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COMMITTEES:

ACC / Design Review; Covenant Review Taskforce, Swim Team, Social Committee

All committee meetings are open to residents. Call the Business Office for dates.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

In an effort to provide timely Board information to the Membership, **unofficial minutes** of each Board meeting will be published in the next issue of the Herald.

Official, approved copies of all Minutes will be on file and available at the Business Office.

BOARD MEETING

The next regular Board of Directors meeting for community input and manager's reports will be

Monday, February 10, 2025 Business Office, 6:30 pm

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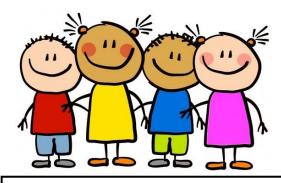
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Waste Connections	303-288-2100				
(HOA Trash Co.—Pick-up day is <i>Wednesday</i>)					
www.wasteconnections	.com				
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Div. of Wildlife -Coyotes	303-291-7227				
Noise—Fiddlers Green	303-486-8275				

MOVING FROM HOMESTEAD?

If you move from Homestead and retain ownership of your home, it is your responsibility to pay the Homeowners dues.

Remember: Please notify the Business office of your new address. Dues are always due March 1. If you are a <u>Renter</u>, you should forward all notices to the Homeowner.



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Our governing documents specify that dues be paid in full once yearly.

If you do not receive our assessment letter by January 15th, please call the Business Office so that we may send you a duplicate copy.

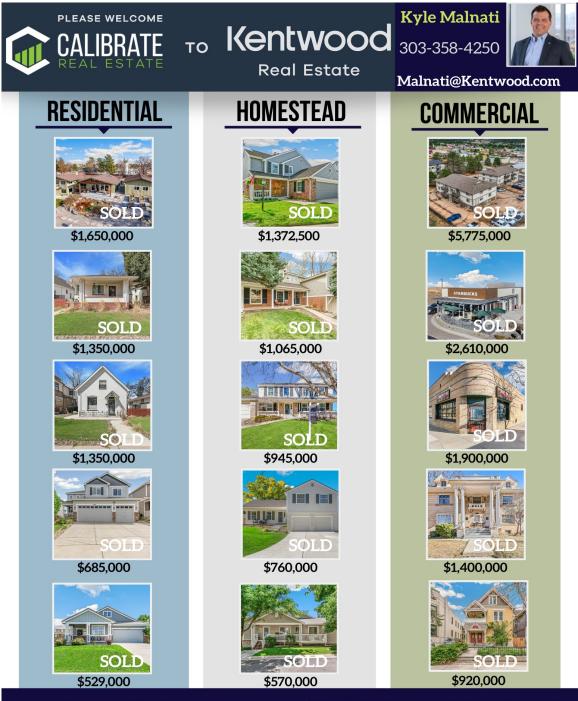
The deadline for paying your dues without late charges is March 1, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. If the Business Office is closed on March 1st, dues must be received inside the office by 3:00 p.m. on the following business day.

Homeowners have two options to submit payment:

Electronically: register on PayHOA (see HOA homepage for registration details – homesteadinthewillows.org). (ACH or Credit Card). Once logged in on your PayHOA dashboard there is an option to "Pay Now." Please note: A \$1.00 processing fee is added to each ACH payment. A 2.9% + 0.30 processing fee is added to each credit card payment.

Via Check: Please mail (or drop off) your payment to the Business Office, 5896 E. Geddes Ave., Centennial, CO 80112 for proper credit to your account.

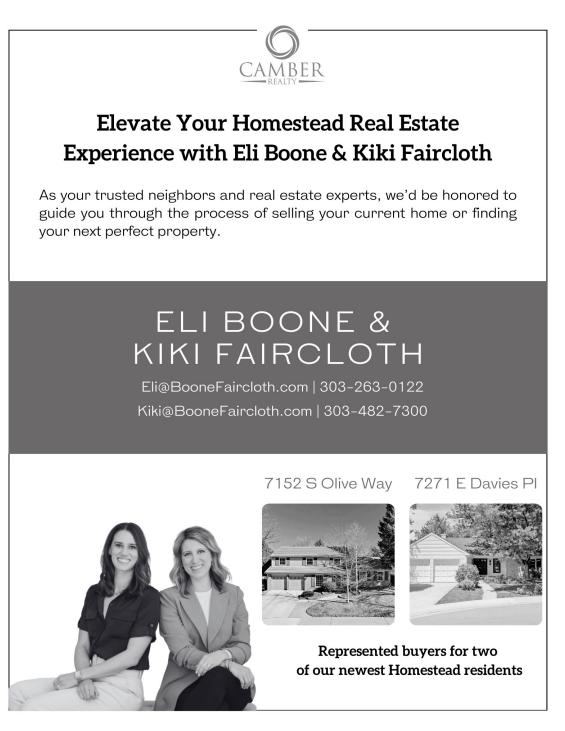
Property Address:
Owner Name:
Owner Email:
Owner Cellular Number:
Owner 2 Name:
Owner 2 Email:
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Landscape Logic

By: Nancy Bauer

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Gardening in Denver is different from almost anywhere else in our country. It's dry here, only 14 inches of precipitation a year on average. We have intense sunshine most days, low humidity, drying winds, and temperatures that may fluctuate 50 degrees or more in 24 hours. Then there's the soil: highly alkaline and, in most parts of the metro area, heavy clay. No wonder gardening is a challenge to newcomers and natives alike! Yet, many Denver landscapes are amazingly beautiful and productive. It's a matter of knowing how to work with our special conditions

Winter watering is important!

Unless we have an unusually wet winter, trees, shrubs, perennials, ground covers, and lawn should be watered every four to six weeks. Check soil moisture levels during warm, windy, or dry periods. Wait for a day when the temperature is 40 degrees or more and the ground is not frozen. Be sure to water early in the day for about 20 to 30 minutes per setting. For further information go to www.ext.colo.state.edu CSU Fact Sheet 7.211

Ornamental Grasses:

Most people prefer to leave dried ornamental grasses standing in the winter garden for winter interest; their shape and swaying plumes add seasonal interest. With the heavy snows many of the grasses in unprotected locations can be smashed into unattractive mounds. These broken and bent grasses won't bounce back to their upright shape, so they should be cut back. For a neater look, avoid cutting them straight across, instead cut grasses below where the are bent and broken at different heights to create more of a rounded shape among the stalks. If grasses are still standing tall leave them, knowing that they will need to be trimmed back before new growth emerges in the spring.

Upright Evergreens:

Upright evergreens and shrub forms of arborvitae often splay open from the snow. While it's best to bundle these shrubs before the snow flies, they can still be pulled back together after the fact. Garden centers have netting and other materials to wrap around evergreens to help keep hold them in their natural upright position. Remember to remove the material in the summer once the plant starts to grow and re-establish its natural form. Binding materials, if not removed, can girdle the plant and eventually kill it.

Recycle Christmas Trees:

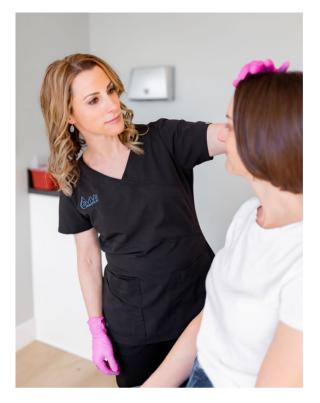
After the holidays you can chop the branches off your Christmas tree and lay them over bulb beds and perennial gardens. The added insulation helps protect plants against fluctuating soil temperatures and early warm-up.

Please also consider dropping your trees off to be recycled at the SSPR Willow Springs location on Holly Street, between Dry Creek and Arapahoe Rd.



			2024	2025
Acct.#	Account Description		Actual*	Budget
40	10 Single Home Assessment	\$	1,309,908.00	\$ 1,378,430.00
40	15 Fence dues	\$	89,800.00	\$ 98,780.00
		\$	1,399,708.00	\$ 1,477,210.00
40	20 Townhome Assessment	\$	46,274.00	\$ 47,000.00
40	30 Associate Memberships	\$	6,570.00	\$ 6,500.00
42	10 Late Fees	\$	1,334.00	\$ 1,500.00
42	30 Advertising Revenue	\$	33,304.00	\$ 27,000.00
42	40 Pool Revenue	\$	15,695.00	\$ 1,000.00
4250 Transfer Fees		\$	21,100.00	\$ 15,000.00
4260 Association Fines		\$	1,801.00	\$ -
43	00 Other Income	\$	3,683.00	\$ 1,000.00
	TOTAL INCOME	\$	1,529,469.00	\$ 1,576,210.00
	Sub-Total Administration Sub-Total Land Mainte-	\$	305,976.00	\$ 312,401.00
	nance	\$	258,595.00	\$ 264,970.00
	Sub-	\$	273,352.00	\$ 269,900.00
	Sub-Total Tennis Expenses	\$	12,678.00	\$ 18,359.00
	Sub-Total Utilities	\$	280,529.00	\$ 360,500.00
	Total Expenses	\$	1,131,130.00	\$ 1,226,130.00
	Total Income	\$	1,529,469.00	\$1,576,210.00
	Total Expenses	\$	1,131,130.00	\$1,226,130.00
	To Fence Reserves	\$	89,800.00	\$98,780.00
	Reserve Fund Expenditures	\$	352,359.00	\$375,000.00
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	TH
5	6	Back 'school	8	
12	13 HOARD MEETING	14	NATIONAL BAGEL DAY	
19	MLK -DAY-	21	22	
26	27	28	29 NATIONAL PUZZLE DAY	

U	FRI	SAT	WINTER
2	3	4	Social Highlights: Happy New Year - Cheers to 2025!
			 HOA Board Meeting January 13, 2025
9	10	11	 6:30pm - HOA Office
			HOA Dues - Call office if you haven't received dues letter by Jan 15.
16	17	18	Join the Social Committee: We need new members! Email if interested: Socialcommitteehomestead@gmail.com
			NOTES HOA Office Closures:
23	24	Opposite Day	January 1 Homestead Playgroups - join the fun! Contact: homesteadplaygroup@gmail.com Connect with us: Website: Homesteadinthewillows.org Faceback: Homestead in the Willows HOA
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Just a reminder that the HOA Residential Improvement Guidelines, page 9, paragraph 2.51 states "seasonal ornaments...must be removed withing 30 days of the conclusion of the holiday or seasonal event."

REPORTS TO THE ASSOCIATION

When an Association member wishes to report observed problems or any concerns or helpful ideas pertaining to the assigned areas of responsibility of the Architectural Control Committee, Landscape, Pools, or Business Office, please include your name and telephone number when you call and leave a message so that we may return your call. **The Association does not act on anonymous**

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Why is an Application for Architectural Change Required?

We are often questioned by owners as to why an Application for Architectural Change is required when work being done is a same-for-same replacement or considered maintenance or repair by the owner, or the work is being done in the back of the house or not visible from the street. We understand that the process of submitting an application may feel onerous for owners working to maintain their property but there are reasons applications are required.

Any, and all changes to the exterior of your home or property require an application as outlined in the Residential Improvement Guidelines. This includes any changes to the back and sides, of the house regardless of whether the changes are visible from the street or to other neighbors.

Because approved elements and colors sometimes change owners should refer to the guidelines to see if/when an application is required. If an owner is not aware and replaces/changes/adds an element without submitting the application for approval and the change is no longer an approved element/style/color, they may be subject to a fine and required to bring the change into compliance. For example, if an owner repaints their exterior the same as existing colors, they see that as regular maintenance but if the existing colors are not currently approved it would be a violation of the covenants.

Or if the shutters are in disrepair and being replaced like for like an owner may consider this a repair. But many homes in our community do not have compliant shutters and when shutters are being replaced it's a requirement that they be replaced with an approved style and correct size. **The way to ensure this is to submit an application.**

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The Association is also notified by the city of any utility locates done on properties in preparation for remodels, landscaping etc. If no application has been submitted for that work the office has to call the owner to request the paperwork. Sometimes the work has already been completed, in which case if any aspect of the project is found to be non-compliant the owner is responsible for bringing it into compliance. Filing the application before the work is done avoids that issue.

Additionally, the Association is required by law to permanently keep all ACC applications and attachments. This serves as a permanent record of the property and any changes made.

Often owners will ask about a previous change made and want to know details like what color or product was used or when an element was changed. Applications are referred to for those questions. Also, when a property sells new owners often have questions about the property and we can provide answers to many of their questions from the house file.

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Unofficial ACC Meeting Minutes

 4 applications were reviewed as a group, due to concerns over approvable elements. No changes to current guidelines were made as a result.

• A shutter manufacturer company owner came into HOA office to talk to the ACC Manager. His concern over the current guidelines is that it should be made clear where the measurements need to be, as homeowners are the ones who measure for him and can misinterpret what the sizes should be. The ACC discussed and decided that the current guidelines have sufficient information, but agree that a picture guideline of how to measure may be helpful to homeowners.

Next Meeting – January 14 at 12 noon

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