Metro Minute

Greetings to my Vista Ridge neighbors!

In an attempt to open up a better line of communication from the Vista Ridge Metro District to the homeowners of Vista Ridge, this is a first in what I hope will be a continuing series of updates on what is happening with your Metro District.

My name is Scott Wood, and I am the newest member of the Metro District Board of Directors. If you recognize the name, it is probably because I served on your Vista Ridge Master Homeowner Board of Directors for about 5 years. I stepped down in December to allow others to serve, and to pursue a seat on the Metro District Board. Part of my reason for wanting to be on this Board was to improve communication from the District to the homeowners. It has always seemed to me that the Metro District was the great unknown entity in Vista Ridge. I also want better communication and coordination between the Metro District and the Homeowner Association. Some of that has already occurred with HOA Board Director Tim Hedahl becoming a regular attendee at the Metro District Board meetings. I have also been trying to make as many of the HOA meetings as my work schedule allows. These efforts can only improve relations between the two entities.

The following is from the Metro District website at www. colorado. gov/vistaridgemd also accessed via the HOA website:

Vista Ridge is a Special District; a local government, i.e., a political subdivision of the State of Colorado. Colorado law limits the types of services that city and county governments can provide to residents. Special Districts are created to fill the gaps that may exist in the services that cities and counties provide and the services the residents may desire. Some of the municipal services at Vista Ridge are being provided by the District, a Special District which serves only the Vista Ridge property.

What this means, in short, is that through a portion of your property taxes, we maintain many areas within Vista Ridge, as well as service the debt incurred from the original development of the neighborhood. We are responsible for maintenance of the common areas not covered by the HOA or the Town of Erie. (non-potable water system, paths, circles in the cul-de-sacs, etc.)

With that segue, I will quickly discuss a few hot topics. I hope you have seen that our landscape contractor Co-Cal has been taking care of many of the dead trees and getting the grounds looking good. We have had the ash trees treated for Emerald Ash Borer and are hoping for good results from that. If you walk the community paths, as do I, you have most likely noticed that a number of the trip hazards have been repaired. A number of areas with 3 rail fences are in the process of being stained this summer as the weather permits.

Lastly, piggy backing on Tim Hedahl's excellent newsletter from the Association Board, we have also experienced a marked increase in vandalism events. This has a direct financial impact on us, as we have to use funds that could be otherwise spent on improvements, to pay for the deductible on these claims, the largest being the wanton destruction of many of the entry monument sign lights recently. Please be on the lookout for any type of vandalism, and if you see it happening, call 9-1-1 and if possible, get pictures or descriptions of those doing this damage.

Thanks for taking the time to read this update. As always, you are welcome to attend any of our regular meetings, held on the 3rd Thursday of every other month at the HOA Community Center at 8:00 am, the next one being on the 16th of this month. I hope to see you there!

Regards,

Scott Wood,

Vista Ridge Metro District Board of Directors