



Shanahan Ridge Four Homeowners Association April 2007 Newsletter

Spring Cleanup

This year's City pickup of organic debris begins in our end of town May 7, so please plan to join in the cleanup of our common areas on Saturday, May 5, at 9:00 a.m. (rain/snow date: Saturday May 12). We'll meet in the center parking island to collect bags and divvy up the work.

Assessments Going Up

Our annual assessment has been unchanged for the past three years, but our basic maintenance costs have outstripped our assessment income, and the time has come to balance the budget. The 2007 assessment remains \$220 (you've already received your bill), but in 2008, it will go up by 15% to \$253, with more increases in the following years to balance our cash flow and restore our reserve fund. Even with those increases, our assessment will still be the lowest around. For details, see the graphics at the end of this newsletter.

Team Silver Plume: Call for Volunteers

It's not just the scenery that makes our neighborhood special; it's also our spirit of community and the events we hold that foster it. A few good folks give time and effort each year to making them happen, and we'd like to tap even more local talent and goodwill. The following events and projects need volunteers:

- **House and Garden Tour.** This year, probably in late June, we plan a Sunday afternoon tour of remodeled Silver Plume homes and creative, well-loved gardens. It should be a fascinating source of ideas and inspiration. If you'd like to open your remodeled home and/or gorgeous garden for the tour, or help with tour organization, call either Karan Kozelko at 303-499-6814 or Linda Baran at 303-494-8110.
- **Summer Block Party.** Our late-summer gathering is a popular event, but it takes some effort to pull together. We've

considered reducing it from multi-course extravaganza to something along the lines of an ice-cream social. Thoughts and opinions? Please contact any board member with them, as well as offers of help in organizing the get-together.

- **Neighborhood Yard Sale.** We often hold a neighborhood-wide yard sale late in August, timed to coincide with the return of students to CU. If you'd like to have a neighborhood sale this year, please offer a bit of time in getting it organized. It's very simple; an ad in the Camera and a few signs are all it takes to attract the buyers.
- **SR4 Web Site.** Katherine Velasco, with assistance from Henry Mueller, has kindly offered to set up and maintain a web site for our neighborhood. Discussion is ongoing about what should (and shouldn't) appear on the site. If you have thoughts, requests, or special expertise to offer, please let either Katherine or a board member know.

Got Graffiti?

If you spot graffiti on signs around the neighborhood, here's what to do: call Boulder's Transportation Department Graffiti Hotline at 303-413-7177. Thanks to Cindy Worster for chasing this one down.

Shanahan Neighbors for Climate Action

Who says you can't change the world? A group of committed individuals is doing just that, right here, right now, on Shanahan Ridge. If you're not already on the SNCA mailing list, see their newsletter, *The Carbon Copy*. It's filled with inspiration and ideas for ways you can personally combat climate change.

Throughout the year, we'll pass on more ideas and information to help Silver Plume residents participate in this vital initiative. For information about the SNCA, contact Janet Beatty at 303-494-5915.