

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by John Highhouse

Summer is upon us, allowing us to enjoy many outdoor activities. The wet spring has made everything nice and green. Many of us have already

completed our first mowing. For those that have not yet done so, please remember that our annual mowing deadline for this year is June 30.

Our January newsletter announced plans for a trail renovation project to fix drainage problems in select areas. We asked for input from members to help identify areas that needed repair. One member replied and that area was included in the renovation project. The project was accomplished during April and May, and involved primarily enhancing drainage from and adjacent to the trail. There was also a realignment of the trail along Roller Coaster Road in the area of the golf course maintenance shed. The recent rains in May validated the value of the renovation project; all those areas, as well as renovation work accomplished last year drained well. There are other trail areas that eroded from those recent rains. We will do maintenance work on those spots but restoring proper drainage at those areas, similar to what was accomplished last month, will have to wait for at least another year so we do not draw down the reserve funds too drastically. On the subject of trails, please do not let your children or teenagers ride motorized vehicles on the trails. Our trails are designated for pedestrians and bicycles only.

As most of us know, our summer season is also fire season. Fireworks and open fires are prohibited in King's Deer. Hot conditions and sudden high winds can quickly turn an innocent activity into disaster. Take advantage of the slash disposal and other fire prevention events in our community.

Finally we ask our homeowners if they see trash, areas of noxious weeds, street lights out or anything else that warrants our attention to send us an email. We live in a wonderful community. Thank you all for your contributions. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Neighborhood Watch

by Tom Haddan, King's Deer Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

Greetings to all of our King's Deer residents. It has been a relatively quiet Spring so far in the neighborhood. Since our rash of Winter break ins and subsequent arrests, the bad guys have mostly kept their distance. There have been a few suspicious activities, but none resulted in bad things in the neighborhood. With Summer comes longer days, warmer and shorter nights, and more people outside.

Now that the King's Deer Golf Course is back open for business and golfers are on the course most days, we have even more eyes watching our properties. The King's Deer Golf Course is a member of the King's Deer Neighborhood Watch, so if any golfer reports something suspicious to the Pro Shop, it can and will be relayed to the Community.

I am searching for a few volunteers to be Block Captains. The areas that are in need are: Sedgemere Court and Kings Cross; South of Kings Deer Point and Royal Troon intersection and just west of the school on Brenton Place. If you live in any of these areas and would like to volunteer for Block Captain, please contact me at: 719-559-1699 or tomhaddan@gmail.com. It takes very little time or effort to be a Block Captain.

As always, be aware of what is happening in your immediate neighborhood and if it doesn't feel right, it likely isn't. Report suspicious activity to the El Paso County Sheriff at either 911 for emergencies or activities in progress like a break in or assault, or the non-emergency number (719-390-5555) for after the fact, non-emergency activities. Enjoy your Colorado Summer!



SLASH DISPOSAL

Every month a local slash and mulch disposal site is available in Monument. The site is sponsored by Woodmoor but it is open to all to dispose of branches, pine needles, large diameter logs, and mountain pine beetle infested timber. The site is near the Monument Safeway; the next two drop off days are Saturdays, June 14 and July 19. There is a \$7 fee per load. More information is available as a pdf download at the King's Deer web site home page. (KingsDeer.org)

Firewise Community—King's Deer?

June 2012, then again 12 months later, two very destructive wildfires devastated parts of the Pikes Peak region. Will 2014 bring a third?

Wildfire will happen; it can't be prevented. However with advance planning and preparation, the effects of wildfire can be substantially mitigated. The most effective mitigation efforts are those in which entire communities work together to reduce the potential impact of a wildfire, yet even efforts by an individual homeowner can be very effective.

Firewise Communities/USA is a program of the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA— same people who write fire and electrical codes) created to serve as a resource for property owners and



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King's Deer is on Facebook. If you are a Facebook user, you can find us at King's Deer HOA. "Like" it to start the sharing.

The ACC to Date 2014

by Rich Paul, ACC chairman

New construction continues to pick-up...

As of the penning of this article, the HOA has approved four New Construction Projects in 2014 and two more are pending.

To date, the ACC is currently monitoring 123 active projects within the King's Deer community.

Fire suppression requirements for new construction...


Since the rescission of the Fire Suppression requirements last year, the County Commissioners have yet to revisit and establish a revised set of requirements but, rest assured, they are coming...

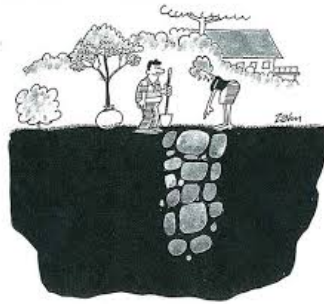
Landscaping...

Although this subject has been addressed every spring and summer, for the last 10 years through various venues (including the Kronicles newsletter), it bears repeating as we have many "newcomers" to King's Deer. As many of you are already aware, our area has a unique set of soil, altitude and weather conditions, and when combined, presents a challenge for growing trees and shrubs in the area. In a "nutshell"; King's Deer is in a USDA Zone 4 region but at an elevation of 7,400 feet above sea level requiring trees and shrubs to be winter resilient to a minus 20 degrees to minus 30 degrees below zero. Simply put—when shopping, look for trees and shrubs annotated on the data card with a 2/3/4 range rating. These numbers reference the winter temperature range rating of minus 20 to minus 30 degrees and a growing zone of 4. Additionally, the HOA has developed a general landscape reference document. This document consolidates all the various information from the covenants and the *Design Standards* as well as helpful professional advice. The result is a reference manual with all information located in one single location. The informational landscape document includes:

- The minimum landscaping requirements for each subdivision. (*These requirements are the same as they have always been. No changes here.*)
- Excerpts of specific sections of the King's Deer *Design Standards* as they apply to landscaping.
- Helpful tips and useful facts concerning landscaping in our area.
- Resource contacts for further specific information concerning any additional questions you may have.
- And yes!!! The document also includes helpful information on controlling the proliferation of the worst nemesis that plagues the individual King's Deer homeowner.... the infamous voles and pocket gophers of King's Deer!

The document can be downloaded from the King's Deer website (kingsdeer.org) under *Library > Governance Documents > Landscape Guide*.

In summary, the ACC looks forward to reviewing your spring and summer projects and are here to assist you in anyway possible. All we ask is that you keep in mind the following ACC point of view, "*It is always easier to ask for permission than to ask for forgiveness*". Be sure to get approval before starting that project! Doing so may save you unnecessary heartache and money. 



THE KING IS BACK!!!

Thanks to the support of all of our friends and neighbors in King's Deer, we are proud to announce the re-opening of the golf course!

The golf course conditions are improving daily and we invite you to come check out our progress. Our current rates are:

Monday-Friday \$46 per person 18 w/cart

Weekends and Holidays - \$56 per person 18 w/cart

Tee times can be made online at www.kingsdeergolfclub.com or by calling us in the golf shop at 719-559-4500.

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communities who seek a common goal: reduce the loss of life, property, and resources to wildland fire by building and maintaining communities that are compatible with the natural surroundings. The program seeks *voluntary* compliance with existing wildfire safety rules, and strives to motivate community action toward wildfire safety in the absence of strict ordinances or laws.

Firewise Community/USA designation is a recognition that acknowledges citizen involvement in reducing community wildfire risk. It highlights the commitment and efforts of a community to evaluate wildfire risk and to act to reduce that risk. Additional benefits include enhanced sense of community, a sense of greater safety within the community, and public acknowledgement of the increased safety of the community which can translate to increased property values.

The King's Deer Board of Directors would like to support a *Firewise Community/USA* initiative in King's Deer. To get the program started, only a very few volunteers are needed—three to five. These community leaders would form a King's Deer Firewise Committee.

The first task they would accomplish is a community assessment; this is usually supported by a state liaison or local fire official. Comprehensive templates for the assessment are available. Next, a plan is developed to identify achievable solutions in response to the

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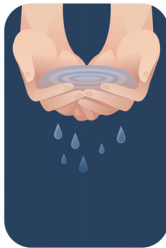
Be Water Wise; Plan Ahead

by Allen Alchian, Director for Water Resources

We are now into the irrigation season. If you haven't read your water meter recently to see how much of your annual allocation you've used so far, do it now!

Each home owner is limited in the amount of water that may be drawn from their well during a water year (October 1 to September 30). By reading your meter now and subtracting the October 2013 reading, you will know how much water has been drawn from your well since October.

Every King's Deer home owner can find their water use data on the King's Deer website (kingsdeer.org) by logging in the Owner area. Once logged in, select "Water" on the available menu. You will then see a sub-menu with, "Review Water Use."



Select it and follow the remaining instructions. You will be presented the last two annual water meter readings, the amount of water drawn from your well based on those two readings, and the maximum amount of water that may be drawn from your well in a year. With this information, along with knowing how much water you've drawn since October 2013, you will know the amount of water available to draw from your well

through the remainder of the current water year which ends September 30, 2014.

Generally speaking, if you are doing landscape irrigation, your water use at this time should not exceed half the total annual allocation of water because landscape irrigation greatly increases the amount of water drawn from a well compared to the winter months. For assistance in estimating your water use, past and future, please contact the HOA office.

If you do not have, or forgot, your King's Deer login information, please contact the HOA office by email at admin@kingsdeer.org, or call 719 488-2840. 🐾

ANNUAL LOT MOWING DEADLINE: MONDAY, JUNE 30

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assessment. A Firewise Day event focused on a local Firewise project would be hosted; examples might be a "chipping day," a "slash collection day," or "community clean-up day." The various activities and efforts that enhance the community fire mitigation program would be documented by the committee and submitted as an annual report to Firewise Communities/USA. If accepted, the Firewise Communities/USA designation is conferred with appropriate publicity, along with the privilege of displaying the Firewise Communities/USA signage. The designation is annual so the program is therefore continual. Ideally the community would appreciate the value of the program such that community-wide support grows with each year.

The King's Deer Board of Directors will support this initiative with financial and other resource support when few King's Deer members who believe in a fire mitigation program step forward to take charge. If you're one of those individuals, please contact the King's Deer HOA office by email at admin@kingsdeer.org. If there are at least three volunteers for this program, we'll set up an initial meeting to help move this program forward. Let's do our part to reduce the potential destructiveness of wildfire, whenever it occurs, in our community. 🐾

King's Deer Community Garage Sale

Friday-Sunday, August 8-10

It's time to start gathering up those old and gently used items that are just taking up needed space. King's Deer HOA will host its Eighth Annual Community Garage Sale.

This year the garage sale will be three days: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, August 8-10 to maximize the opportunity for our members to participate during some portion of the event.

As in past years, the HOA will advertise the event in local papers, including the Colorado Springs Gazette, the Tri-Lakes Tribune, and Our Community News. We take care of all the publicity; you only have to open up your garage and let the customers come in.

Most participating residents put some balloons or other attracting elements on their mailbox to make their property easier to identify as an event location. The typical start time is 8 AM, and most shopping is done by 1 PM, however, each resident may open and close as is appropriate for their needs, and there is no obligation to participate all three days.

King's Deer HOA will again produce a map identifying the location of participating King's Deer properties and what types of items each location will have available for sale. The map will be available for download from the King's Deer web site beginning Saturday, July 26.

To include your property on the map, send an email to admin@kingsdeer.org with "Garage Sale" in the subject line; give us your address and you may include about three lines of text describing the types of items you'll be selling or any other information you feel will be helpful to shoppers (e.g. hours or days you will participate). Include your name and phone number in the email in case we need to contact you, but name and phone numbers will not be included in the map. Please make a point of downloading the map when it is available to ensure your location and associated information is accurately presented.

After Tuesday, August 5, there will be no further changes to the garage sale map, so please do not procrastinate too long in deciding if you want your location included.

Many residents use this annual event as an opportunity to get out and visit or meet their neighbors. Whether you are a seller, a shopper, or a socializer, plan to participate in this great community activity. 🐾



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KING'S DEER MONTHLY PRECIPITATION REPORT

The not-very-official King's Deer weather station recorded the following monthly precipitation in 2012, 2013 and 2014.

<u>2012</u>	<u>inches</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>inches</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>inches</u>
Jan	0.06	Jan	0.29	Jan	0.46
Feb	1.46	Feb	0.93	Feb	0.76
Mar	0.02	Mar	1.00	Mar	1.37
Apr	2.15	Apr	0.97	Apr	1.79
May	1.05	May	1.95	May	2.00
Jun	1.28	Jun	0.63	Jun	-
Jul	2.46	Jul	2.41	Jul	-
Aug	0.17	Aug	4.61	Aug	-
Sep	1.88	Sep	5.16	Sep	-
Oct	0.89	Oct	0.30	Oct	-
Nov	0.00	Nov	0.21	Nov	-
Dec	<u>0.53</u>	Dec	<u>0.41</u>	Dec	-
2012:	11.95	2013:	18.87	2014:	6.38

Precipitation, which includes the water equivalent for snowfall, is collected and measured daily in a non-forested area of the King's Deer Classic subdivision.



King's Deer HOA Reference

IMPORTANT DATES IN 2014

Annual Lot Mowing Deadline: Monday, June 30

KD Community Garage Sale: Fri-Sun, Aug 8-10

Report Annual Water Meter Reading: October 1-31

Annual Membership Meeting: Tuesday, November 11

Office Closure

Friday, July 4

Monday, September 1

(See website Calendar page for updates)

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