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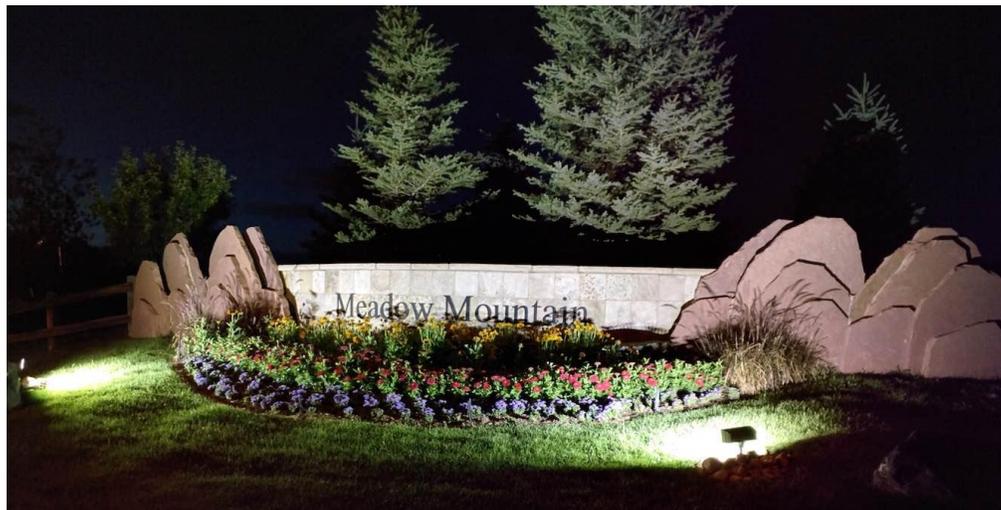
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# Meadow Mountain Spring Newsletter 2017



## **COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE**

A neighborhood garage sale is planned for May 20, 2017. The HOA will pay for advertising in the Longmont Times Call and on Craig's List. Prepare your materials for an 8 am – 2 p.m. sales window on Saturday May 20th.

## **SUMMER GATHERING AT THE PARK**

The HOA had a great turnout for National Night Out in 2016 and have decided to participate again in 2017. National Night out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live. **WHEN & WHERE? Meadow Mountain will hold its second annual NNO on Tuesday August 1st at 6:00 - 8:30 pm, at Blue Skies Park.** Let's come together and meet all our neighbors, both new and old. The National Night Out program culminates annually on the first Tuesday of August across the United States. The HOA will provide food and some form of entertainment for kids. More details will be distributed this summer via postings in our kiosks next to mailboxes and on the NextDoor email list.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**

The board has been working with an arborist, St. Vrain Arbor, regarding the HOA's ash trees. The arborist identified the HOA's ash trees that were healthy enough to be treated for emerald ash borer. These trees will be treated yearly. There were other ash trees deemed unhealthy and the board will be replacing those trees this spring.

## **LANDSCAPING ACTIVITIES**

The Board will conduct its annual spring landscape walk-through with our landscaping contractor in early May. Please communicate any concerns about HOA managed open space, street lawn strips, or pocket parks to Flagstaff Management, so that we can discuss your concerns with our contractor.

It is dandelion season! Please remember that your lawn must be maintained at all times – for example no weeds or dead vegetation areas. Take a look at your mulched or wood chip covered areas to see if they require rejuvenation. Guidelines may be found on the Flagstaff website if you have questions about our standards. The general appearance of Meadow Mountain is excellent and for the reputation of our neighborhood we urge everyone to continue their hard work.

We asked our monument florist Veronica Scadden to suggest names of plants she uses that are particularly well suited for our climate. We thought these suggestions might be useful as you look for plants for your yard. She lists the series of each plant genus as there are many colors to choose from within each series. Here they are:

Petunia Easy Wave or Vista series- sun, Dianthus Bouquet or Jolt series- sun, Angelonia Serena or Archangel series- sun, Zinnia Profusion or Zahara XL series- sun/part sun, Salvia Cathedral or, Summer Jewel Series- sun/part sun, Begonia Big or Whopper series- sun/shade, Impatiens Bounce or Big Bounce series- shade, Coleus Kong Jr. series- shade

Another great way to ensure that a plant will perform well is considering the brand of the plant. Proven Winners, Power Flowers and Hardy Boy are a few examples of great brands that are trialed and tested in our area.

She also suggests considering edible gardening. Incorporating edibles with annual flowers is a beautiful and sustainable practice that many can get involved in and can be enjoyed in both container gardening and in- ground planting.

There are many annuals that can be planted right now that are tolerant down to 20 degrees or less. This can help homeowners satisfy their Spring fever without losing the investment when the weather gets cold. Examples of cold tolerant annuals that I am planting right now are:

Alussum,

Proven Winners is an online resource for homeowners that included DIY projects, combination ideas, kids projects etc. (see [www.beauty.provenwinners.com](http://www.beauty.provenwinners.com)).

Dianthus, Dusty Miller, Flowering Kale and Cabbage, Pansies, Snapdragons, Viola

## **NEXTDOOR EMAIL SYSTEM**

Over 200 Meadow Mountain residents are using **NextDoor** to keep in touch with neighborhood happenings and to share experiences with contractors and repairmen. **NextDoor** is a free social networking service that allows users to connect with people who live in their neighborhood. It is completely independent from your HOA. The site does have privacy safeguards and is completely voluntary. Go to [NextDoor.com](http://NextDoor.com) you would like to learn more.

## **CANINE PETS IN MEADOW MOUNTAIN**

We wish to remind pet owners to be considerate of your fellow neighbors. Persistent barking by your pet is disruptive to many. Also, please clean up after your pets in your own yard, as well as in public spaces. The HOA maintains doggie waste stations on the west side open space for your convenience. As we move into spring and summer, remember that doggie waste in your yard or dog run can emit objectionable odors. Pet nuisance complaints are handled by Longmont Animal Control and they are responsive to complaints and helpful to owners who need assistance.

## **ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW REMINDER**

With Summer around the corner, the Board of Directors would like to remind all homeowners of the architectural review process for the Association. Your Declaration of Covenants requires that no improvements be made on any lot unless approved in advance by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC). This process generally takes about 30 days, and approval is required before you begin your project, so please plan ahead. When submitting a request, please be sure you are as specific as possible in describing your improvements. Your request must show exterior design, height, materials, color, and locations of the improvements. Please take a few minutes to read your Covenants or Design Guidelines to familiarize yourself with the exact requirements and procedures. Homeowners can find a copy of the Design Review Request Form and Design Guidelines at [www.flagstaffmanagement.com](http://www.flagstaffmanagement.com). Failure to obtain permission prior to starting your project is a violation of the Covenants and could lead to your having to remove the improvements and incur costs or fines associated with resolving the violation.

## **OTHER REMINDERS**

- **Please remember to store your trashcans and recycle bins in the garage after trash pickup. With the high winds experienced this winter and early spring, please be considerate of your neighbors and not put bins out too early when high winds are predicted.**
- **Please remember work trailers, campers, etc. are allowed for loading and unloading only and are not permitted to be stored in the HOA.**
- **Please remember to update contact information with Flagstaff Management, if a change is made.**
- **Please remember to make your checks payable to Meadow Mountain HOA.**