

Saxony Homeowners Association, Inc.

AUGUST 2014 NEWSLETTER

Thanks to all of you who made this year's Saxony summer party a big success in spite of a few friendly showers. We appreciate all the wonderful food you brought, and enjoyed getting to visit with everyone. See you again next year!

SAVE THE DATE: As a reminder, please mark your calendars for the 2014 Saxony Annual Meeting on Wednesday, November 19th at 7:00 PM. This year only, the meeting will be held at the Arapahoe County Library Administrative Offices, located at 12855 E. Adam Aircraft Circle, Englewood, CO 80112. Our regular meeting location at Castlewood Library will be under construction in November, and they will subsequently be reducing the size of their community meeting room to accommodate a limited 15 person capacity. This means that next year we will have to find a new location for our meeting. The Administrative Offices are only being offered for a short time as a substitute location available to the general public. A map and driving directions will be included in your Annual Meeting Packet that will be mailed prior to the meeting. The drive time is approximately the same as to Castlewood Library.

The Board was looking forward to our long planned concrete project for 2014 at the Saxony entrance. The final bid had just been requested from PLM to confirm cost, when PLM advised they would no longer provide services to HOAs because of construction warranties. So, back to square one and Dave will be getting more bids as soon as possible. Saxony does have bentonite in our soil, which can cause problems with concrete installations over time. We thank you for your patience, and the project will be completed as soon as we can get an appropriate bid and scheduled with a new contractor.

Maria recently represented Saxony for the third and final meeting with Arapahoe County, Sterling Heights and Bramante concerning the medians along Caley. At long last, an agreement was reached and the County expects to commence the improvements this fall. Because the County is not in the business of landscaping maintenance for medians, the plan is very simple and very low maintenance. The basic design will be similar in color and style as the Greenwood Village medians to the west of Boston down to Yosemite. All of the existing concrete will be replaced, and the low lying vegetation will be removed, leaving a row of trees down the center (the one missing tree will be replaced at this time). The center of each median will consist of the larger river rock to match that of Saxony and Sterling Heights. A new irrigation system will be installed to provide water for the trees. We definitely look forward to any improvement!

A fellow Saxony resident has made a very good suggestion concerning our gas meters. Since these too, have now reached the 20 year age, it might be prudent to

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call or email Xcel Energy and ask them to come out and inspect your gas meter. Xcel owns the meters and is responsible for their repair or replacement as needed.

As you all have been well aware, we have had a lot of construction in the neighborhood in the last few weeks. Driving has been a bit of a challenge, but things should return to normal soon. The concrete replacement project was planned to follow all the heavier trucks being on site. So you can expect one more round of obstructions yet to come.

Although Denver Water did not establish water restrictions this summer, we did receive our current water usage report as a participant of their Water Budget Program. Saxony is right on track with efficient water use, which is just what our new irrigation system was designed to do; although we realize the whole system still needs, and will continue to need, some tweaking. The irrigation system in general provides considerable cost savings.

With the heavy rains this summer some flooding occurred again on the east end. A full engineer's report was requested, and as soon as we receive the report we will be contracting for the recommended drainage modifications. This was another unexpected expense from Mother Nature that further limited our budget for landscape improvements for 2014.

The Board has made a full inspection of the two exterior stucco walls. There are some larger cracks which will require attention this fall, and many small cracks and settling are now "on watch".

The next board meeting will be held September 24, 2014 @ 5:00 PM at the home of Craig Holland (9599). Please call to confirm if you wish to attend as schedules often change.

<http://www.peaktopeakmgt.com/pages/associations/saxony/index.html>

Your Saxony Board,

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