

Hello all -- welcome to Springtime in the Rockies! Spring in Boulder is a Battle between Winter and Summer, and at the moment Winter seems to have the upper hand. Summer will win out in the end -- and likely suddenly.

We are all affected by the measures in place for slowing the spread of the COVID-19 virus. If you are in need of assistance with coping with the restrictions, or if you know of someone in the neighborhood who is in need, please let me know. This [page](#) at the Boulder Daily Camera is focused on older people, but has resources that apply to all ages and is updated often. For people like me, who have some resources to share, there are a number of ways to assist people who are struggling with these restrictions. Again, The Boulder Daily Camera has a [list](#). One Organization is [feedthefrontlines](#), helping feed health care workers and supporting local restaurants. Our [Local Caffe Sole](#) is supporting Sister Carmen Foodbank. [Community Foundation Boulder County](#) is working with many aspects of the impact on the less fortunate. There are likely more, and I would like to hear about them.

It's springtime, and people are starting to tend their gardens and landscaping. And if you're working in your own space, this is not a problem. If you've got a contractor doing the work, that's okay, too, according to the state, as long as they're only doing basic maintenance, like mowing and irrigation maintenance, and observing mask and social distancing requirements. For the HOA common areas (parking islands, the Greenbriar median, and grassy edges of sidewalks), the HOA has a contract with All-Pro Lawns, and the crew has been at work. Some residents have asked if this is appropriate (essential) in the StayAtHome restrictions. This [document](#) has key restriction information, and it appears that our maintenance is in the "Yes" column. We have contacted All-Pro, requesting that the crew follow the distancing requirements and use masks. We do not wish our normal HOA maintenance to be putting people at risk.

As with landscaping, spring also brings about home maintenance and remodeling projects. A reminder that **any** work on the exterior of your home, including repainting, decks, window and door replacement, or other remodeling, requires either ARC review or notifying the ARC of the selections you're using from a pre-approved list.

Note that the state's COVID-19 social distancing restrictions apply to such work. And they also urge postponing all non-critical work until the restrictions are lifted. Specific State of Colorado requirements for construction can be found [here](#).

The SR4 HOA is financially sound. The assessment return deadline is 22 April 2020; returns are trickling in. If you need assistance in working through the online process, let me know.

Our HOA is operated by volunteers: The Board of Directors, the Architectural Review Committee, the Landscape Committee, and people who just volunteer to do things such as organizing repairs, maintaining the website, arranging common space cleanups and hosting community parties. The Board of Directors had officers for Treasurer (Don Middleton), Secretary (Ed Sacks) and President (Bob Evans, me) plus at large member, Helen Petach. Don and Ed did all the work; I took the credit. Ed, who has put a lot of effort and expertise into his

position, has stepped down from the board, so we need a Secretary. The Secretary position is open and especially important. The wording of the By-laws suggests that the Board of Directors can operate with as few as three people -- we will have to cover the duties of the Secretary as we can. A few more people on the board would be very helpful.

Typically, the annual meeting with voting for officers has been held in-person in March or April. The situation in which we are operating now makes it difficult to hold an in-person annual meeting and conduct a formal, secret ballot. We have options. Many of you now are likely familiar with Zoom and other web-based meeting services. We can have a web-based annual meeting, and include anonymous voting. If you have experience in the anonymous voting online, please let me know.

Take care, and stay well,  
Bob Evans, For the Shanahan Board of Directors