

Sorrel Ranch



Homeowner Association Newsletter

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HOA MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings for 2015 will be held at the Tollgate Crossing Pool Clubhouse located at 24625 E. Bellewood Drive, Aurora, CO 80016 at 6:30 p.m. unless advised of a change. The remaining scheduled meetings for this year will be August 20th and October 15th (annual meeting).

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Thank you,

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CELEBRATE SUMMER IN SORREL RANCH!

We have several Sorrel Ranch events coming up to celebrate Summer 2015.



4th of July Celebration

Our HOA Social Committee will be hosting our 2nd annual July 4th celebration at the Sorrel Ranch pool with hot dogs, popsicles, cupcakes and some summer fun! Join us from 11:00 to 1:00 on Saturday, July 4th!

End of Summer Garage Sale

One last chance to clean out that basement or overcrowded garage and make some \$CASH\$. We will host a second Garage Sale Friday and Saturday, August 7th and 8th. Great time to get organized before the kiddos go back to school.

If you would like to help out with the Sorrel Ranch Social/Welcoming Committee, please contact Lauren Halvarson at lphalvarson@outlook.com. This is a fun committee focused on bringing our neighborhood together!

CHECK OUT THE POOL HOUSE!

At our February HOA meeting the Board chose a vendor to paint, stain and re-roof the pool house. With the help of our property manager, Scott Dube, we met with this vendor to select the new roof to match as closely to what we had. We also went over every aspect of work to be done, including taking down the pergola slats to be sanded and re-stained, to painting the new vents on the roof. We hope you will all take the opportunity to enjoy our pool this summer as well as enjoying the much needed work that was done to keep our community looking its best.

HAIL STORMS GOT YOU DOWN?

Early summer is a very precarious time of year for weather in SE Aurora. Over the past few weeks we have seen sun, rain, hail, wind and snow. The Sorrel Ranch Board and the CEC is holding off on our annual Landscaping Walkthrough till later in the summer to give our struggling trees a chance to come back to life. We understand that many trees and shrubs are not only struggling from the past few weeks but the staggering drop of temperature last November has really put our landscaping to the test.

“On Nov. 10, the high was 58 degrees Fahrenheit at 8 a.m., by 11 p.m. that day the temperatures had dropped to 16 degrees Fahrenheit, and fell to below zero on subsequent days. Due to the warm, lengthy fall, trees and shrubs had not completed preparation for winter, and we are seeing the freeze damage now.”

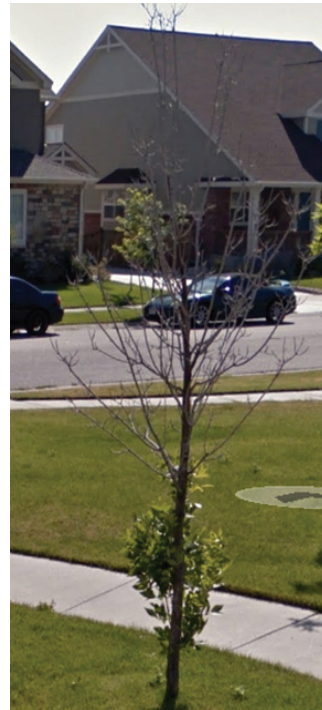
~ CSU Extension Specialist Tamla Blunt

Over the next month take note of your trees/shrubs and how they are doing (see photos).

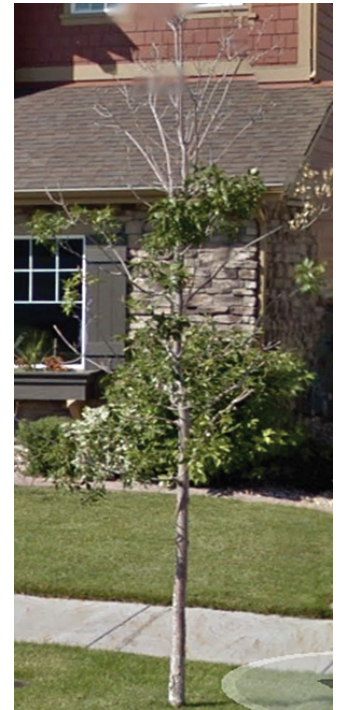
*If the top of your tree isn't blooming, it is dead.

*If the bulk of your tree is not blooming but you have fresh green twigs growing out the side of the trunk, it is dead.

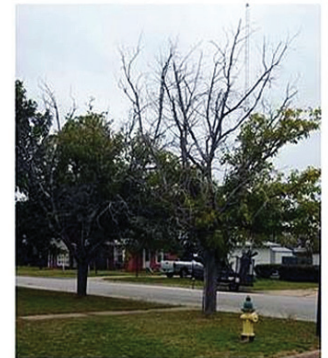
Get ahead of the walkthrough and if you have a dead tree, give notice to Scott at Weststar that you have plans to replace the tree. Hopefully the sunshine days of summer will return soon and our trees and shrubs will return.



Tree with suckers



Tree with dead crown



Examples of dying trees

REMINDERS

- Trash and recycling containers should not appear before 5:00 pm on the day prior to scheduled pickup and should disappear from view the very same day they are emptied. With everyone's help, Sorrel Ranch will remain a great-looking neighborhood to live in.
- Trash will be picked up a day later on weeks where there is a holiday. If the holiday falls on a Monday, trash will be picked up on Thursday. Trash cans should not appear before 5:00 pm on Wednesday.
- The Tollgate Creek Storm Water Detention Basin between Standard Pacific (Fleetwing) and Engle (Steel Dust) and the bridge area at the end of Alexander is an important part of a flood control plan. Dumping anything but clean water in or along the Basin, even yard waste, is not only extremely unsightly to those who overlook the area; it is also a Federal crime.

IS IT TIME TO REPAINT YOUR HOUSE EXTERIOR OR REPLACE YOUR ROOF?

Repainting and/or re-roofing your home with the original colors have been exempt from the requirement for an application and approval by the Design Review Committee (DRC). With changes in colors over time and with additional color schemes being proposed for the neighborhood, it has been decided that a notice of repainting/re-roofing would be useful. This notice doesn't require approval but simply communicates to the DRC the intent of the homeowner. Communication will help avoid paint scheme overlap within adjacent neighbor's color schemes and maintenance of the overall personality of the neighborhood. (In other words, this will help avoid three homes in a row or across the street from being painted the exact colors). Thank you for helping us keep our neighborhood looking great! For more information, please contact Scott@weststarmanagement.com.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE (CEC) PROCESS

The CEC does two walks of the community each year, one early spring for painting, staining and driveways; the second in late summer for trees. The property manager does drive-throughs and walk-arounds weekly. Letters get sent out from each of these activities allowing homeowners a 2 week period to correct the issue. If a homeowner needs an extension, they must call or email Scott at Weststar to discuss. The HOA is not unreasonable in its requests for work to be done or time frames, but the key is communication with the property manager.

WOW, TWO NEW PET STATIONS!

Two additional dog stations have been added at Ida Place and De Gualle and Brandt and the Xcel easement. If you forget to bring a cleanup bag, each dog station has a supply of these. Please remind your children to clean up and let them know the locations of the dog stations. The HOA is continuing to work on improving our common areas. We have new improvements planned for this next year. Piles of dog waste seen near dog stations and throughout the common areas detracts from these efforts. Let's all do our part to keep Sorrel Ranch looking great!



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SORREL RANCH HOA ADOPTS NEW ENFORCEMENT POLICY

This policy is located at www.weststarmanagement.com. Please note this policy takes effect July 1, 2015. This policy has new guidelines and violation fines for owners that make exterior changes without prior DRC approval. Please make a point to become familiar with ALL HOA governing documents.

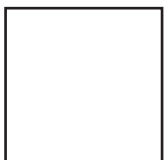


VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Come help make your neighborhood special, volunteer for the Community Enhancement committee.

The mission of this committee is to make recommendations to the Board of Directors that will preserve, protect and enhance the aesthetic, architectural and economic value of the homes in Sorrel Ranch HOA through a consistent and fair application of the Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&R's) and the Rules and Regulations. The time commitments for this committee varies but the majority of time is spent organizing two walk-throughs per year and reporting the violations to the management company. The walk-throughs will typically be in the spring and summer. Without enough volunteers, the management company will need to perform some of the tasks and that could result in paying higher HOA dues.

To volunteer contact Scott at scott@weststarmanagement.com.



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