



The Victoria Village HOA Newsletter

November 1, 2008

Greetings from the Victoria Village Board of Directors

Please take a few minutes to read updates
about our community

Z & R PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

As our property manager, Z & R implements all of the Board's decisions and handles architectural submissions. Homeowners should contact Z & R by phone at (719) 594-0506 with any Association questions. If a resident has a problem, comment, or suggestion, this should be submitted to Z & R in writing for proper follow-up and Board review. Z & R's address for correspondence is 6015 Lehman Drive, Suite 205, Colorado Springs, CO 80918. Emails can be sent to Kerry@zandrmgmt.com and faxes can be sent to (719) 594-0473.

FROM THE H.O.A. PRESIDENT

Our **annual homeowner association meeting** will be on Tuesday, November 18, at 7:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall (soon to become the American Legion Hall) at the corner of Jeannine and Van Teylingen. I hope many owners will make an effort to attend the meeting. This is when new Board members are elected, and we will have 3 openings on the Board this year. *Please remember that your HOA dues must be current to vote at the annual meeting, and only owners can vote.* If you are an owner but can't attend the meeting, you can give your proxy to your renter or to another owner who will be able to vote for you.

If you are **interested in running** for one of the 3 openings on the Board, please contact Kerry at Z & R (594-0506). The primary requirements are that you own a unit in Victoria Village, that you attend the monthly Board meetings, and that you want to help make a positive difference in our community. We always welcome new members to the Board.

In addition to the annual meeting, we welcome residents to attend the **monthly Board meetings** (held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall). We have an "open forum" for 15 minutes at the start of each meeting when residents can let the Board know your thoughts on the agenda items to be discussed that evening or on any other items you feel are important.

A couple "housekeeping" items:

- We are in the process of **adding a security light** on the north end of building 3501-3511. This will make the parking lot in that area brighter in the evening.
- A dog owner **not picking up dog waste promptly** (or not picking it up at all) continues to be a problem throughout the Village. The Board is aware of this problem and hopes to put a reasonable plan in effect at the next regular Board meeting in December.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the annual meeting on November 18.

Sincerely,
John Jay Smith
President, Victoria Village Homeowners Association

(over for more community news)

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

The Architectural Control Committee, made up of several Board members and Village residents, is working on developing guidelines for acceptable styles of replacement doors and windows. Watch for details in a future newsletter.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Crime has risen in our Victoria Village community and in our general neighborhood, and one of our residents has taken the initiative to start a Neighborhood Watch program. Neighborhood Watch is a direct connection to the Colorado Springs Police Department in our division at Stetson Hills. The program is *not* affiliated with the Homeowners Association, and it is *not* a crime-prevention unit. Neighborhood Watch is a group of neighbors who choose to work together in fighting the rise of crime here at Victoria Village. Participants look out for one another, increase their knowledge and awareness on current criminal activity, and have direct connection to the authorities through police bulletins, preparedness classes, and other non-public information pertaining to crime in our neighborhood.

The **schedule for Neighborhood Watch meetings has changed**, and a few new tools are being added for those who can't regularly attend the meetings. For those who do attend each meeting, there will be small incentives. The meetings will be **every other month on the last Tuesday**. The next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at Garden Ranch Baptist Church** (just north of Victoria Village on the west side of Van Teylingen). This will be an area meeting including all of the Van Teylingen Neighborhood Watch groups. Between the bi-monthly meetings, email updates and newsletters for crime bulletins and other helpful information including but not limited to personal and home safety tips, bullying, neighborhood crisis preparedness, school security systems and news, crime statistics, and more will be available. For more information on meetings, Neighborhood Watch signs and newsletters, please contact Michael and Susan Adams at 201-4710.

Check the Victoria Village website at <http://www.victoriavillageca.com> for approved monthly Board minutes, financial reports, and other information.