



Country Club Estates Newsletter

CCEHA MISSION STATEMENT

Country Club Estates Homeowners Association provides value to homeowners by Ensuring conformance to covenants, restrictions and bylaws; promoting neighborhood improvements, safety and social activities; and advocating on behalf of its members to the developer, municipality and other political entities.

July and August
2004

Deming, New Mexico

Country Club Estates
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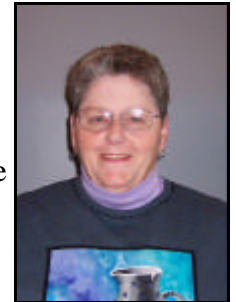
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Growth, Change, and You

Country Club Estates is growing. Growth and change can be good to some while others long for “the good old days” when we knew everyone. When we bought our property in 2000 there were about five new homes being built per year. In recent conversations with the Reedys I learned they are starting one new house about every two weeks.

Sheer numbers mean we must do some things differently. The Homeowners’ board members are all volunteers. The number of volunteers on the board is a fixed number, not a percentage of ownership. The Board can’t do everything you might want and can’t solve every problem. The Board doesn’t have a paid staff; they are volunteers with other interests in life who just agreed to help our community. One of the Board’s unwritten goals is to promote independence; to help you find community resources to solve



President
Sharon Galbraith

problems. Coming to us with “you should” problems is sometimes necessary; but, coming to us with “how can I help, or do you have a suggestion” issues inspire us.

Downsides of growth:

A downside of growth is the need to pay stricter attention to our Rules and Regulations. Hypothetically when there were only 20 homes and one neighbor walked a friendly dog off-leash the leash requirements might have been ignored. Now we have 90+ homes and more unknowns. CCE has a pet leash requirement (as does the city of Deming) and we must ask that you strictly abide by it. I am a pet owner (cat) and a pet lover, but it would be arrogant of me to assume that everyone shared my enthusiasm. Aside from the responsibility of pet owners to clean up after their pets, we have the responsibility not to harm others property or endanger their health. Some of us have mobility problems and an unrestrained pet could cause problems. Another downside of growth is that we cannot know everyone. We cannot depend on a committee to keep us informed about every change in ownership or residency, we cannot depend on the builder to keep us informed, we can ask all our residents to let us know when they have a new neighbor. That means you, and you, and you. We would rather learn of changes from several people than not hear at all. For now please contact me (505) 546-3758 and I will disseminate the information. Knock on your neighbor’s door and say

If you would like to have a copy of CCEHA’s reference book stop by the clubhouse or drop a note to Marie Miller at the association address, 3209 Wedge Rd., or check for it on the website, www.zianet.com/cceha

Hi. Offer to help your new neighbor find the library, the senior center, or a place to get their oil changed. If you are new here, introduce yourself to your neighbors, ask them for directions, and join us Saturday morning from 9 – 10 a. m. at the clubhouse for coffee and donuts. Even if this is not “your thing” it provides

If you are new here, introduce yourself to your neighbors, ask them for directions, and join us Saturday morning from 9 - 10 a.m. at the clubhouse for coffee and donuts. Even if this is not "your thing" it provides a great opportunity to meet neighbors, ask questions, and learn about your new community. Just try it out. It is also a good opportunity to ask someone how to access the clubhouse when there are no activities in progress, or how to get the password for the restricted portion of the website.

Upsides of growth:

The upsides of growth are numerous. We have a greater chance of meeting people with similar interests. For example, Jack, my husband, is still looking for someone who would be interested in playing a drum in his bagpipe group, or people interested in learning to play the bagpipe. Well perhaps we have to grow a bit more for that match.

The larger Country Club Estates becomes the higher the visibility we have in the community. We had no problem asking the Police and Fire Chiefs to address us on public safety issues. Our size was large enough to warrant their attention.

A larger population means we have a greater chance of expertise locally. Perhaps you view retirement is the opportunity to learn something new. You might even swap skills or assistance with one another. In Illinois we had a great arrangement with neighbors in our condo; they often needed our technical assistance, and we needed cat sitters when we were out of town. We both thought we were lucky.

As a Homeowners Association we should definitely benefit from growth by having more people in our community who are willing to take some leadership challenge whether it be as a board member or officer, or participation in one of our committees. If you have been here one day or ten years, please give this some thought. By being a board member or committee member (or chair) you have a greater opportunity to be part of a solution, not part of a problem. I don't live in fear that someone in the community can do my job better than I can, I pray there are several people who can do better a better job and will step forward to take positions on the board when we assemble the nominating committee. Please look in the mirror and ask yourself "what am I waiting for?"

Sharon

The Board of Directors would like to have your e-mail address on record so when changes in events, special notices etc. you too can be in the know. Please give Sharon Galbraith a call at 546-3758 with your e-mail address.

Here is some good Trivia ——

There is no species of fish called the Sardine. Usually small herring or pilchard are processed as Sardines.

Despite their reputation, there have been no deaths attributed to tarantula bites recorded in history.

Klondike isn't in Alaska, it's in the Yukon Territory—in Canada

Yams and sweet potatoes are actually unrelated vegetables.

Contrary to what might seem logical, Carson City, Nevada is actually west of Los Angeles.

.Contrary to what you see in movies, if you raise your legs slowly and lay on your back, you can't sink In quicksand.

COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE
Co-chairmen—Cheryl Fontaine and Debbie Hayhurst
Sept. and October 2004

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Coffee and Donuts every Saturday at 9:00 AM at Clubhouse.

NEEDED: Volunteers to pick-up donuts and make coffee. You will be reimbursed.
PLEASE sign-up on the Events Calendar

Men's Breakfast Every Wednesday at 7:45 AM
Meet at the Cactus Café at 218 W. Cedar Street

EXERCISE GROUP—Clubhouse Monday, Wednesday & Friday — 6:50 PM to 7:50 PM

Don't forget the Food Basket in Clubhouse. Canned goods, cereals, toiletries, etc etc, for needy.

REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS AT CLUBHOUSE

Board Meeting: Sept. 2nd at 6:15 PM at Clubhouse
Next Board MEETING WILL BE Oct. 7th at 6:15 at the clubhouse

Saturday SEPT. 4 & Oct. 2nd 6:30 PM —Cards & Games. Join us for your favorite game. Bring your own or play: Dominoes, Euchre, Trivial Pursuit, Scrabble, or whatever! First Saturday of each month.

Wednesday, Sept. 8 th—Ladies Luncheon —Primos on Gold Street—meet at clubhouse at 11:00 am SHARP. Be sure to sing-up in clubhouse.

Thurs. Sept. 9th at 7:00pm CLUBHOUSE—"A Date with a Dietitian". Come with your questions. For info call Debbie Raynor at 544-8683

Friday, Sept 24th at 8:30 AM, Meet at Irmas for Ladies Breakfast.-Fourth Friday of month

Wed. Sept. 15 at 9:30 am — Creations & Conversations! Bring a project-share info or just come to visit. Next one on Oct. 20th

READERS GROUP . Wednesday, Sept. 22 will discuss the book "The Bean Tree" by Barbara Kingsolber. .

SPECIAL EVENT ON SEPT. 29TH—Spaghetti Dinner and entertainment by Hali Pekron who is Deming's own. Hali is New Mexico's Champion Fiddle player, and has been playing the fiddle from age 4. She is now a beautiful teenager. You won't want to miss this one. Flyers Will be delivered to you sometime in Sept.

UPCOMING EVENTS—October 9th —Our yearly CCE community Garage and Bake sale.
October 30th —Halloween Party. Check clubhouse for details.

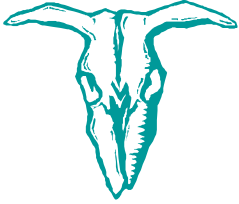
FOR READERS IN CCEHA—We have books and Videos for loan at the clubhouse. We only ask that they be returned in a timely manner.

Clubhouse furnishings are not allowed to be removed from clubhouse

Cheryl Fontaine is the keeper of the Emergency Phone List.
For newcomers, this is a list of your family member or relatives, or friends, that you would want to be notified in case you are unable to do so.
More information call Cheryl at 544-7222

NOTICE —The Pink Store in Palomas WILL NOT hold their annual Fiesta in Sept. due to construction on their new building.

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**COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES VISION STATEMENT—
CCE IS A LANDMARK RETIREMENT COMMUNITY KNOWN FOR ITS WELL DEFINED
SOUTHWESTERN STYLE, BEING A GREAT INVESTMENT, AND BEING A COMMUNITY
WHERE NEIGHBORS CARE.**



**Rainbow over The Floridas —August 30, 2004
submitted by Debbie Hayhurst**