



COMMENTS FROM THE EDITOR

After a lull of many months, here is the long awaited Clipper newsletter (at least by three of you 😊). If you are new to our neighborhood and would like to get this newsletter via email (i.e., you're seeing it by the mailboxes), send an email with your name(s), address and email to marianacovehoaloveland@gmail.com (the HOA board email). I still deliver hard-copy to a few people when requested or those that never tell me their email addresses. And no, we do not get this information from the property managers. We have a private Facebook group for Mariana Cove (MC) that all MC residents can use to communicate on a real time basis. Just key 'mariana cove group' in the Facebook search bar. Or enter this link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/marianacove/> Our website has most of the HOA information (updated regularly) <http://www.marianacove.org/> All our older HOA documents are archived on a single site <http://bit.ly/CoveDocs> For now there are three sites to find HOA information (pre 2021 Bitly.com, the HOA website, and the Evernest Property Manager site (only recent files).

DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC)

If you are doing any major change to the outside of your home and property, then you probably need to clear it with the DRC who will quickly approve it or let you know how to comply with HOA covenant needs. DRC information and application form can be found on the Evernest site (under ARC heading) or the HOA website under DRC.

BEARS-TRASH CANS and OSPREY



Spring is here, even if the odd snowstorms make us disbelief it. While it is neat to see a Black Bear while travelling around remote areas of the West, seeing them around our neighborhood or seeing trash cans that have been rummaged through by them (or other wildlife) is less than desirable. Only put out trash and recycle bins on the morning of collection to safeguard bears and also people.



We love seeing the return of the Osprey to their nests, but please observe them from a good distance because if 'spooked' they may abandon the nest and any eggs within it. We also have a Bald Eagle Eyrie visible from the gate at the south end of the walking path. Let's keep them coming back and watch them from a distance.

SPEED CONTROL AND TRAFFIC CALMING

After the January referendum, the HOA voted to accept the City's plans for reducing speeders within our neighborhood. When implemented by the city, **the new speed limit will be 20 mph**, along with two new 'Traffic Humps' on Cove Dr (half-way down the initial hill (near foot trail) and another on the long-bend after Cape Dory Dr (nearer Lighthouse Point Dr)). The existing electronic speed alert sign will also remain but be moved every six-months by the city. We do not have side-walks, so please, always be aware of people, children, dog walkers, and cyclists on the road in our neighborhood.



Neighborhood Library

A reminder of the little neighborhood library in the garden (at the junction of Cove and Laurel Hill). It is a place where anyone can put books, magazines and puzzles in there, and anyone can take anything out. You do not have to exchange, but doing so keeps it continually replenished. Any problems? – let the board know.

MAILBOX NOTICE BOXES

A question we often get is about the 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. **Please, NO political or controversial materials** – we honor diverse perspectives, but let's talk about them openly to each other and not surreptitiously, often through emotionally charged postings.

WILDFIRE RISK, ASSESSMENT, and MITIGATION

We live within a Fire-Ecology ecosystem. Since the Marshall suburban fire on Dec 30, 2022, there has been talk about how prepared is our HOA for such a catastrophic incident. Information that Loveland Fire and Rescue is doing can be found at <https://lfra.org/our-services/wildfire/> I know three families that lost their homes in the Louisville, CO, area in the Marshall fire. The one thing that seems to come out of this was that while the fire services were ready for grassland fires away from the homes, there seemed a disbelief that any such fires would ever get that close to housing areas. However, arid winter conditions and very high winds along with some complacency contributed to the destructive episode of that fire. The Cameron fire evacuation zone came to within 4 miles of our homes in Summer 2023. It behooves us all to think about how we can mitigate our homes against such unexpected wildfires. If you are interested in being part of a small task force to investigate how our HOA can be prepared, contact the board via email at marianacovehoaloveland@gmail.com

THE LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE (LC)

The LC is under the eye of board member Randy Payne (Landscape Liaison). The LC keeps on top of all issues concerning communal open areas within the neighborhood – dead wood, weeds, watering needs and general landscaping. If you see anything needing attention, please email the board at marianacovehoaloveland@gmail.com so that things can be dealt with in a timely manner.

COMMUNITY & VOLUNTEERS

True communities are so much more than simply people living within a neighborhood. A community is a group of people working together to advocate and support each other in the fight to overcome threats to well-being. As human beings, we need a sense of belonging, and that sense of belonging is what connects us to the many relationships we develop.

So much goes on without fanfare by many within the community. As always, our grateful thanks go out to all our volunteers who make that extra effort to keep the neighborhood looking beautiful and tidy.

Unpaid volunteers are often the glue that holds a community together. Volunteering allows you to connect to your community and make it a better place. Even helping out with the smallest tasks can make a real difference to the lives of people, animals, and organizations in need. Moreover, volunteering can serve as a stress reliever, promoting mental and emotional well-being.

COMMUNITY SOCIAL EVENTS

During the past three years we have had spasmodic gatherings in our community, where before we once had numerous reasons to get together and meet for all manner of celebration. We have several festivals to come this year like July 4th, Octoberfest, Thanksgiving, and Christmas in which we have traditionally held regular get-togethers. But we need volunteers to help organize such events. 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 restart or just to help organize one of these get togethers or any others, please send an email to marianacovehoaloveland@gmail.com