

Foxtail Pines Home Owners Association

September 30, 2012

Presidents Message

Dear fellow home owners:

The summer of 2012 was extremely busy for Park County and is one most of us will not forget. The dry conditions and above average heat stretched local resources to the breaking point. The rains brought much needed relief to our parched communities and reduced the **extreme fire danger**.

Our association experienced turmoil as purposed new changes were presented to our home owners. Most of us felt the changes were much too restrictive and went too far in their oversight. Association dues were doubled to cover increases in expenses. Many of the proposals duplicated services that we already pay for, like county animal control and code enforcement.

We were moving away from a community of neighbors to an association of strict code enforcement.

This was a wake up call for all of us and a reminder that we all need to be diligent. In moving forward we have dismantled this type of management and changed direction. We have returned to much more reasonable governance. At the same time we have also worked to identify some of the reasons this came about and have taken appropriate measures to addressing them.

- **The new board has contracted with Overloade Inc. This new company has taken over our general accounting and bookkeeping services.**
- **I accepted the resignation of our Manager, and the board saw no reason to continue to fund this position. This is a significant savings.**
- **I have terminated the monthly retainer with the Hindman Sanchez Law Firm.**
- **The board felt confident that with the elimination of these expenses we could reduce association fees. We will return to a yearly fee of \$100.00.**

- We took a different approach to trash removal rather than forcing compliance. We decided to provide a mechanism or opportunity for owners to remove trash themselves and have the association cover costs. While this was highly successful, we will work to refine how this process takes place in the future so as to minimize abuses.
- Stephen Groome is chairing the Documents Committee to revise and update our covenants and by-laws to comply with state law.
- Janine Snyder, who is a certified building inspector, is chairing the Building Committee. Contact her for building approvals. She will also take white metal like washing machines or refrigerators and scrap metal. For further information call: 970-485-5278
- Tammy Davis will take old tires. For further information call: 970-485-9506
- If you would like to remove wood from your property cut it into 6 foot or smaller lengths and call the Senior Coalition at 719-836-4150 the wood will be utilized as fuel for South Park Seniors. Slash can be taken at the North West Fire Protection District Office.
- Mike Girodano is will be chairing the trash/maintenance committee.
- Diane Kiles is in charge of maintaining our web-page and keeping information updated. We are also working on making this system more user friendly and limiting the need for password protected files. If someone wants to print up a copy of our by-laws or covenants they should be able to.

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce the Board of Directors.

Monte Gore, President

Monte and his wife Bobbi have chosen to raise their family in Foxtail Pines. They have two children Ruby age 9 and John age 6. Our family has lived in Foxtail Pines for 11 years. Bobbi is the Director of the Park County Senior Coalition. Monte has BS in Criminal Justice & graduated with honors from St. Johns University, he just returned from the FBI National Academy where he graduated with a 4.0 GPA.

- Monte is the First Vice Chair, of the Central Mountain Training Foundation and will be sworn in as President next year. This foundation is made up of 7 counties, 44 law enforcement agencies, and 3000 peace officers.

- Past President of the Foxtail Pines Home Owners Association.
- Past President of the South Park, Parks & Recreation District. Worked to build and operate a community recreational center.
- Past President of the South Central Colorado Law Enforcement Officers Association.
- Park County Shooting Board. We are working to build and operate a 200 acre shooting range in Park County.
- Member of Sertoma (the name is an abbreviation of “Service to Mankind”).
- Email mgore@parkco.us phone 719-836-2856

Jude O Conner, Vice President

Jude and her husband built their new home on Coil Drive in 2009. Before her retirement she was employed by the City and County of Denver, Parks and Recreation, as the Director of Natural Resources/City Forester. In addition to overseeing the health and safety of Denver’s tree canopy she also managed Natural Areas and Denver Mountain Parks. (14, 000 acres of land in 4 counties.) She believes the skills she has acquired in land management, public process and consensus building will be helpful in her role on the Board of Directors.

Kathy Reeves, Secretary

Kathy Reeves grew up in the south suburbs of Chicago and moved to Colorado in 1970. She has lived in South Park since 1973, where she raised 2 daughters now in their 30’s. She has worked as a secretary for the Park County Extension Service and for the last 16 years in the South Park Middle School in Fairplay. Kathy and her husband Bill built their home on Bluestem Way and moved in during the summer of 2000. “It was great living in town when the kids were in school, but now we love the open space and mountain views in Foxtail Pines.”

Carmine D. Bartolomeo, Treasurer

Carmine was unable to get information to me for this letter. Carmine has experience in law enforcement.

Robert Smith, Member at Large.

“My wife Janice and I are Colorado natives, and currently reside in Littleton with our two children Sean and Megan. We have owned property in Foxtail Pines since 2004.

I am the President, and Co-owner of Smith & Company a family-owned and operated insurance agency that my father started in 1960. I have been with the agency for the last 25 years. I pursued a BS Degree in Business Administration, as well as an MBA in Information Systems from Regis College.

I have been on two different HOA Boards. In both instances, I became a board member as a need to represent the majority of interest in the community. I consider myself best at finding creative solutions to otherwise difficult problems.”

Next Meeting and Closing Thoughts.

The next Board Meeting will be at the Senior Center in Fairplay on Saturday October 27, 2012 at 10:00 am. On behalf of the Board we would invite interested owners to attend, and I will bring refreshments. We should have an update from the documents committee and a financial report from our new book keeper.

We will also be discussing maintenance on the restroom and structure at the pond. I will present a proposal for new professional signs at the entrances to our subdivision.

In closing I would like to ask all of you to work with your neighbors in a positive way to address issues of trash, motor homes, and trailers. These issues now being addressed in committee, however, it is because some individual owners have stored trash or stored motor homes, or trailers in such a way that it has become a source of contention. That contention led to the new strict proposals that none of us wanted and costly expenditures that we can't afford.

Lets all work together to clean up our properties. We now have a mechanism to get rid of scrap metal, tires, and dead trees. We will provide more trash containers next year. In my case I will place my trailer behind my garage so it is not visible and so it does not become an issue with my neighbors. I would respectfully ask all of you to do the same.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Monte Gore', written in a cursive style.

Monte Gore, President