



Shanahan Ridge Four Homeowners Association *April 2008 Newsletter*

Annual Meeting Report

We had a surprisingly low turnout for last week's annual meeting. We're not quite sure why, but to those of you who attended, thanks. For those of you who missed it, here are some highlights:

2008 Common Area Maintenance

Our suppliers—All-Pro Lawns, Green Bein' Gardens, Colorado Tree Care, The Other Fence Company, and Laid-Right Concrete—did a good job for us in 2007 and they'll be doing it again in 2008.

Our volunteers have been fantastic over the years, but life gets busy. Having professionals do most of the work on our common areas is helping us to ensure that the neighborhood is consistently maintained and that none of our residents bears too great a burden.

2008 Snow Removal

Huge thanks to the Petach and Velasco families, and to others who have gone above and beyond for years to help shovel our common area walks.

This year, and we hope in future years, All-Pro Lawns will be clearing those walks instead, often before the crack of dawn. So sleep in, everyone—you've earned it.

Neighborhood Communications

Thanks to Pat Cahn, who put together our neighborhood e-mail list, and to Katherine Velasco, who created our neighborhood web site, we can now communicate quickly and effectively with almost everyone on Silver Plume.

The web site (www.shanahanridge4.org) has information about upcoming events, architectural review guidelines, annual assessments, and much more. Please use it!

New Board

Three people have volunteered and were elected to serve on this year's board of directors:

Sanford Baran, President
Katherine Velasco, Treasurer
Merilee Eggleston, Secretary

Financial Status

Last year's board worked hard to rein in expenses by using more cost-effective suppliers and doing only the most necessary maintenance work. Consequently, we've reduced our income/expense deficit significantly from the previous year, and with this year's slightly higher assessment, we should run only about \$800 in the red in 2008. The board will continue to economize wherever possible by setting caps on concrete, fence, and tree work. With our budget more nearly balanced, we anticipate only one more smallish assessment increase in the next few years.

You'll find the complete minutes of the annual meeting at www.shanahanridge4.org. Just click the link on the home page.

Spring Cleanup

Our end of town is last this year on the City of Boulder's spring pickup of organic debris (May 19-31). So we've scheduled our neighborhood cleanup for Saturday, May 10, at 9:00 a.m.

Please grab your gloves and join your neighbors for an hour or so of clearing the common areas of winter debris. We'll provide the bags and direction, you'll supply the energy and good cheer. See you then! If it rains or snows, we'll gather on May 17 instead.

Annual Block Party—Save the Date!

The Silver Plume annual block party is back this year. It's been too long since we've had a chance to reconnect, so mark your calendars now for Sunday, August 24, from 4 to 7 p.m.

No need to bring a thing (unless you want to!). Just come out to the center cul-de-sac, enjoy a great meal, catch up with your neighbors, and take this chance to recall what a special community we have on Silver Plume.