

#### **SUMMER 2016 NEWSLETTER**

Dear Laredo at Parkside Homeowners,

It's hard to believe we are already half way through summer -- we hope you are taking time to enjoy the season. Here's what is going on in the community:

#### **New Board Members**

Please welcome Janet Altmann and Robin Higgins who were appointed to the Board at the May 21, 2016, Board meeting.

Janet moved to Laredo in 2008. She is a retired RN by profession and has previously served two terms on the Board (she is currently serving out Jason Quintana's term). Through her extensive volunteer work, she has many close ties to the Pueblo (and Laredo) community.

Robin moved to Laredo in April of 2010. She loved the unique look of the community, and direct access to the walking trail around Lake Minnequa. She looks forward to representing homeowners ('without them, where would we be?') and participating in the design review process.

A special thanks to Chip Mortimer for his service to the Laredo community. Enjoy all your free time, Chip!

# Neighborhood Beautification

Plans are being reviewed to beautify the entrance and green spaces with mulch and perennial (low maintenance) shrubs.

Speaking of beautification, garden gnomes have been seen on the streets of Laredo identifying yards that reflect creativity and enhance our environment. The Board thought it would be nice to honor homeowners whose gardening efforts have benefited and inspired us all!

The winners of the Laredo at Parkside First Annual Beautiful Yard Award are:

1906 Toronto Street 2902 Mirror Avenue

1946 O'Neal Avenue 3007 Mirror Circle Congratulations! Each homeowner will receive a \$25 gift card to Lowe's to use while there's still time to enjoy the summer gardening season.

### **Covenant Enforcement**

Our management company conducts site inspections to assure compliance with the Association's governing documents and to maintain the beauty of our community and curb appeal. Seventy-eight (78) violation letters were issued between January 1, 2016 and July 31, 2016, 30% of which required second warnings. Of the 78 violations, 80% have been cured, and three are set for hearing before the board with fines pending. The majority of violations (67%) relate to the appearance of yards.

Some of you have asked "what does 'yard needs work' mean?" It means that the yard is not receiving regular attention to contain weeds in the grass and/or rocks, and is not being mowed, watered and fertilized on a regular basis. Please remember: Maintaining the overall appearance of the neighborhood protects and improves our property values. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in adhering to the Governing documents and Rules and Regulations of the Association.

### **Design Review Process**

The next board meeting will be held on Saturday, August 20, 2016, at 9: a.m. at Lamb Library. One topic is establishment of a Design Review Committee ("DRC"). That Committee would be responsible for review of all requests for landscape and architectural design modifications. If you're looking for a way to become more involved in the community, the DRC might be the place for you! Come to the meeting and let us know your thoughts!

## Annual Homeowners' Meeting

Mark your calendars for the annual homeowners' meeting. It will be held on **Saturday**, **November 12**, **2016**, **at 9:00 a.m. at Lamb Library**, **2525 S. Pueblo Blvd.**, **Pueblo 81005**.

Thanks to all of you for your cooperation in keeping our community beautiful. Remember to visit the website for other important HOA information posted throughout the year at <a href="laredoatparkside.com">laredoatparkside.com</a>.

Sincerely,

Laredo at Parkside HOA Board of Directors Teleos Management