The Walnut Grove Reporter

Celebrate Earth Day April 22nd!

April is a time to celebrate Spring and recognize the importance of a healthy environment. Celebrate Earth Day by making choices for a healthier environment during the entire month and all year! Read about some activities you can get involved in to celebrate Earth Day at http://www.epa.gov/earthday/.

Curb Appeal Contest

It's that time of year again! The homeowner with the best-kept yard will be the winner. Judging will be held in June, so start thinking of what you'd like to do now! The winner receives a free month of HOA dues!

Garage Doors

We just wanted to remind everyone to please close your garage doors whenever possible. Open garage doors are a major route into your homes by would-be thieves. It is also a good practice to lock the door between your home and garage, so even if they do get in the garage, it will be harder for them to get in the house.

Walnut Grove Entrance Signs

As most of you know, both entrance signs were vandalized last year. At this time CMR and the board are working on getting estimates for replacement signs. We are paying particular attention to the durability of the new signs. They will be installed soon. Thank you all for your patience!

Fence Staining

Spring is here and it may be time to restain your fence. As you know, all wood fences, within sight of public walkways, must be prepared according to manufacturer's instructions and stained with one of the approved products and colors listed in the Walnut Grove Rules and Regulations #13. Please call CMR for further details at 303-433-2325.

Trash Cans

Please remember to store all trash cans out of sight of common areas. Also, trash cans maybe placed curbside after 6pm the day before scheduled pickup and must be properly restored by the evening of pickup.

Reserve Study

Have you had a chance to review the Reserve Study yet? If not, please take a moment and do so at:

http://cmrdenver.com/95reserve07.pdf.

Some of the items detailed in this report are the retentions ponds on either end of 107th and the drainage system that runs throughout our community. These items, along with many others, will require maintenance and repair. This report estimates costs associated with these. Please contact CMR or any Board member with questions regarding the study.

Thank You Volunteers!

Thank you to all the homeowners who helped clean our adopted trail on Saturday, March 15th! Six volunteers were able to fill seven bags of trash from the open space and trail in only 45 minutes!

Volunteers Needed!

Mark your calendars! On Saturday, April 26th please volunteer a little of your time to help maintain the trees and shrubs in Walnut Grove. Did you know we own about 200 trees and shrubs in our community? Bring your gloves, rakes and shovels and meet at 9:00am at the East Retention Pond. Homeowners with trucks,

who can pick up free mulch at the City of Westminster mulch station at Standley Lake, please contact CMR to volunteer your time and truck to pick up the mulch. We will also be cleaning out dirt, mud and other debris from the concrete drains located in the retention ponds. We need a couple of wheel barrels for this job. So if you have one, please bring it.

Volunteers are also still needed to help with the Design Review Committee and the Rules and Regulations Committee. The Design Review Committee approves homeowners plans for improvements to their property. The Rules and Regulations Committee creates guidelines for the community. If you are interested in being a part of one or both of these committees, please contact Dstry Torrez at **dstrytorrez@comcast.net**.

Walk Arounds, Fines, and Collections

A walk around of the community will be conducted on the last Saturday of each month, weather permitting. Anyone who wishes to participate, is welcome to join. Please be aware that once a homeowner has accrued $90 in fines, delinquent dues, and/or late fees, the homeowner will be sent to a collection agency.

Animal Control

Once again, there is a problem with loose dogs in the community. All dogs MUST be leashed when outside in an unfenced area, including your front yards. This is mandated by city of Westminster ordinance. It is a huge liability for a dog owner if their dog were to bite someone. In most cases, the dog would need to be destroyed. So, please be considerate of everyone's safety and leash your dogs.

Dates to Remember

May 10th is Westminster Community Pride Day and the city celebrates with a community volunteer clean-up day. The Walnut Grove HOA participates each year by cleaning up trash and debris along our adopted trail and the open space along our east retention pond. The city provides trash bags and rewards all volunteers after the clean up with a BBQ and entertainment at City Hall. Hope you'll be able to help for the good of the community!

June 6th and 7th are the proposed dates for the Walnut Grove Community garage sale. A local sponsor will send out post cards and post a map in various places around the community.

August 2nd the HOA is planning a Walnut Grove neighborhood family BBQ at the east retention pond.

More information on these events to come in future newsletters.

Lateral Thinking

To the best of our knowledge, only one other word can be made from all the letters in the word CERTIFIABLE, using each letter only once. What is it?

The answer is below.

April Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held on April 8th at 6:30PM. Anyone wishing to attend, should contact CMR at 303-433-2325 to RSVP.

Request for Articles or Questions

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments, concerns, or items you would like put in the newsletter. My email address is amy.mann052@gmail.com. I look forward to your feedback.

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Happy Spring!

Answer to Lateral Thinking: Rectifiable.

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