



SPEED CONTROL and SAFETY in the NEIGHBORHOOD (Board Member, Kim Schatz)



Currently, as you enter our neighborhood and down Cove Drive, you will see two orange cones with a 25 mph speed sign reminder for our neighborhood. The big problem we have in Mariana Cove is the lack of sidewalks. (We are one of two neighborhoods in Loveland that managed to be built without sidewalks. An oversight that Loveland planners say will not happen again.)

This a hazard problem for anyone walking through the neighborhood since we have to use the roads. We do have a great gravel walking path but it doesn't go all the way to the entrance, is not a good option after dark, and if your destination is midway between access points you would still have to use the road. The walking path goes around the south part of the neighborhood, but at each end where it meets Cove Drive by Island 4 , and also for about 100 yards on Cape Dory Drive, everyone is obliged to walk for a short while on the road. Add to the that number of neighbors that walk their dogs, and the children riding and playing, the numerous delivery vans, and then trying to walk in the dark along the road, and you should recognize that even 25 mph is too fast for safety.

We are continuing to work with the City Council and the City of Loveland for a solution to our ongoing concerns with traffic speed and pedestrian safety in our neighborhood. We met with Matt from the traffic control department on February 21st and walked the neighborhood to visually point out our areas of concern and discuss solutions. After meeting with him for an hour and driving down Cove Drive, he agreed that 25 mph was too fast. As you all know dealing with government isn't speedy but we'll continue pressing the issue. We're keep you posted.

We ask that you monitor and curb you speeds. A momentary distraction is all it takes to hit someone or something along the road, and is the few seconds you might save that valuable? Save a life and please stay below 20 mph when driving in and out of the neighborhood.

COMMENTS FROM THE EDITOR

We get lots of questions and most can be answered by looking at our neighborhood internet presence. We have an email account to contact the editor and the Board: marianacovehoaloveland@gmail.com and if you use Facebook, we have a private Facebook group page 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 MC property manager (only recent files) – Evernest <https://www.fortcollinspropertymanagement.co/> (you will need to log on with your personal homeowners access user and password).

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LANDSCAPING UPDATE (From Board member, Randy Payne, Board Landscape Liaison)

Good afternoon, Mariana Cove and Shores Residents. We are getting close to a new Spring season. This spring, we have made a change in our Lawn Care Company. **Heberlin Lawn Care company (HLC)** has been hired to replace Hurr Vasa. Spring cleanup and lawn care will run from April through October. HLC Lawn is a company that specializes in and focuses on HOA properties. It will take a little time to show them what our expectations are, but we are very hopeful that their performance will be much better in all aspects of the job than our previous vendor.

We have also put together a plan for several events this spring and summer in the Land Scaping Area:

1. Pathway Rocking will be performed in April. We are planning on putting Ten Tons of new rock down in designated areas. We will address low or barren rock areas.
2. We have two areas in our existing bed areas where trees have died. Both bed areas are located off Cove Drive. We have decided to place Large Decorative Rocks in the places where the trees have died instead of replacing the trees. Both sites are in non-irrigated areas.
3. Island Six (6) will be xeriscapes to match Island Five (5). This project will begin in April or May. The Island expense will be \$7000 and paid for with budgeted funds. Ryan Liebel, of Liebel Landscaping will be performing all these projects.
4. Island Three (3). We will be working with the City of Loveland to get approval to modify this island to also be xeriscaped. Their approval is required to amend our Master Landscape Plan before we can get bids on this island. They require a permit to be purchased to move forward at a cost of \$400. We have sourced a landscaping design company that was involved with the original Landscaping Plan. They will assist us with the necessary presentations and approvals from the city at a maximum cost of \$500. Once this process is complete, we will move forward to bidding. Once bidding is complete, we will use these numbers to apply for grant funds again. If granted, we will look at the 2023/2024 season to move forward. It is a very Involved process. Water Expenses are the driving focus of our efforts. However, the areas already modified do look attractive in our neighborhood.

COMMUNITY SOCIAL EVENTS

During the past three years, because of Covid, we have had only small spasmodic gatherings in our community, where before we once had numerous reasons to get together and meet for all manner of celebration. It is a great way to meet your neighbors and a great reason to get out and enjoy the various celebrations and entertainment close to home.

We have several festivals yet 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. It doesn't take much work, just connecting and organizing other volunteers to make these events happen. 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

VOLUNTEERS

As always, our grateful thanks go out to all our volunteers, known and unknown. Many of your neighbors see a problem in the common areas and just go out and fix it without any fanfare. Obviously some problems are bigger than simple fixes and then we ask for volunteers (usually via the MC Facebook page) who make that extra effort to keep the neighborhood looking beautiful and tidy.

During the recent snow, a couple of young teenage lads came around with snow shovels ready to move snow from driveways. While I'm sure they were compensated (we certainly hope so), this is a wonderful service and we applaud their willingness to help out.