



The Vistas VIEW



Newsletter January 2010

NEXT MEETING DATE

January 28, 2010

Please Mark Your Calendars to Attend!

April 22, 2010 (Annual Elections & Quarterly Mtg.),

July 22, 2010 and October 28, 2010

All Board of Directors Meetings are held at Bud Beasley Elementary School starting at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

November 11, 2010-10:00 a.m. Budget Ratification Meeting held at the HOA Office.

Agendas are posted 10 days prior to the meeting. Copies can be found in the agenda boxes attached to the Information Boards located at the top and bottom of Los Altos Parkway. All residents are welcome to attend the meetings generally held in the school library. Come introduce yourself to the Board of Directors, staff and your neighbors. Mike Carrigan, our City Councilman, is usually there to update us on what is happening in the City and to answer any questions you might have. These meetings are a great opportunity for you to learn about present and future projects scheduled for the year and get caught up on everything that is happening in your community.

Did you know:

A coffee maker uses 900-1200 watts of energy

Clothes washer = 350-500 watts

Clothes dryer = 1800-5000 watts

Dishwasher = 1200-2400 watts (using the drying feature greatly increases energy consumption)

40 gallon water heater = 4500-5500 watts

Vacuum cleaner = 1000-1440 watts

Toaster oven = 1225 watts

Toaster = 800-1400 watts

Microwave oven = 750-1100 watts

Portable heater = 750-1500 watts

Monitor awake/asleep = 150/30 watts

Laptop = 50 watts

Color televisions 19"=110, 27"=113, 36"=133, 53"-61" projection = 170 watts

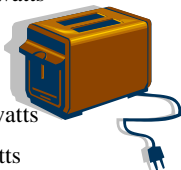
Flat screen = 120 watts

Ceiling Fan = 65-175 watts

Hair Dryer = 1200-1875 watts

Clothes Iron = 1000-1800

Microwave Oven = 750-1100



Architectural Control Committee

Meeting Dates for 2010

January 14, 2010

February 11, 2010

March 11, 2010

April 8, 2010

May 13, 2010

June 10, 2010

July 8, 2010

August 12, 2010

September 9, 2010

October 14, 2010

November 11, 2010

December 9, 2010

Please submit your improvements no later than one day before the ACC meeting for review by the Board.

ACC meetings are generally held the second Thursday of every month.

The Vistas Homeowners Association

2009 Accomplishments

The Vistas Homeowners Association spans approximately 660+ acres and contains 1,473 single family dwellings and custom lots. As part of this community the association maintains landscaping on Los Altos Blvd. and the surrounding open space. The demands of an association this size are always challenging, but there have been several improvements made in 2009 and they are listed below:

- 1.) The Asphalt walkway path was sealed and problem tree roots were removed.
- 2.) A full reserve study was conducted and approved.
- 3.) Improvements to the information boards were completed.
- 4.) Coordinated with the Nevada Fire Safe Council and Nevada Division of Forestry to receive a \$50,000 matching grant for fuel reduction work in The Vistas.
- 5.) Repairs to the three (3) rock walls on the parkway were completed. Sprinkler heads were moved away from the wall, and drainage next to the wall was added.
- 6.) The website has been revised and now will be maintained by the association staff. The website address remains the same: www.vistashoa.com
- 7.) New trash cans were purchased and installed on the parkway.
- 8.) A wrought iron safety fence will be installed on a section of asphalt path along Los Altos below Canyon Parkway.
- 9.) Several irrigation improvements to the three (3) large islands from Canyon Parkway to Vista Heights have been made. Rock has been installed around the islands to help keep water off the street. Sprinklers were added to the center of these islands for better water coverage and small, hard to reach grass areas were eliminated.
- 10.) No increase in semi-annual assessments for 2010.

Board of Directors

President: Jim Baldwin

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Director: David Gurr

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Please be considerate to your neighbors:

We have received several complaints that homeowners are letting their dogs run in neighborhoods and in the common area without a leash. These animals are allowed to wander into other peoples yards and poop and bother other dogs in the area. The common areas are for everyone's enjoyment; please be a responsible pet owner.

Please keep your dogs on
A leash, AND pick up after them!!

Thank you!!



Board Member Job Description

The Vistas Homeowners Association
Position: Member, Board of Directors

It is that time of year again where we would like to invite you to be a nominee for a position on the Executive Board of Directors for The Vistas Homeowners Association. This year we will have two (2) Board of Directors positions up for election. Each position will be held for a two year term, April 2010 through April 2012.

To be Eligible to Serve on the Board, an Individual Must:

- Be a member of The Vistas Homeowners Association.
 - Be current on all assessments and other financial obligations to the association, per NRS 116.31034.
 - Not be involved in any current or anticipated litigation against the association.
 - Not have any outstanding covenant violations.
- Board Members Are Expected To:
- Attend meetings regularly and arrive adequately prepared.
 - Follow the association's Governing Documents.
 - Comply with state and federal laws and regulations.
 - Conduct open, and fair elections.
 - Maintain the common areas and Parkway.
 - Manage the association's finances, including adopting an annual budget, collecting assessments and developing reserve funds.
 - Provide adequate insurance as directed by law.
 - Establish, interpret and enforce rules.
 - Put the best interest of the association before any individual's interest, including their own.
 - Treat all homeowners in a consistent, respectful and appropriate manner.
 - Hire, manage and conduct performance evaluations of office staff and any other association employees.
 - Disclose any potential or actual conflict of interest related to board actions.

Board positions are a volunteer position of responsibility, which requires attending all monthly Architectural Control Committee meetings, Executive Board meetings and quarterly homeowner Board meetings. Board members need to be available at least 15 hours a month to deal with various issues that arise within the Association.

If You are Interested in Running for a Board Position:

Please complete the enclosed Candidacy Biography Statement and submit application letter for Board of Directors and return to the association office at:

1281 Terminal Way, #124 Reno, NV 89502
No Later Than February 15, 2010, 2:p.m.

If the number of nominated candidates is equal to or less than the number of members to be elected at the close of the 30 day period for self-nomination, than ballots do NOT need to be mailed. Therefore, these nominated candidates will be deemed to be elected to the board not later than 30 days after the closing period for nominations. NRS 116 amended 2009.

Please Note:

NRS 116. 31034.5 (a) states: All candidates must "Make a good faith effort to disclose any financial, business, professional or personal relationship or interest that would result or appear to a reasonable person to result in a personal conflict of interest if the candidate were elected to serve on the Executive Board of Directors."

ALL APPLICATIONS FOR BOARD POSITIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE ASSOCIATION OFFICE NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 15, 2010, 2:30 p.m.

Sound advice for anytime of year

News Release:



Reported from Matt Dellavella at the Reno Police Department. The holiday season is a time when the rush and excitement of the holidays can make you careless or complacent about home security, which can leave you vulnerable to theft and other crime activities.

Always make sure you know who is on the other side of the door. Some criminals will ring the bell or knock on the door and hide until the door is opened and then attempt to force their way inside.

Be aware that criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts, or as utility company service personnel; ask for identification and verify by telephone if you are uncertain.

Criminals sometimes will ask for a drink of water in an attempt to gain entry, then look for purses or other valuables, or while you are distracted, open the door for accomplices to get in.

It is not uncommon for criminals to take advantage of the generosity of people during the holiday season by soliciting donations door-to-door for charitable causes, although no charity is involved.

Do not provide any personal information to anyone soliciting funds, whether in person, on the Internet or over the phone.

Beware of anyone selling items at overly reasonable prices. The item may be stolen, possibly even from your neighbor.

Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave the house, even for a few minutes. When leaving home for an extended time, have a neighbor or family member watch your house and pick up your newspapers and mail. When you observe suspicious behavior, note specifics about the person and or vehicle for identification, and contact the Reno or Sparks police Department.

Use automatic timers for indoor and outdoor lights, and change the settings each week. Leave interior lights on when you are gone in the evening, as well as a radio or television, so the house looks and sounds occupied.



Los Altos Parkway Information Boards

Please don't post yard sale signs or other information in The Vistas Information Boards on the top and bottom of Los Altos Parkway. These Boards are used for newsletters, meeting dates and other information as approved by the Board of Directors.

Thank You

Holiday Decorations

Please remember to take outside decorations down in a timely manner. Homeowner reminders will be sent out after February 15, 2010.



Appreciation

We want to thank all of the residents in The Vistas Homeowners Association for keeping the community exceptional and beautiful in this uncertain time of lay-offs and continuing challenges. Thanks to your diligence, our neighborhoods are generally clean, yards are neat and well-cared for. The association staff does what it can to affect the quality of the community in a positive way, but you, the residents of The Vistas Homeowners Association, through pride in your home and consideration for your neighbors, and for the association as a whole, are the reason that The Vistas is a great place to live.



Happy Holidays from The Vistas' staff.

May 2010 be a banner year for us all!

2009 Legislative Changes

Below are bills that were recently passed by the Nevada Legislature that directly affect homeowners associations. To see the bill in its entirety go to

<http://leg.state.nv.us/75th2009/reports/>.

SB 68	AB 129
SB 114	AB 204
SB 182	AB 207
SB 183	AB 251
SB 216	AB 311
SB 253	AB 350
SB 261	SB 351 AB 361