



The Greencrest Connection

Spring 2023

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Over the past year, there has been an almost complete lack of member involvement with the HOA on any level. Historically, dues haven't been paid (last year was the highest rate - 60%). The Neighborhood Watch is only a few signs. Firewise has survived because of only one man. Attendance at the annual meeting last year was less than 10%. This last point precluded approval of a budget, establishment of HOA priorities, or even the election of a new Board.

The state of the HOA was a concern to several residents. These neighbors, as well as our new president, volunteered to serve on the Board to ensure the continuation of the HOA, to "protect our neighborhood" and be "involved in neighborhood issues." The new board wishes to ensure the HOA is operating in accordance with current laws and is financially sound.

The board encourages and welcomes help from neighbors to increase neighborhood involvement. Please come to the Board with ideas, and just as important, a willingness to help. We will be happy to spin up committees for those of you who don't have the time to commit to being a Board member but want to see action in Greencrest.

FROM THE BOARD-NEW INITIATIVES

We are excited to announce three new initiatives that our HOA Board is launching to strengthen our neighborhood. Firstly, we are committed to improving **Member Communication** by implementing regular updates to the website and newsletters to keep everyone informed about upcoming events, projects, and the status of our HOA. We believe transparent and open communication channels will foster a sense of trust and collaboration among our members (neighbors), which is essential for the growth and well-being of our community.

Secondly, we are planning to enhance **Services to the Neighborhood**. This initiative will involve organizing volunteer events to assist elderly or disabled members of our community with yard work, minor repairs, and other tasks that may be difficult for them to complete alone. It also includes continuing successful programs such as Firewise. We believe that coming together to help our neighbors will not only make a positive impact on their lives but also strengthen our sense of community.

Lastly, we are dedicated to increasing **Community Engagement** by organizing events and activities that bring us together. From neighborhood cookouts to family-friendly events, we are committed to creating opportunities for everyone to connect, socialize, and have fun. We believe that a strong sense of community is built on relationships, and we are excited to help facilitate more opportunities for our neighbors to get to know each other.

We are excited about these new initiatives and look forward to working together to make our neighborhood an even better place to call home. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our HOA.

MEET THE GHOA BOARD

board@greencresthoa@mail.com

President: Jeremy Owings - President@greencresthoa.org

I've lived in Colorado since 2020 & in Greencrest since April 2022. We enjoy exploring Colorado and finding new trails to hike with our 2 dogs. When we're not hitting the trails, you will probably find us doing house projects. Be sure to wave if you see us walking around the neighborhood.

Vice President: Randy Gevings – board.greencresthoa@mail.com

I have lived in Colorado Springs 40 years & in Greencrest for 19 years.
I love to play golf.

Secretary: Sandy Shakes- Secretary@greencresthoa.org

I have lived in Greencrest since 1990. I spend most of my time playing golf, bike riding, playing pickleball, mah jong, bridge, reading and hiking in Palmer Park. I hope to become an avid fly fisherman one day.

Treasurer: Todd Varrone - Treasurer@greencresthoa.org

My wife & I are Colorado Springs natives. We've lived in Greencrest since 2019. I enjoy playing golf, mountain biking, and home projects AND we have a new baby boy to enjoy: Vincent Everett Varrone was born on 02/14, 7lbs 5oz!

Kadie Schuler: Member-At-Large - board.greencresthoa@mail.com

I've lived in Colorado since 2020 & in Greencrest since April 2022. Vada the husky is my hobby!

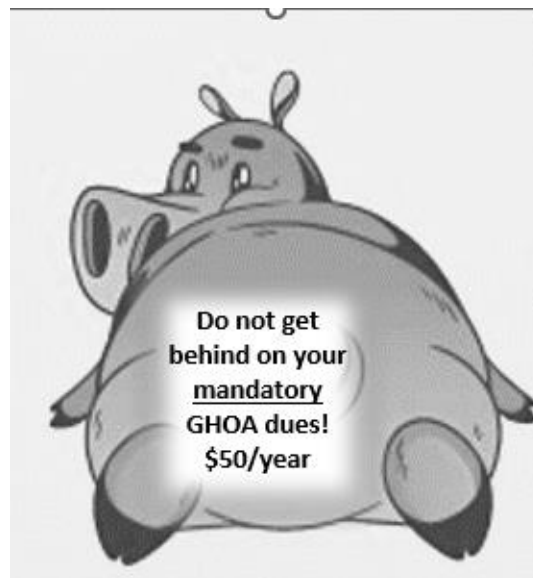
Michael Francis: Member-At-Large – board.greencresthoa@mail.com

Practically a Colorado Springs native; here for 60+ years & in Greencrest since 2005. I enjoy walking, reading non-fiction & being with family & friends.

Paul Cook: Member-At-Large – board.greencresthoa@mail.com

Time in Colorado & as a Greencrest Resident: 42.5 years
Spent 7 years ocean sailing for 6 months of the year.

Heidi Sayles: Member-At-Large – board.greencresthoa@mail.com



TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

January	Volunteer with Guardians of Palmer Park
February	Meet the new board informal social hour
March	Various Committee meetings to organize events for upcoming year
April	Mid-Year open forum meeting. Opportunity for members to discuss topics and prepare for annual meeting items. Guest Speakers-Wildlife and yard care & landscaping
May	Spring clean up
June	Fire Wise chipping and Garage Sales
July	Dumpster Days
August	Fall clean up and National Night Out (neighborhood watch)
September	Fire Wise chipping and Picnic (utilities guest speaker)
October	Annual Meeting and Firewise presentation
November	Various committee meetings to organize a post-annual meeting
December	Holiday Lights neighborhood walk and social

General thank you to those that volunteered for Newsletters, Welcome Committee, Dumpster Days, ACC review.

Call to action for people to volunteer to be on the still open committees:

- June Garage Sales
- Spring and Fall Clean Up
- Mid-year and Annual Meeting Planning
- Winter Holiday Lights Walk

Do You Know?

General William Jackson Palmer, a Civil War hero and railroad magnate, established Colorado Springs in 1871. He made his residence at Glen Eyrie. General Palmer was a philanthropist and during his retirement he donated large plots of land to Colorado Springs. He used to ride to Austin Bluffs to observe the beautiful sunsets. Let us be grateful for our beautiful neighbor, a 692-acre plot of land that we call Palmer Park today.

Spring is around the corner and what does that mean for you? It could mean spending more time outside doing yard work, burning a few calories, absorbing some Vitamin D, or drinking beer! So, put on your goggles, slather on the sunscreen, and get those white legs out there and have fun!