



Cottonwood West Homeowners Association

Newsletter Fall/Winter 2009

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New Siding Material and Architectural Color Key Proposed



As many of us realize, our siding is approaching 30 years of age, and cedar is no longer as plentiful and inexpensive as it once was. A new product, fiber-cement siding, has emerged that gives the look of cedar, while providing a durability of up to 50 years. A recent informal survey found members were very much in favor of this siding alternative.

To that end, products from CertainTeed, James Hardie and Cerber have been considered along with the finishes available. A color key has been developed to make your choice easier when selecting a color scheme for a home in Cottonwood West. This does not mean that other colors cannot be considered, just that these colors would be easily approved. The color key also includes color numbers for Sherwin-Williams and Benjamin-Moore paints, color numbers that Lowes and Home Depot can also translate into their proprietary paint brands.

The color key is posted in PDF format on the front page of our website:

cottonwoodwesthoa.org

It is also posted under the site's subheading "Documents". We will be seeking comments from the membership for the next two months before voting on implementing it. Please take a look and tell us what you think by sending an email to

board@cottonwoodwesthoa.org

New Roofing Materials Allowed

A recent petition circulated successfully by Janell Frisk has created the opportunity for members to consider a new roofing material, the **CertainTeed Presidential TL Asphalt Shingle**. As a majority of the membership has asked to allow this type of roof, the Architectural Control Committee will also consider other brands equal to or exceeding the Presidential in type, quality and value. Please remember to submit your **ACC form** listing the type, model and brand of shingle and color.



Vehicular Trespass

In the last few weeks, some cars here have been rifled through in the night. Friday and Saturday nights seem to be popular days for this. Be aware...

Garage Door Deal

One of the things the membership asked of the board at the annual meeting in April was to look out for "deals" that might be offered to the community. As many of us have not replaced our inefficient 30 year old garage doors, ACTION DOOR has offered us their DoorLink 16' x 7' Residential Insulated Steel Door (R value 10.25) for \$942 installed, tax included (\$45 off and they will haul away your old door). They will also give you a tax certificate as a portion of the cost may have a good tax impact. One Cottonwood homeowner has had this door from them for over two years and loves it, another had a recent install from them and is very happy with the install and the door. To get a measurement and an estimate, call Kelly at 303-460-8117.



Animals



Jefferson County has a leash law and for good reason. Homeowners have had altercations costing hundreds in vet fees with their leashed animal and an aggressive unleashed one. Please put your dog on a leash when walking. We have also had a request to ask everyone to please pick up after their animals. Some homeowners have complained of dog waste in their front yards.

Board Member Position Open

Chris Roberts, board secretary, has resigned his position due to a conflict and lack of time. The board serves the membership by providing financial oversight, covenant compliance and serves as the Architectural Control Committee, reviewing and approving homeowner requests to change the appearance or structure of their homes. The position requires the taking of notes at all meetings and presenting those notes to the board for approval. The Board Secretary also notes all actions taken by the board and keeps records of the Architectural Control Committee actions.



Depending on how many ACC requests are submitted, the time requirement varies from 2 to 6 hours per month. If you have an interest in filling this position, please send a note to board@cottonwoodwesthoa.org for consideration. This is volunteer position.



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Emergency Hail Meeting

We all experienced the recent "2nd most damaging storm in the history of Colorado". The hail damage for some people presents an opportunity to upgrade/update their home's exteriors and has raised many questions about materials and methods for roofing, siding and fencing.



Many, many questions...



Your Board of Directors has determined that the interest is high enough, and the possible impact of any changes in materials resulting in changes of the look of our homes important enough, to call an "emergency" meeting. What makes us call it

an emergency meeting is that homeowners will be receiving their insurance claim checks soon and will want to proceed with repairs/upgrades as soon as possible. The "emergency" part has us calling the meeting as quickly as possible hoping to not hold people up in their planning and execution of repairs.

We have reserved the Arvada Public Library, 7525 W. 57th Ave. for Thursday evening, August 27 at 7:30 PM for this meeting.

We cannot stress the importance of getting everyone's opinion on just what they would like to see done in terms of the look of our homes. If you want to see no change in the general appearance of the neighborhood and like the look and materials currently in place, you need to make that opinion known as well.



Even if you suffered no damage leading to repairs from the storm, the meeting may be important to you as people will be offering their views to the board on things they may wish to try in terms of materials and methods for their roof, siding and fencing.



Some alternative materials have been approved in the past, and this has been done on a case by case basis. Tell the board what you're thinking. Shall we keep the look as it is or move forward and allow some variation in the application of the covenants?

Please attend this meeting if at all possible.

If you cannot, please share your opinions with the board in an email to



board@cottonwoodwesthoa.org

All boards members will receive a copy of your email automatically and will use your opinions as well as those expressed at the meeting to guide their decisions. If you are coming to propose a variation, please bring a sample (not just pictures) of any special material you have in mind.

Executive Board Re-Alignment

The Executive Board has decided by majority vote that the following people shall hold the following offices on the Board of Directors:

Member At Large:	Layne Mielke
Treasurer:	Arnold Farley
Secretary:	Chris Roberts
Vice-President:	Virlie Walker
President:	Bernard Murray

Community Garage Sale Recap

As you may have noticed, we advertised and held a community-wide garage/yard sale in early June this summer.

About 25% of our homeowner/members participated, and even our neighboring community to the east had some items out. If you enjoyed this (or didn't) please let us know with an email to:

board@cottonwoodwesthoa.org



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Annual Meeting

Be sure to mark your calendar to attend the annual meeting of the homeowners Association. It will be held this year on April 16, 2009 at the Arvada Olde Town Library, 7525 W. 57th Avenue from 7:00 pm and ending by 9:00 pm. This is a fabulous opportunity for you to meet your current board members and learn more about what goes on with your HOA.



Architectural Review

With spring comes the desire to improve and upgrade your home's exterior. Your HOA board supports and encourages this as it helps the general look of our neighborhood plus it increases and protects our property values. The covenants of our area were designed to keep everything looking great, and we want to remind you that as you are planning that exterior improvement you need to follow the procedure outlined in the Change Review Form found in the Documents section of our website cottonwoodwesthoa.org. The form outlines the process you should complete before beginning any changes or improvements.

Remodel Tour

Many of us have noticed dumpsters and construction trucks in our area over the past winter. As many of our homes share similar floor plans, some folks feel it might be fun and educational to see what brilliant ideas people have launched inside the home to bring it from 1980's architecture to the present. For those that would be willing to share a view of all that hard work we could set an hour or two aside on a Sunday afternoon and have a mini Parade of Homes. If you are interested, send a note to Bernie@imark-co.com and he will coordinate.



People interested in showing and those interested in viewing are both encouraged to send a note indicating interest.

Security



It's easy to gaze on this neighborhood, shrug your shoulders and decide nothing bad could ever happen here. That's what one neighbor did, leaving his garage door controller in an unlocked car in front of his house. That was last Memorial Day weekend, and by that Monday morning several cars had been rifled through and the garage controller was used to get in his garage and the car he kept there (keys inside...heck, it was a locked garage, right?) was long gone.

The car was recovered on Tuesday, but not returned from impound until the following September (some new DNA law). No matter how safe you feel, nothing replaces a secure lock that is actually locked. This also remains true for your wireless Internet routers. Some neighbors "in the computer business" have spotted unsecured routers throughout the neighborhood. It only takes a few moments for someone driving around to stop, invade you electronically and get account numbers, passwords and credit card numbers that might remain in your computer's temporary memory. Set your wireless devices up with pass keys and rest easier at night.

2009 Homeowner Dues

We still have some homeowners that have not paid their 2009 homeowners dues. If you have not paid the \$158.00 annual dues, please send your payment to:



Cottonwood West HOA
PO Box 840
Arvada, CO 80001

Wildlife and Trash

With the Van Bibber open space to our south there is a direct and easy path for varied species of wildlife to visit our area. In the summer on trash night this can become very problematic.



Remember to secure your trash cans with tight fitting lids. As to damage caused by wildlife, there are several things that can be done to mitigate this. The Colorado Division of Wildlife has information on "Living With Wildlife" on their website, wildlife.state.co.us with the most important suggestion: do NOT feed wildlife as the presence of prey animals attracts coyotes, mountain lions and other predators.

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June 2008 Newsletter

COVENANT REMINDERS

► Please note paragraph 15 of the covenants (back page) that state the criteria for personal vehicles. Leaving cars parked on the street and driveway that are not regularly used are not compliant. Large Trailer/Motor Homes stored on property that are visible from the street are not compliant. Vehicles posted with for sale signs are not in compliance. Letters will be sent to homeowners not adherence to our covenants.

► Our covenants also cover that all sections of yards that are visible need to be in good condition, mowed, weeds removed, etc. Trees and shrubbery must be trimmed off the sidewalks.

► Thank you to the 56 homeowners that have paid their 2008 HOA dues. 2nd and 3rd notices have been sent to those remaining homeowners.

Spring is Here!

Time to get the neighborhood in shape. **PAINT - STAIN** fertilize, aerate, and trim shrubbery. Let's get our neighborhood in tip-top condition for the summer. Submit your ACC Form to any Board Member if you plan any update or change to your exterior or

landscaping. Forms are on the website:
Cottonwoodwesthoa.org

Annual Community Garage Sale 6-28-08

Advertised in Post/Rocky Mountain News /along with signage at our entrance

Article by Tom Wilson

The Garage is for Parking Let's review. Your house is your most valuable investment. Your car is likely your 2nd most valuable investment. If you're paying all that money, then why are you storing empty cardboard boxes, broken skateboards and plastic holiday wreaths in the garage? Pitch that junk and get the car in the garage.

Political yard signs

Timing: Associations may prohibit signs from being from being displayed within the community *prior to* 45 days before an election and may require residents to remove the signs within 7 days *after* the election.

Size: Associations may limit the size of political signs to the lesser of the

following options: (1) no larger than 36 X 48 inches; or (2) the maximum size allowed by any applicable city, town, or county ordinance that regulates the size of political signs on residential property.

MISC

Remember, weekly trash and recycle services are included in your Annual HOA Fee. In the Spirit of "Keeping Colorado Green," please recycle your glass, aluminum, and steel cans weekly

Board Members Needed

Volunteers are needed for positions on the Executive Board. Several of the retired board members have expired terms and are staying on until someone volunteers. If you have an interest in maintaining the quality of this neighborhood, become part of the board to ensure that we continue "maintaining the property as a first-class, high value residential district," per the stated purpose of our covenants.

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COVENANT REMINDER

Please help us maintain a desirable, first class high value residential district by abiding by our HOA covenants.

Specifically, "[n]o vehicles, other than common four (4) wheel passenger vehicles shall be permitted to be parked on adjoining streets, in driveways of any site within the Subdivision. This restriction shall apply to *boats, trailers, motorcycles, campers, vans, hauling trucks, trailers or mobile homes*. Said prohibited vehicles may, however, be parked or stored on the side or in the rear yards of any site so long as the same are completely surrounded by a seventy-two (72) inch opaque fence as approved by the Architectural Control Committee. In no event shall *cars that are unusable or not regularly used*, be allowed to park for extended periods in driveways or on adjoining streets." Thanks for your help.

Spring is Here!

Time to get the neighborhood in shape. Paint-Stain, fertilize, aerate, and trim shrubbery. Let's get our neighborhood in tip-top condition for the summer. Submit your ACC Form to any Board Member if you plan any update or change to your exterior or landscaping. Forms are on our website:

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ANNUAL HOMEOWNERS MEETING

April 17th, 2007

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**New Arvada Library
7525 West 57th Avenue
(in Olde Town Arvada)**

Please attend your annual homeowners association meeting.

Our guest speaker will be: **Vickie Rodgers, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Jefferson Center for Mental Health.** (Representative of the new owner of the group home for 8 mental health residents at 12751 W. 56th Place.)

Other meeting topics will include electing new members to the HOA Executive Board.

New volunteer Board Members are needed to fill positions being vacated by current Board members whose terms are expiring. If you have an interest in maintaining the quality of this neighborhood, become part of the board to ensure that we continue maintaining our properties as a first-class, high value residential district.

Please consider visiting our local neighborhood restaurant, **Chit-Chat Bistro**, for a real treat at breakfast, lunch or dinner.
The Bar is Open.

* * NOTICE * *

The annual HOA assessments for 2007 of \$150 were due on March 15th.

If you have not already paid, please send your checks now. Remember, weekly trash and recycle services are included in your Annual HOA Fee.

"WOW" Houses

- New **Landscaping** at:
12581 W 56th Place
- New **Landscaping** at:
12638 W 56th Place
- Great **Landscaping** at:
12656 W 57th Place

Let us know when you spot a *WOW* house in our neighborhood.

VACATION TIPS

1. Let your neighbors know when you will be away.
2. Set several lamps on timers for alternate times in various rooms throughout your home.
3. Either stop your mail and newspaper or have someone retrieve it for you every day during your absence.



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Decorate It!

The Board will sponsor a holiday decoration contest for our neighborhood. Prizes will be awarded to three homeowners.

If you plan on a Landscaping Project or an Exterior Remodel, please submit an ACC Change Request form.

HOA Covenants require maintaining individual properties consistent with changes imposed by recent legislation (SB100 and SB089).

The best way to maintain our home values is to keep our neighborhood well-maintained and attractive. Do your part.

Welcome Our New Neighbors!

Jeff & Melissa Freda
5755 Youngfield Street

Volunteers Needed For:

Neighborhood Watch Committee
Springtime Community Picnic

~~~ More good News ~~~

We have negotiated a new 3-year contract with Packman Disposal at rates well below the 3 other disposal services that also bid for our contract. Service will continue as before; Tuesdays, 7:AM, curbside pickup. Next-day service after the holidays: New Years, Memorial, Independence, Labor, Thanksgiving, Christmas.

Dogs in Your Yard or Barking?
Call Jefferson County Animal Control (303-271-5070) to report roaming/unleashed or noisy dogs; and be a good neighbor, Scoop the Poop

Or worse yet,
if your dog or cat is missing, first try:
Table Mountain Animal Shelter
4105 Youngfield Service Road
(off of 32nd Avenue and I-70)
303-278-7575

This is also the place to find an adoptable dog or cat.

The current animal regulations for unincorporated Jefferson County are at:
www.co.jefferson.co.us/sheriff/sheriff_T62_R29.htm

If you have a new e-mail address, please send it to a board member to enable efficient communication.

The CWHOA Board and the ACC are staffed by elected community volunteers who work hard for you and receive no compensation for their service.

HOA Board Activities

**** NOTICE ****

The annual assessment for 2007 is \$150 due on **March 15th**.
Get ahead of the curve!
Submit your payment in January.

New Collection Procedures for late payments are posted on our Web site:
www.cottonwoodwest.org

Next HOA Board Meeting

Jan. 9, 2006 - 6:45 p.m.
at the Chit Chat Bistro,
12500 West 58th Avenue.
Neighbors are welcome to attend.

The Board will be featuring WOW houses in the neighborhood that have made recent improvements/updates.

December WOW house:

Painting:
Fencing:
Landscape: Freda's
5755 Youngfield St.

(Neighbor Recommendations Welcome)