.m. to minimize evaporation.

Don't allow water to pool or flow across the ground or pavement.

Wise Landscaping

Evaluate and improve soil before installing lawn or landscape. Use 3 to 5 cubic yards of organic material for every 1000 square feet of planting area. Till soil amendment to a minimum depth of 6 inches.

Follow the seven principles of Xeriscape™ to ensure an attractive, healthy landscape with just the right amount of water.

Ask your local garden center, nursery, supply yard or landscape professional about water-friendly plants and materials.

Wise Solutions

Upgrade your irrigation equipment to include a rain shut-off device.

Take a self-guided tour of the Xeriscape™ Demonstration Garden at the Conservation and Environmental Center, 2855 Mesa Road, or at the Cottonwood Creek Park Recreation Center, 3920 Dublin Blvd.

Learn about gardening in the Pikes Peak Region through the El Paso County Cooperative Extension Office. Master Gardener volunteers are available to answer your questions. Phone: 636-8921.

Use our Water Savings Calculator to convert the cubic feet of water noted in your bill into gallons. The calculator automatically calculates the average number of gallons you saved each day and converts it to a percentage of overall water use.



Summer!

Summer is here. Those Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of lawn mowing, weed pulling, lawn and garden watering, house painting and the rest of the "honey do's". More importantly we have to fit in fishing, golf, hiking, BBQ's, baseball, biking, vacations, water sports, and other fun activities. Here are a few pointers so you can have a great summer:

- **Weeds:** We as homeowners and renters are to keep the weeds down in our front, side and back yards. I hate to pull weeds so I have two kinds of weed sprays, one is a total grass and weed killer I use on the xeriscape areas and the second is lawn-friendly so I can use it on the lawn to control weeds.
- **Lawns:** Again, we are to keep our lawns mowed. There are mowers for rent, for sale (both new and used), you can hire someone to mow it for you, or as a last resort, do it yourself.
- **Watering:** We live in a semi-arid climate here; in other words plain old desert, so we have to water our lawns, shrubs, and gardens. Even though there probably won't be water restrictions this summer, I still water on a schedule that would be considered a water restriction. I have lived all my life in the Rocky Mountain States and water restrictions have been a way of life. We should keep the water to the lawns as much as possible and keep it off the sidewalks and streets as much as possible; after all, it's our money running down the street. Also, if you see excessive watering on any of the common areas, let Diversified know as soon as possible. Thanks in advance for your help.
- **Barking dogs:** If you are a dog owner, please have consideration for your neighbors and control your pet. If your dog does not normally bark for an extended time, it may be disturbed and trying to tell you something. If you are the neighbor that is being irritated by the barking dog, this is a noise nuisance and the violation policy applies. It is the dog owners' responsibility to control their pet.
- **Trailers:** The HOA allows trailers, boats, and RV's. They can be stored in the driveway from May 1st to October 1st. Trailers, boats or RV's stored in the driveway after October 1st will receive violation notices and fines.
- **Trash:** Please make sure that all your bags are secure when putting them inside your tote. Please breakdown any boxes that you may have and put them inside your tote.

Please take this opportunity to give your property an overlook and mitigate any violations to avoid receiving an infraction notice. The Board is very reasonable and understands that families' lives are busy and complicated and exterior maintenance sometimes get dropped off our ever-growing priority lists. If you have a circumstance that is preventing you from maintaining the exterior of your home, please make your property manager aware in writing.