

# The Islander



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## **ANNUAL MEETING RESULTS**

There were 46 homes represented at our Annual HOA Meeting. If you did not have the opportunity to attend, we encourage you to set aside time next year. At this meeting, our insurance agent, Andy Cobb of Van Gilder Insurance was on hand to explain our HOA coverage. Andy described what coverage is required by law and our governing documents. All homeowner's should be sure to consult with their personal insurance agent to be sure that HO6 (or 'gap') insurance is included with your policy. This should include: \$5,000 coverage "A" and \$5,000 loss assessment.

Your President, Mike Knaub, talked about the capital improvements we have made over the past year, including our Phase I home painting project. We did 24 homes and plan for 26 next year.

Bob Gadd, our Treasurer, reviewed our Budget and announced there will be no increase to our monthly dues. He does not anticipate it will be necessary to make any change to our dues during the next year.

Our Vice President, Skip Wall, also functions as our Landscape Chairperson. His report is featured in this Newsletter as the *Board's Corner*.

This is the meeting where your Board Members are elected. This year 3 members of the current Board were up for re-election. After voting, Skip Wall, Bob Gadd and Elaine Boyd were re-elected. So, the Board remains as follows:

Mike Knaub, President  
Skip Wall, Vice President  
Elaine Boyd, Secretary

Bob Gadd, Treasurer  
Catherine Gordon, Director at Large

Please try to join us in 2006, as the Annual Meeting is very important to the Homeowner's Association.

Remember ALL homeowner's are welcome to attend any of our Board Meetings, which are held the 2<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 a.m., currently meeting at Mike Knaub's home.

### **ARCHITECTURAL ISSUES**

In regard to the black rain drains we have, the Homeowner's Association will not take responsibility for cutting back the drains, so they don't extend out into the grass areas. You can do this, if you feel it is necessary, or talk to Robertson's Landscaping about it (635-8585). You may replace those ugly drains if you like, without an Architectural Change Request.

### **PARKING ON THE STREET**

To park on the streets overnight is a violation of our Rules & Regulations, but if it is necessary on occasion, you need to inform our property management company so you don't get a "ticket". Just call them at 594-0473. Be sure to tell them you are from The Island. We realize guests may have to park on the street, but the driveway would be preferable. Report guest's parking on the street as well.

### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE – Rita Steinhauer, Chair - (637-7664)**

Rita has an open invitation to anyone who would like to replace her as Social Chairperson. The committee also welcomes any suggestions or participation, just call Rita.

### **A CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER**

Generously, Jan Hardison, 4075 Greens, has volunteered her beautiful, new basement room for a party. One of the features will be a Cookie Exchange. This event is for men and women (and Santa and all Elves) – so, let's have a JOLLY HOLLY CHRISTMAS PARTY !! Details will be posted on our bulletin board, so keep an eye on that board. And...you better not pout !

## **BOARD'S CORNER**

By Skip Wall

The sprinkler system has been shut off till next Spring. However, it is necessary that all of us water our trees, bushes and lawns periodically throughout the winter months. Colorado Springs is back in a drought condition. We have to date received only 2/3 of our normal rainfall for the year. Therefore, it is necessary that we all water at least once a month, unless we are fortunate to receive several large wet snowfall's this winter.

That is unlikely to happen. Every bush and tree that we save by watering saves all of us association dues money. Some ask why water the lawn. It won't make it any greener next year, but the added moisture can prevent winter kill, which necessitates replacing sod in the Spring. Sod is a costly item to replace also.

I would like to announce that this will be my last term in office on the Board. And, if someone would like to take over the landscaping, I will step down this year. I think we all need to push for more people taking their turn and stepping up to be on the Board. Otherwise, eventually there may be no Board and the association will have to be run totally by the management company. With all due respect to Darren of Z&R, we don't want that to happen.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:**

*Go ahead; live with abandon.*

*Be outrageous at any age.*

*What are you saving your best self for?*

Enclosed is an up-to-date Roster of homeowners for your personal use. Remember, this Roster is private for The Island only and is not used for any other purpose except as a reference for our neighbors. Corrections can be given to Mike Knaub.

**Next Newsletter will be published around March.**

**In the meantime...Brrrrrr...try to keep warm and cozy !**

**HAVE A BEAUTIFUL HOLIDAY SEASON  
AND  
BLESSINGS TO YOU FOR THE NEW YEAR !**

