



COMMENTS FROM THE EDITOR

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SPEED AND CHILDREN AT PLAY.

If there are no medications, alcohol or other drugs involved, reaction time for an 'attentive person' is about one second. During this second you will travel a certain distance before you hit the brake and then another distance as your vehicle comes to a stop. Obviously, the faster you travel the longer the stopping distance.



Speed	Thinking + Braking Distance	Stopping Distance
20mph	20ft + 20ft	40 feet
30mph	30ft + 45ft	75 feet
40mph	40ft + 80ft	120 feet

The speed limit within MC is 25 mph, meaning an alert person would still take 57 feet to stop. All the new kids playing in MC are aware of traffic, and parents are good at telling kids to be careful when they are playing out. But kids are kids and they easily get distracted when playing and riding.

What we have found from studies with the City of Loveland is that generally, few people are actually speeding down Cove Drive even as they approach the wide curve after Lighthouse Point Court and Island five. But, 25 mph can still feel fast and 57 feet is still a good distance in which to stop if a kid appears out of the blue. Let's keep working to prevent an accident by just driving slowly. New signs will go up to remind all of us of this concern.

FIRST ST - SIDEWALK AND SPEED

Anyone who bikes and walks along First street will notice that there is no sidewalk from the ditch east of Cove Dr for 1/3 mile until the sidewalk reappears about 400 ft west of Rossum Dr. For walkers it means walking the dirt-gravel berm, which becomes a mudfest when wet, and is practically unnavigable for anyone not able to move easily on rough ground. It is also notable that traffic usually travels much faster than the 45 mph sign. I enquired about using the *Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)* to require completion of the sidewalk. The city is not required to complete the section of sidewalk because it provides no facilities for the public along this section. However, this piece of sidewalk is on the schedule but at low priority because there are more urgent needs for other sidewalks throughout the city. Since the roundabout was put in at the intersection of Crestone and 1st street the City has been collecting data about traffic going along First St. They found vehicles were going at about 42-47 mph (which is still over the speed limit) but there had been no crashes, so not enough of a problem to warrant any crossing help for pedestrians (except by Rossum Dr to Boedecker Bluff Natural Area).

DITCH BRIDGE BETWEEN MC AND THE SPRINGS NEIGHBORHOODS

In the last Clipper there was a referendum about putting up a more permanent bridge across the ditch for the walking trails between our communities. The first step was to garner community opinion. The result was that 22 returns yielded 9 yes votes, and 13 vociferous no votes. Even with a full yes response there would have still been lots of discussion needed because of the high cost of the project. So, anyone walking the paths of the Springs and the MC can still use First street, or when it is up, the more exciting temporary plank bridge across the ditch (currently not there). We have no information on who set up or maintains the plank crossing.

COMMUNITY SOCIAL EVENTS

Some 49 people turned up at the July 17th MC social gathering and had a grand time catching up with friends and new neighbors alike. We have several festivals yet to come this year like Oktoberfest, Thanksgiving, and Christmas that we have traditionally held get-togethers. Hopefully, this year will remain more open than last. Other events that have been held have been Ice Cream Socials during Summer, the Shores Summer Regatta, the Community Garage Sale, as well as the Men's luncheon and the Women's book club.

If you would like to help volunteer to help organize one of these get togethers or any others, please send an email to marianacovehoaloveland@gmail.com

MAILBOX NOTICE BOXES

A question we often get is about the post with two notice holders by each of the MC Post Office mailboxes. Please note that the top box is for use with official HOA notices (even when empty), but the lower one is for residents to use anytime, for announcements of various kinds that may be of interest to others in the HOA.

BEARS AND TRASH CANS

While this is valid at all times, but especially so as we head in the end of summer and start of Fall, just a reminder NOT to put out any trash or recycle cans the night before. We do have bears within the area and they are attracted by the wonderful aroma of trash in our trashcans. If you are going to be away the morning cans need to put out, make an arrangement with your neighbor to have them put out for you. It saves the problem of trash spread out over the road and as importantly, prevents bears from becoming a nuisance within MC.

BOATS BY THE LAKE

It's been a fine summer so far for playing on the water. Even as the waters edge now recedes with the water being withdrawn for irrigation purposes, there is still another several weeks left to get on the water. However, please note that all boats should be removed from the banks of the lake and stored away by September 31st.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

We live in a wonderful neighborhood that is safe and secure most of the time. While we do not have an official Neighborhood Watch, all the neighbors have always been good about calling out strange goings-on in MC. We have recently had cases of mischief and also several cars broken into. If you see something that doesn't look right, please call Loveland Police [\(970\) 667-2151](tel:9706672151) to dispatch an officer to come and check. Better safe than sorry.

MARILYN WILTGEN – RETIRING PROPERTY MANAGER



For 20+ years Marilyn Wiltgen, along with her late husband Bob, have been property managers of Mariana Cove. Marilyn has decided to officially retire in order to find time to enjoy herself seeing friends and family. We are grateful for Wiltgen Property Managements years of service to MC, and most who know her will be sad to see her step down. In Marilyn's own words.

Dear Friends and Neighbors: I am writing to notify you of my upcoming retirement from property management. My last day doing business as Wiltgen Property Management will be December 31, 2021.

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to spend the last 20 + years working as a team with my late husband, Bob, managing community associations, and I am especially thankful to those of you with whom I have worked personally as board members and volunteers.

I have learned a great deal from working with friends, colleagues, and service providers and feel that my skills grew considerably during my time as a property manager. It was a pleasure to be a part of the projects you accomplished and to work with you as clients.

I fully intend to help make the transition leading up to and following my retirement as smooth as possible, and I would be happy to assist in hiring and/or training my replacement. I will also be available to assist as a consultant during my retirement, should you have any needs.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to work with you. I wish you all the best in the years to come! *Marilyn*