

Saxony Homeowners Association, Inc.

DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

Happy Holidays to One and All!

Thank you to all homeowners who attended the Saxony Annual Meeting in November, and also to those who submitted their proxies. The proposed budget was ratified, resulting in a \$10.00 increase in the monthly assessment starting January 1st. This will enable the Association to keep up with cost of living increases in expenses, as well as maintain healthy Reserves. Barbara Chamberlain was elected to another 3-year term. General discussion was held concerning a number of issues affecting the Association.

At the December Board meeting, the following officers were elected to another term:

President – Barbara Chamberlain

Vice-President – Jose Luis Vallejo

Secretary/Treasurer – Dennis Bierschbach

Bloom Floralscapes (“Bloom”) has completed the Fall clean-up. It is possible that some leaves remain under snow, as snow fell before Bloom could return. Bloom also did timely snow plowing when necessary, There is some minor plow damage to grass areas, which Bloom will repair at the end of the season. Because of the large snowfall, there was a large plowing bill in November. It is hoped that the budgeted amount for snow plowing this year will see us through the end of the year.

Fielding Tree is expected to schedule the dormant tree trimming and treatments some time soon, weather permitting.

The Caley medians remain an open question. If no follow-up response is received from Arapahoe County by early Spring, the Board will request a decision on a County plan to address the issue.

As everyone knows, the early snowfalls caused major delays in trash and recycling pick-ups. Property Manager, David Littler, immediately began researching the availability of other waste disposal companies. Waste Management, Republic and Waste Connections responded with bids. Alpine was also consulted, whose representative said they would look at Saxony, and if doable, would give a bid. No response has been received from Alpine. Responses from the three companies that did bid indicate the following:

1. All three were more expensive than HaulAway, our current provider. Two were about 5% to 10% higher and one was 68% higher.
2. In general, they would require two, and only two, 96-gallon containers for each household, one for trash and one for recycling. They would pick up only what was in the required containers, nothing extra at all. If a homeowner wanted more containers one provider would charge a \$4.00 monthly fee per each extra container, payable by the homeowner. Another company would provide for overflow or bulky items to be picked up at rates of \$15 to \$45 per household, billed to the resident who would have to call 48 hours prior to service day.
3. There could be restrictions on where containers would be picked up; e.g.. for each street arm in Saxony, homeowners might have to place their containers in a central location, not simply at

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the end of each driveway. This could be required in order to have automated access, depending on the type of equipment they would use.

4. Not all companies operate in all jurisdictions. There is therefore restricted availability of providers.

In light of these issues, the Board decided to remain with HaulAway for the near future, monitoring their responsiveness and reliability. When weather conditions create a situation where service may be impacted, residents should go to the website for HaulAway at:

<http://www.haulaway.com>

then click on the tab "Colorado Solid Waste Customers". HaulAway posts a statement regarding major service delays indicating what service is impacted.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 10, 2020 at 10:00 am at Barb Chamberlain's house (9677). If you wish to attend, please check with Saxony manager, Dave Littler, or a Board member, in case there is a change in the schedule.

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Your Saxony Board,

Dennis, Jose Luis and Barb

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