

HOA Community Garage Sale and Annual Summer Social

Due to State and local guidelines, in addition to HOA concerns regarding community member health and well-being, the HOA will not be hosting a community garage sale or summer social this year. We are looking forward to hosting again in 2021.

Design Review Committee

As the landscaping season is well upon us, your HOA Board and the Design Review Committee want to remind you that they are volunteers. The mission of the HOA is to protect community property values by assuring a well-designed and harmonious appearance throughout our community. As our community matures, many of the original plantings and landscape designs are no longer pleasing to the current owners. We understand that and want to take this opportunity to remind home owners, that when updating or replacing your current landscape features, please submit a Design Review Request (DRR) to the HOA management office. The form and submission instructions and design guidelines can be found at: <http://flagstaffmanagement.com/prairie-hawk/>

The HOA would also like to remind all homeowners that alley plantings are subject to *City of Longmont Code 13.24.030. - Clearance requirements*: 8 feet of clearance above all sidewalks and 15 feet of clearance over streets and alleys. The utility easements between the fence and the paved portion of the alley are subject to be disturbed at any time, as needed to repair or upgrade existing utilities. *Please call before you dig: (303) 232-1991 Utility Notification Center of Colorado or 811.*

Quarterly Contest

Hello Neighbors!

Your HOA Board has decided to trial a quarterly *Recognition Plan*. We are still working on the details, but basically, the HOA will be providing a small reward to the winner of each quarterly contest. Each quarter, the HOA will recognize one member for their outstanding contribution to our community – an act of kindness, an outstanding new landscape feature or anything you feel needs to be called out for one of your neighbors going above and beyond. We are launching this plan in the 3rd quarter, 2020. No theme, it can be for anything that merits recognition. Written nominations can be e-mailed to: fmc900@flagstaffmanagement.com and will be accepted through September 30th.

Parks and Recreation

✓ **Future Park:**

Unfortunately City spending on capital



projects is on hold for the time being due to budget shortfalls as a result of the pandemic. This project is a high priority and will launch the design and public process as soon as budget allows.

✓ **Rose Garden:** The master HOA, Fox Meadow, is investigating creating a dog park in this under-used gem on the SE corner of our community.

✓ **Union Reservoir Expansion:** The current work on the North of 9th Ave and West of WCR 1 include moving the Oligarchy Ditch and creating paved trail access to the reservoir's recreation features with an underpass under WCR 1. *For more information please visit:* <https://bit.ly/3dB5r2S>



Writing a 'Good' Design Review Request

Landscaping DRR Tips

- A written detailed, description of the overall project is most helpful to illustrate the end goals. Personal stories about why a plant was chosen are not helpful as we have no judgments and require no justification on why something is wanted. It's ok to just simply want something.
- Many details are best shared in a top down view drawing. This drawing is best when it includes a full view of the entire yard, is drawn to scale as best as possible, includes labels for as much as possible, includes mature (3/4) size plants in specific locations, includes plant species names, really detailed on the most aggressive changes such as complete reworks that require watering system changes, or slope changes.
- Drawing skills are not required and drawings are mostly looked at for information.
- Those looking to remove large amounts of grass should still try to maintain the space in a visually appealing way with plants and shrubs to avoid a sea of rock or mulch.

House paint

- DRR description should include manufacturer's name, paint-color name and number for each color chosen. If we have that info, we do not need a paint chip.
- A sample paint strip painted on the home 24 x 12 inches minimum.
- Body color choice is not the same as or very similar to the two homes to either side, the home directly in front of, or the two homes diagonally across from the house to be painted.

Xeriscape tips and Tricks

Xeriscaping (zer-i-skaping) is a word originally coined by a special task force of the Denver Water Department, Associated Landscape Contractors of Colorado, and Colorado State University, to describe landscaping with water conservation as a major objective.

Unfortunately, many homeowners have cut back on turfgrass areas by substituting vast "seas of gravel and plastic" as their answer to water conservation. This practice is not only self-defeating- as far as water conservation is concerned, it also produces damaging effects to trees and shrubs. This is not xeriscaping.

As many homeowners in our community are considering implementing Xeriscape for a variety of reasons, please take the time to research what works and what does not work for our unique climate. A good place to start is located at the CSU Extension page:

<https://bit.ly/2zTg6HV>

Proper planning is the first step in landscaping to reduce water use:

- Steep slopes with south and west exposures require more frequent irrigating to maintain the same plant cover as east or north slopes;
- Terracing slopes reduces runoff;
- Limit irrigated bluegrass turf to small or heavily used areas;
- Soil amendment is a key to water conservation;
- Proper irrigation practices, system design and audits can lead to 30 to 80 percent water savings;
- Organic mulches can keep the soil moist and improve the soil overtime.

