## **SVGE Newsletter**

May 2017

## Changes are coming to the HOA

<u>First</u>.... of all let's talk about the upcoming Neighborhood Garage Sale. It is Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 8am-noon. The change here is, the Neighborhood BBQ (also June 3<sup>rd</sup>) follows the sale, from 4pm-6pm. We will have all the usual food and drinks. But, this year besides the face painter, we will have a tall inflatable slide, instead of the bouncer. Tables and chairs are available, but feel free to bring a blanket, additional chairs and shade if you wish, don't forget the sunscreen. This is a great time to meet your neighbors and the Board of Directors.

<u>Next</u>.... Flagpoles are now allowed in the HOA. Please see the following: *Covenants changes to include flagpoles, Addendum of Section 9.3, sub-section T:* 

- (5) Permanent flagpoles are permitted and must adhere to the following:
  - (a) The top of the flagpole, including any finial, must not to exceed 17'-6" (seventeen feet, six inches) in total height from the lot grade. Any additional height may not be gained by the buildup of wood, rock, brick, soil or other materials close to the pole.
  - (b) The placement must not negatively affect lot drainage or be placed inside utility easements.
  - (c) Any permanent flagpole placed in the front yard or placed behind a fence, which is visible from the street, must be pre-approved by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) prior to installation.
  - (d) Any permanent flagpole must be set back at least 14 (fourteen) feet, perpendicular from the homeowner's side of city sidewalk.
  - (e) Any flag displayed must not exceed 3' by 5' in size.
  - (f) No more than 2 flags may be displayed at once.
  - (g) No dirty, worn or tattered flags may be displayed.
  - (h) Follow Flag Etiquette per usflag.org
  - (i) No inappropriate or offensive flags may be flown.

<u>Finally</u>.... A trial period changing the requirements for storing temporary recreational equipment: Starting May 19th, 2017 until Labor Day, Monday September 4th, 2017 the BOD has instituted a trial period to wave the requirement for storing temporary recreational equipment out of site for <u>weekends only</u>. Weekends are defined for the purpose of this trial as, Friday until Sunday at dusk. All recreational equipment must be stored out of site per HOA Covenants at all other times. This is a trial period only and will be reviewed to include, comments, complaints, feedback and number of violations, prior to making any permanent changes. Violations outside of the trial period will be enforced and could result in fines, per the HOA Covenants.

## Present restriction:

Section 9.3: W Occupancy and Use Restrictions

...Temporary recreational facilities, such as basketball goals; inline skate/skateboard ramps, pikes; etc. shall be stored out of sight when not in use.

**Vandalism** – This continues to be a problem, not only in our neighborhood, but almost everywhere. Please note, very recently a car was left unlocked and vandalized, including the theft of an iPad. Also, just last week in our HOA, a garage was left open and many items were stolen, mostly items out of the car, including cash, checks, gift cards and worst of all keys. If anyone finds a key ring with about 12 keys on it with a long lanyard, please contact Flagstaff Management. It is easy to say, the car should have been locked and the garage door shut, but life happens and these things can be overlooked, even if you are vigilant in your attempts to be smart. Let's all help keep a lookout in general and participate in the Neighborhood Watch. Please report suspicious activity to local law enforcement or Flagstaff Management when appropriate. The Longmont Non-Emergency number is 303-651-8501 and Animal Control is (303) 651-8500.

<u>Reminder</u> – We live in a covenants protected neighborhood and as a friendly reminder, most any change made to the outside of your home requires a Design Review Request (DRR) submitted and approved prior to starting your project. This includes any painting, even if re-painting the present color. Also, roof shingles and fence staining colors. A copy of instructions and the request form can be found at flagstaff website.

<u>DRR Change</u> – Approved DRRs are to be visibly displayed, from the start, until the finish of the project; showing all involved the work is approved. Please follow this DRR guideline change.

<u>Be a Good Neighbor</u> – Please be mindful of loud noises or other things, which may be aggravating to those around you. Noise can be from many things; some are machinery, music or leaving your dog outside when it starts to bark. Being a good neighbor should not take a lot of effort and your neighbors will appreciate you.

<u>Trailers</u> - HOA Covenants restrict trailers of any kind from being parked, placed or stored on the street or in HOA common area at any time. If you would need a temporary waiver to this restriction, please contact Flagstaff Management.

And Last.... Please keep our neighborhood the aesthetically pleasing one it is, by keeping up with:

- The trimming of your lawn and shrubbery
- Weeds in all areas of your property
- The paint on your home and staining of your fence
- Concrete walkways and driveways kept clean and free of large cracks or damage We thank you in advance for following the process.

Have a great summer!

Your BOD: President – Rick Newcomb Vice-President – Jim Sarvadi Secretary – Peter Richardson Treasurer – Walter Hopp Tammy Thompson