



Mountain Shadows Community Association



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Important Dates

MSCA Annual Meeting

April 28th, 6pm
Fire Station 18

MSCA Annual

Garage Sale
June 10 & 11

1st Annual

Mountain Shadows
Community Picnic
June 26, 2016

Chipper Event

Pick-up is September 5-9

We Need You

MSCA is a neighborhood association, representing almost 1750 property owners living within the Mountain Shadows community. MSCA works to provide important information to you through our website, eBlasts and Facebook and we are currently looking into how we can better utilize the highly popular neighborhood site called Nextdoor. To achieve the many things we would like to, we need your help. Are you a wiz with Excel, do you love social media, do you have a way with words, do you like coordinating events, are you a proven leader? You can help us by becoming a board member, volunteering, becoming a sponsor and/or making your annual \$25 donation.

Please plan to attend the annual meeting on April 28th at 6:00 p.m. at Fire Station 18.

MSCA At Work For You

Mountain Shadows Community Association (MSCA) had another productive year. We encouraged the City of Colorado Springs to complete the renovations to the Mountain Shadows Park and were able to get them to mow the natural grass and remove some dead trees along Flying W Ranch Road.

The annual Patriot's Festival continues to be a favorite event in the neighborhood. MSCA works with the sponsors to help promote and support this activity within the neighborhood.

Communication is key to a vibrant neighborhood. In addition to the annual newsletter and meeting, MSCA issued 25 eBlasts. These eBlasts are specific to issues and information for Mountain Shadows and are received by nearly 900 of our neighbors. If you aren't on the eBlast list you can sign up at www.mscaweb.com.

Currently we are working with the City's Office of Emergency Management to determine potential further impacts of flooding in the neighborhood near the Alpine Autism School. If you would like to be part of this task force working on a multi-pronged solution to keep the neighborhood safe, contact Dave at dandbuckley@comcast.net.

Your \$25 annual donation to MSCA supports the association with our efforts to Communicate, Collaborate and Connect. To renew your donation online with a credit card via PayPal, go to www.mscaweb.com and click on "Be A Member".

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From the President

2015 was a great year for Mountain Shadows and for the Mountain Shadows Community Association (MSCA). Our neighborhood has been through a renewal these past few years and has re-established itself as one of Colorado Springs' finest neighborhoods. Our location against the mountains, near Garden of the Gods and Ute Valley Nature Parks is a huge asset. When you combine location with our award winning neighborhood schools and beautifully renovated park, you have the formula for a vibrant community.

Protect and enhancing our property values is something we all want. The easiest way to accomplish this is to respect and abide by the covenants we all live with. Those of you who live within a formal HOA (The Arbors, Parkside, Harbor Pines, etc...) know you follow the rules or you will be approached by your HOA. For those of you who do not live within a formal HOA, the responsibility for enforcement falls on your Filing's Approval Authority (AA). If you do not have an active AA, it falls on you the individual homeowner. Unfortunately, MSCA does not have the legal means to enforce covenants but this year one of our goals is to advise homeowners on how to re-activate or form an AA within their Filing. We will also advise homeowners on how they can enforce covenants.

As I always say, "I hate covenants for me, but I love that my neighbors have them". Falling down fences, trailers parked in a front yard, and junk stored on the side of a home don't add value to anyone's home. Neighborhoods where residents abide by the covenants not only make them look nice they also have higher home values. If you would like to be part of this effort, please contact our Covenants Coordinator, Doug Dirksen at Board3@mscaweb.com or myself at president@mscaweb.com.

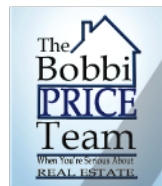


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