



DISCOVERY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER RANDY CUBERO

In this newsletter I would like to have everyone read Article III of our Covenants below with the purpose in mind of updating and modernizing our Use Restrictions for our properties. The first round of suggested changes to the **Use Restrictions** will be in bold print if the restriction is to be added or will be stricken through if the restriction is to be deleted. Your comments and suggestions are welcome and all changes will first be approved by the Executive Board and the Architectural Control Committee followed by the required approval of a majority of our Discovery Homeowners. Our strategy to updating the Covenants will be to piecemeal appropriate sections to the Homeowners at a time for a series of votes until all the articles

are updated. This process we estimate will take the better part of a year. Send your comments directly to me at rcubero@adelphia.net or to any of the Executive Board members. Remember that our overarching goals of enhancing our property values and increasing the safety of our neighborhood should always take precedence in considering any and all changes to our covenants.

Warm regards, Randy

Article III

Use Restrictions

The following restrictions, covenants and easements are imposed uniformly upon the Properties and the use thereof as a common scheme for the benefit of each Lot and may be enforced by the Architectural Control Committee, any Owner or the Association.

Section 1. Land Use, Building Type and Occupancy. Lots shall be used solely for one detached single family residential dwelling purposes not to exceed thirty-five (35) feet in height. However, in no case will structures exceed in height sixteen (16) feet above the highest point on the Lot except where this height restriction is waived by the Architectural Control Committee on relatively flat Lots where the committee determines that the views from other Lots will not be adversely affected. No building shall be permitted on any Lot unless such building has been duly constructed thereon and the removal of dwellings or structures from other locations to any Lot shall not be permitted. A private garage for not less than two (2) cars shall be provided with each single family dwelling, and in accordance with the set back requirements herein contained.

Section 2. Subdivision. No further subdivision or re-subdivisions of any Lot or combination of Lots as shown on the recorded plat shall be permitted.

Section 3. Building Size. No dwelling shall be permitted on any Lot in which the finished living area on the primary level, exclusive of open porches and garages, is less than ~~1400~~**(2400)** square feet.

Section 4. Buildings Costs. No dwelling shall be permitted to be constructed on any Lot at a cost of less than ~~\$50,000~~ **(\$200,000)** based on the cost levels prevailing on the date these covenants are recorded. It is the intention and purpose of this covenant to insure all dwellings shall be of a quality of workmanship and materials substantially the same or better than that which can be produced on the date these covenants are recorded at the minimum cost dated herein for the minimum permitted dwelling size.

Section 5. Building Location. No building shall be located on any Lot or building site nearer to the front Lot line or nearer to the side street lines than shall be allowed by the applicable zoning ordinances of the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado: but in any event, no building shall be located on any Lot nearer than twenty (20) feet to the front Lot line or nearer than fifteen (15) feet to any side street line. No building shall be located nearer than five (5) feet to an interior Lot line and no dwelling shall be located on any Lot nearer than twenty (20) feet to the rear Lot line. For the purposes of this covenant, eaves, steps and open porches shall be considered as part of the building.

Section 6. Building Construction. All buildings erected on the Properties shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the following standards:

~~Roof materials shall be shake or cedar variety shingles unless a different material is approved by the Architectural Control Committee.~~
(Roofing materials shall not be shake or cedar variety and shall be approved by the Architectural Control Committee.)

Gutters are not required: however, if they are used, gutters and downspouts shall be constructed of wood or **(metal and)** shall be painted to blend with the earth tone colors of the dwelling.

Aluminum or wood windows are allowed: however, if aluminum windows are used, they must be anodized or painted to blend with the earth tone colors of the dwelling.

Mailboxes will be designed by the Declarant: and this design will be used throughout the subdivision.

Only earth tone colors shall be used on exterior siding and garage doors.

Garage doors shall be wood, wood composition material **(or metal.)**

All exterior walls shall be constructed of wood, stone, stucco, or brick. Wood can be stained, **(painted in earth tones)** or left natural to weather. ~~Painting exterior wood shall not be allowed.~~ Stucco must be either **tan,** dark tan or brown in color. Stone must be left natural and shall not be painted. Brick shall be limited to sand brick, clinker brick and bricks without a sheen appearance, brick with a color that blends with the natural surroundings. Standard red brick is an example of a disapproved material. **(Question to the Executive Board: Should standard red brick be disapproved??)** Only two (2) combinations of the allowed materials may be used unless prior approval of the Architectural Control Committee is obtained

Only two (2) and three (3) car-sized garages are allowed. No carports will be permitted. **(Oversized garages will require special approval by Architectural Control Committee and must be integrated and connected with main residential structure and will require an acceptable landscaping plan to retain or restore the natural surroundings to the new construction.)**

Exposed concrete will be allowed only when it is textured or patterned and is to be approved by the Architectural Control Committee. All other exposed concrete must be stuccoed.

Bright accent colors can be used in-small areas to add interest and variety such as on door panels, **(trim)** and small wall panels.

Section 7. Building Design. Only custom designed homes will be approved: standard builder models will not be allowed. The design should be done in an effort to protect as much of the natural environment as possible, minimizing the removal of trees and the disturbance of the natural topography and native vegetation. Modern, multi-level, shed roof dwellings using natural materials will be encouraged.

Section 8. Fences or Walls. Fences or wall are encouraged to enclose limited areas on the Lot where privacy is desired in either the front, side or rear yard.

Fencing the entire Lot or long continuous fences on any Lot lines will be discouraged except along the Lot lines that adjoin the City Park. All fences or walls will be consistent with and a visual extension of the architecture of the house. Similar materials will be used and the scale will be appropriate.

Section 9. Removal of Trees. The removal of trees, shrubs and other landscaping will not be allowed unless the landscaping is replaced by a comparable **(item)** and **(the landscaping plan)** must be approved by the Architectural Control Committee. No existing trees, rocks, scrub oak or other natural vegetation shall be removed from the Lot unless required in the construction of the dwelling and must be approved by the Architectural Control Committee. If trees must be removed, they must be replanted on the Lot if possible or the Architectural Control Committee must be advised thirty (30) days prior to the removal of any tree that will not be replanted on the Lot so that the Committee will have the opportunity to replant the tree, if possible, in another area within the development. The existing natural vegetation, trees and rock outcroppings that are to remain on each Lot must be maintained without change.

Section 10. Landscaping. Excluding paved driveways, patios and sidewalks, all areas of the Lot are to be grassed, shrubbed, treed or otherwise landscaped. Preservation of the natural landscaping will be encouraged and only those areas that are disturbed or graded during the course of construction or that are enclosed by walls or fences can be replanted with landscaping not native to the area. Substitute materials such as rock, gravel or paving must be approved by the Architectural Control Committee and will generally be discouraged **(unless environmental conditions or water conservation measures are to be considered)**. Landscaping shown on the approved plot plan must be completed within one (1) year after construction of the house has been completed.

Section 11. Construction Restrictions and Materials Storage. No storage of materials will be allowed on any Lot except when enclosed or out of view of the adjoining Lots. During construction material storage and equipment movement and grading will be allowed only in those areas where the structures will be built and those areas to be re-landscaped or enclosed by fences or walls. Other areas of the Lot shall be fenced to prevent access by construction equipment prior to beginning any construction on the Lot. One access point to the fenced area where construction will be allowed shall be provided to the public street. The area to be fenced shall be indicated along with the type of fence on the plot plan submitted to the Architectural Control Committee.

Section 12. Unightly Objects. Refuge piles or other unsightly objects or materials shall not be allowed to be placed or to remain upon any premises, easements or any street unless placed in a suitable container. Garbage cans are to be behind decorative fencing or otherwise hidden from the view of the street.

Section 13. Commercial Vehicles, Campers and Trailers. No commercial-type vehicle, recreational vehicles, campers, trailers, motor homes or trucks shall be stored or parked on any Lot or parked on any street except while engaged in transport to or from a dwelling, unless the same can be stored inside of the garage or otherwise stored at the rear of the Lot out of sight of the street and screened from the view of adjoining Lots. For the purposes of this restriction, a truck having a 3/4 ton manufacturer's rated capacity, commonly known as a pickup truck, shall not be deemed to be a commercial vehicle or a truck. **(Permits for exceptions to the above rule can be issued by the Executive Board)**

Section 14. Nuisances. No noxious or offensive activities shall be carried on upon any Lot nor shall anything be done thereupon which may or may become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood.

Section 15. Animals. No persons shall be allowed to keep, breed or raise chickens, turkeys, cattle, horses, sheep, goats, swine, rabbits or any other domestic farm or barnyard animals or fowl on any Lot or erect thereupon any building designed to house the same. This restriction shall not be construed to prohibit any person from keeping dogs, cats or other household pets on any Lot, provided they are not kept, bred or raised for any commercial purpose. **(Pets outside the home or fenced area of the home shall be leashed and are not allowed to roam without their owner).**

Section 16. Temporary Residences. No structure of temporary character, trailer, basement, tent, shack, barn or other outbuilding shall be used on any Lot at any time as a residence, either temporarily or permanently and no used structure of any sort shall be moved onto any Lot.

Section 17. Signs. No signs of any kind shall be displayed to the public view on any Lot except one Professional sign of not more than five (5) square feet advertising the property for sale or rent, or signs used by a builder, developer or sub-divider to advertise the property during the construction, development and sales period. **Political signs will be allowed under the current regulations of the City of Colorado Springs Residential Sign Ordinance.**

Section 18. Easements. Easements for the installation and maintenance of utilities and drainage facilities are reserved as shown on the recorded plat and over the rear five (5) feet to each Lot. Within these easements no structure, planting or other material shall be placed or permitted to remain, which may damage or interfere with the installation and maintenance of utilities, or which may change the direction of the flow of drainage channels in the easements, or which may obstruct or retard the flow of water through drainage channels in the easements. The easement area of each Lot and all improvements on it shall be maintained continuously by the Owner of the Lot except for those improvements for which a public authority or utility company is responsible.

Section 19. Outside Clotheslines, Aerials, Antennas, Carports, Patio Covers and Other Similar Structures. Outside aerials, **(awnings.)** clotheslines, antennas, carports and patio covers or similar structures shall not be allowed unless approved by the Architectural Control Committee.

Section 20. Site Distance at Intersections. No fence, wall, hedge or shrub planting, which obstructs site lines at elevations between two (2) and six (6) feet above the roadways shall be placed or permitted to remain on any corner Lot within the triangular area formed by the street property lines and a line connecting them at points twenty-five (25) feet from the intersection of the street line, or in the case of a rounded property corner, from the intersection of the street property lines extended. The same sight-line limitation shall apply on any site within ten (10) feet from the intersection of a street property line with the edge of a driveway or alley pavement. No trees shall be permitted to remain within such distances of such height to prevent obstruction of such sightline.

Section 21. Unused Vehicles, Vehicle Repairs. Unused vehicles shall not be parked on any street and shall not be parked on any lot unless the same can be stored inside of the garage. **An unused vehicle shall be any vehicle that cannot be parked in the garage or no more than 2 vehicles per two (2) car garage driveway or three (3) vehicles on a three car garage driveway. Unused vehicles shall not be stored on the street. Unused vehicles legally parked in the driveway(s), as described above, shall not be covered with auto tarps or any other covering.** No lot or street shall be used for the purpose of repair or maintenance of any motor vehicle.



FireWise Cleanup

The Colorado Springs Fire Department has advised us that additional grant money is now available for a **FireWise** cleanup for our homeowner's association. We are in the process of completing the required paper work. The target date for chipping and mulching is yet to be determined, but would not be until mid to late September.

The amount of the grant is \$1300.00, which would pay for an eight hour day that includes picking up limbs and branches and chipping.

Discovery will pay for an additional day of work in order to provide the maximum participation of the residents if there is a need.

Please register on the website, www.DiscoveryHA.com or call Jan @ 598-9075 to be on the cleanup list. Detailed instructions are attached to the newsletter.

We must guarantee a minimum of 12 properties to qualify.

FireWise personnel are available to provide on-site information about how to trim your trees and scrub oak for safety without impacting your landscaping. Please call Chris Barth, 385-7281 to make an appointment with a Fire Department technician to assist you.

Proper maintenance will provide safety in case of a wildfire as well as enhancing your landscape.

We are extremely fortunate to secure this grant money and we encourage you to participate in the cleanup. Thank you for your past support of this effort.





BEAUTIFUL YARDS!

Walking around our neighborhood in Discovery should bring smiles and applause to everyone who has created a landscape of beauty for all of us to enjoy. On every block there are beautiful flower gardens and lovely landscaping.

It is difficult, to say the least, protecting luscious flowers from the deer population and the extreme heat this summer. Congratulations and thank you for providing beauty to Discovery. *With your permission, we will showcase these beautiful yards on our website. Stay tuned.*

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Sidewalk Etiquette *•A note about overgrown Shrubs and Trees*

Along with kudos and praise come some additional recommendations that address some specific needs.

One of the beauties of our lovely Discovery area is the climate and an environment that entices us to stroll through the neighborhood, virtually all year. The one minor impediment that crops up here and there, however, are bushes and tree branches that have slowly over-grown some portions of our paved walkways. In the interest of both accessibility and safety to all of our neighborhood walkers and joggers, shrubs should be trimmed back to the edge of the sidewalk and any tree branches pruned back that hang lower than six to seven feet over the walkway. Besides the obvious advantage of

improving our sidewalk accessibility, the aesthetics of well groomed walkways adds to the overall appeal of living in this beautiful foothills community of our city.

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www.DiscoveryHA.com

Lynn Sim, DHA Director/Webmaster

We have noticed that more and more of you are beginning to use the web site. That is really great! We have some big plans for the web site and would appreciate any comments you may have about how it can be improved: new functionality, better navigation, more or fewer pictures, etc. The whole idea behind the web site is to improve communications between the board and the members and to provide a source of information for every member in the association. To do this, we really do need your thoughts and ideas. Just down the road we are planning on adding a Realtor area, a Yard of the Month (or Quarter) page, and a member profile page. The Realtor section will include information that realtors now have to come to Jan for. The member profile page will allow each member to voluntarily provide the board with contact information, indicate mailing versus emailing preferences, etc. This information will be held in the strict confidence and will be used ONLY for association-related reasons. At the November Association meeting there will be a demonstration of the web site so you can see everything that can be done and found there. If you have improvement ideas, please send them QUICKLY so they can be incorporated before the November meeting.

“Web site advertising” Don't forget: If you run a small business and live in Discovery you can advertise for free on the Website – Pine Creek Golf Course is a sponsor and Pikes Peak Photography and Terry's Travel are Discovery HOA business members. Check our Terry's fascinating article, “China is Changing.” Look for the link –www.DiscoveryHA.com/



DISCOVER OUR NEW NEIGHBORS IN DISCOVERY

This has been a busy summer for home sales and the arrival of new residents in the Discovery Homeowner Association.

WELCOME!

We are very happy that you have chosen to locate in **Discovery**. Members of our Board of Directors will be visiting you as soon as possible to get acquainted with you and your family.

If you're planning any exterior improvements to your new property or landscaping you must first submit an application to the Architectural Control Committee. *See article on page 7*

Discovery is home to many species of wildlife – bears, deer, fox, coyote, mountain lions, skunks, raccoons and various birds and squirrels.

The deer like your flowers and the bears like to nap in your trees and the raccoons love to get into your garbage.

It is against the law (DOW) to put food out for the animals.

The bears are attracted to bird feeders and of course barbeque grills and trash cans. They are not usually confrontational, but please be cautious, especially when walking the creek area. **If you are observe any aggressive behavior you can call the Division of Wildlife (DOW) at 227-5200 to report the incident.** They will not respond just because they are in the neighborhood.

Please don't put your trash can out until the morning of the pick-up so animals won't be tempted.

We know you'll love it here and we're anxious to meet you.

SPEED LIMIT 25MPH

All neighborhood streets, unless otherwise posted, are **25 MPH**.

Please adhere to the posted speed limits and the marked school and pedestrian crosswalks in **Discovery**.

There are many children living in our neighborhood and they dash out at unexpected times and places.

A few minutes saved by exceeding the speed limit isn't worth getting a ticket, or worse yet causing an accident. It's your neighborhood – *statistics prove that speeding is usually done by people who live in the neighborhood.*

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SPECIAL USE PERMITS Covenant Compliance

Randy Cubero

The Board of Directors approved the issuing of Special Use Permits for exceptional circumstances, *i.e., work trailer on site.*

We received concerned calls from neighbors who have observed recreational and work vehicles parked for long periods of time and felt they were violating the covenants.

After visiting the property owners to discuss the situation, we issued limited time permits. You will see a permit attached to the outside of a vehicle with beginning and end dates.

Permits may also be issued so other property owners will know that the Architectural Control Committee has approved an application.

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SAMPLE PERMIT

**DISCOVERY HOMEOWNERS
ASSOCIATION**

PERMIT

START DATE:
END DATE:
VARIANCE

PERMIT#00000

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ANNUAL DUES

Dues notices were mailed on April 2, 2006 and as of August 10, 17 properties have not paid. A third and final notice was recently mailed. Please take a moment and mail your payment.

50% of the property owners contributed to the extra duty Police Patrol. Thank you.



RECENT HOME SALES

Real Estate sales in Discovery have been brisk in the last three months.

Number sold since April, 2006 – 16
Average Price – \$335,207.00

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LETTER

The following letter was mailed to all the property owners and is included as information for new residents.

All the visits to date have been very positive. We are encouraged that property owners are willing to help us enhance our property values and preserve the integrity of Discovery

June 6, 2006

Dear Discovery Homeowner,

We announced, in our March Newsletter, that we were initiating a policy to conduct regular reviews of the 329 properties located in Discovery Homeowner Association. The Board of Directors will be walking the neighborhood quarterly, starting in June.

In the past we have approached covenant violations based on complaints from surrounding neighbors or chance awareness of visible non compliance. Now the Board of Directors will be walking the area on a quarterly basis and notifying the homeowner of problems that are covenant related.

We will send a letter to the homeowner and make a personal visit to discuss reasonable remedies to correct the problems. It is our intention to work closely with each homeowner in a friendly, non confrontational manner.

Covenant compliance helps us to keep Discovery home values high and our neighborhood safe. Through communication and compliance we will continue to be a great place to live.

We want to work together with **“values, safety and communication”** as our guideline.

Thank you,
Randy Cubero
Discovery Board of Directors President
Members of the Board

STREET SIGNS



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN– Time to paint our street signs and do some needed repairs and a few replacements.

The Board is seeking bids and will be making a decision within the next month. Most contractors want to wait until the weather is cooler before beginning the job.

One sign at Pebble Way and Buckeye is completely gone and will have to be rebuilt.

The large “DISCOVERY” perimeter signs will also be repaired and repainted.

How can you help? We would appreciate your assistance by trimming any bushes or trees that are near the street signs or the perimeter signs. We will send out a letter to residents with approximate dates for the project. Board members will be happy to assist you if you are unable to do the work.

Please notify us if you are aware of any repairs that are needed to the signs on your street.

We will post current information and dates on the website www.DiscoveryHA.com as it becomes available.

Thank you,

Discovery Board of Directors

STORMWATER ENTERPRISE NEED MORE INFORMATION?

The Stormwater Enterprise, City of Colorado Springs, will decide on a rate structure for billing property owners in the upcoming weeks. You will be receiving a preliminary “sample” bill that will provide information about the method and charges for your properties impervious surface.

The city website, www.springsgov.com has the most complete information available.

A brief overview is on the inside cover of the newsletter.

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Vinai Thummalapally, Chairman

"Our ACC has the following members: Charlie Janss, Roger Boehnke, Don Newman, Fred Porter, Bill Marbaker and myself.

After serving many seasons, Fred has stepped aside, saying he has a few too many things on his plate. **Please join me in thanking Fred for all his generous help.** I am looking for at least one person to fill Fred's shoes. Please let me know if you or some else you know, would like to serve on our ACC. We meet once per month, usually at my house, In addition to eating a piece of pie and drinking coffee, we do get business done.

Our ACC is an important part of our Home Owner's Association. Our review and approval process has a huge impact on the look of our neighborhood. Please review the covenants and call if you have any questions or concerns. **All home improvement projects that affect the exterior need ACC approval.** During planning of any such projects, it is very helpful to discuss the details with all effected neighbors. Therefore if you notice a neighbor who is doing some thing significant to their property, that you are unaware of, please discuss it with the neighbor. At a minimum, you will have a chance to chat with that neighbor, some thing we all need to do more of."

For your convenience, the ACC application form is on pages 9 and 10 of this newsletter. You can also download the form directly off of our website at, www.DiscoveryHA.com. The Covenants are also available on the website.

Please remember to submit your request before you schedule your project so that our committee will have adequate time to review it and respond back to you.

If you have any questions please call me at **536-9068.**

FAREWELL ELI MUHL

Discovery Board of Directors Treasurer, Eli Muhl and his family recently sold their beautiful home on Buckeye Drive. We bid Eli farewell at our last Board meeting.

Eli has been a valuable asset to Discovery and to the Discovery Board. Through Eli's efforts we got our website up and running as a valuable tool to our residents.

Eli has been willing to take on any project and contribute good ideas with his great sense of humor. He and his family will be sorely missed. Thank you for serving as a Discovery Board Member.

Good luck Eli, Rebecca and family.



DOGS

Dogs are important residents of our neighborhood family and they need to be safe and cared for too. Most importantly, they need to be on a leash or protected in a fenced yard as defined by City Ordinance.

In addition to their safety is the safety of others in the neighborhood – children, and recreational walkers.

We have received complaints of dogs wandering the streets and in several incidences, being aggressive to people walking their dogs. They are dogs who live in Discovery.

Please be considerate of others and keep your dog on a leash or safely fenced.

Other frequent complaints are about barking dogs. If your dog is left unattended while you are at work and is barking endlessly it is going to annoy your neighbor. Please be considerate and assure that your dog is not a nuisance to your neighbors.

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SOUNDBITES YOU MIGHT HEAR FROM YOUR BOARD of DIRECTORS

Jan Doran, Administrator

Randy Cubero, President & Covenant Compliance

Let's get this Board meeting going – I want to be out of here in an hour. So... who wants to play golf tomorrow?

Jerry Farney, Vice President

Neighborhood safety goes hand-in-hand with the Discovery philosophy of “Value, Safety and Communication.”

Sharon Davidson, Secretary

Having fawns born in your front yard shows us how blessed we are to be surrounded by nature in Discovery.

Vinai Thummalapally, ACC Chairman

Call before you hammer and saw, dig or chop, modify or improve. Send the “good guys” on the ACC, your plans.

John Dwors, Director Covenant Compliance.

Compliance is: Following the rules so I won't have any work to do.

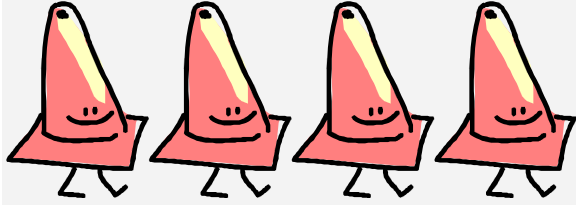
Lynn Sim, Director & Webmaster

www.DiscoveryHA.com is “how we're all connected!!!!” (Not to be confused with the Colorado Springs Utilities slogan.)

Jan Doran, Administrator

Working with the Discovery Board is a pleasure. We live in a great neighborhood, thanks to all of you.





COSMIX COLORADO SPRINGS METRO INTERSTATE EXPANSION

What's Happening in the COSMIX Neighborhood?

With work underway or imminent as far south as the I-25 bridges over Colorado Avenue and as far north as the North Academy Blvd. interchange, the next several months will be by far the busiest on the COSMIX project. Keeping you informed of construction activities and progress is one of the primary means for minimizing inconvenience to the public during the project, which is scheduled to be complete in late 2007.

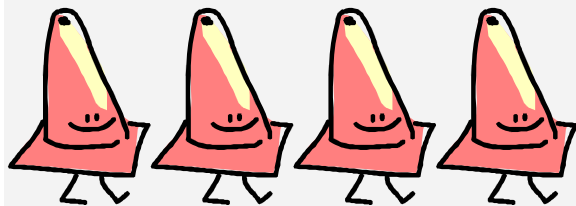
Over the next several weeks, Colorado Springs should see third lanes open in each direction of I-25 between the Fillmore Street and Garden of the Gods Road interchanges, providing some relief in one of rush hour's most congested sections of the interstate. **Additionally, the new southbound frontage road will be completed in the North Nevada/Rockrimmon area, restoring direct access to Rockrimmon Boulevard and Corporate Centre Drive. The frontage road will act as the interstate detour route while construction proceeds on the main I-25 roadway.**

However, with the benefits of heavy construction also come the unavoidable inconveniences of closures and detours. The COSMIX team offers residents, businesses and commuters several means to stay informed of how construction impacts you.

In addition to distributing information through local news media, direct mail and

other sources the project maintains an up-to-date web site, www.cosmixproject.com. This useful tool includes a **comment form** for submitting questions or concerns to the project staff, a **Seven-Day Outlook** where the public can get detailed schedules of coming construction activities, and an **optional e-mail service** that lets the public have construction activities, including closures and detours, e-mailed to them as the activities are updated. In addition, the project also maintains a **toll-free information line, 1-(877)COSMIX1** and has an active Speakers Bureau program. The COSMIX **Speakers Bureau** brings project officials to your organization to give presentations describing the project and answer your questions. To schedule a Speakers Bureau presentation, please contact Kiley Wiedeman at 387-7572 or kiley@praco.com.

Note: The above article was sent as a courtesy by the COSMIX project team for inclusion in our Discovery newsletter.



**PLEASE DRIVE
CAREFULLY**



City of Colorado Springs

Stormwater Enterprise

Information provided by Public Communications City of Colorado Springs.

* On November 22, 2005, City Council approved the creation of a Stormwater Enterprise in Colorado Springs.

* **The Stormwater Enterprise** will be a City-owned business that will fund operations and maintenance functions on existing stormwater infrastructure, administer the City's Federally-Mandated Municipal Permit, engineering and technical review staff, and design and construct capital improvements.

* **The Stormwater Enterprise** will be funded by fees paid by property owners based on the amount of impervious surface (area that does not allow water to penetrate, such as rooftops, driveways and patios) on their property.

Impervious surfaces are hard surfaces that do not allow rain or snow to infiltrate at the same rate as natural surface, like grass or dirt. It includes surfaces such as rooftops, driveways, patio areas, sidewalks, parking lots and other man-made structures.

A service fee is a charge imposed on property for the purpose of defraying the cost of a particular government service, such as citywide stormwater drainage. **The service fee funds can only be spent in providing that service.** A tax is imposed on property, acts, events, or occurrences to provide revenue to pay any of the general expenses of government. The tax revenue can be used to pay for any or all government activities, such as police, fire, zoning, streets, etc.

www.springsgov.com for more information



FYI

Quick Reference Numbers

Animal Carcass in Street.....	395-5934
Building Permits.....	327-2880
City of Colo Spgs, info.....	385-2489
Police Dept, non- emergency.....	444-7000
Crime Stoppers.....	634-7867
Division of Wildlife.....	227-5200
El Paso County Health Dept.....	578-3125
Sheriff, non-emergency.....	390-5555
EPA.....	1-800-227-8917
Fireplace/stove burning.....	578-3199
Garage/yard sale complaints....	385-5982
Graffiti Helpline.....	634-5713
Handicap Parking enforce.....	444-7820
Home Business info.....	385-5982
Humane Society.....	227-3787
Neighborhood Watch.....	444-7592
Sidewalk Snow Removal.....	385-5918
Street Lights.....	385-5908
Traffic Signs.....	578-6669
Tree Trimming Right of Way....	385-5942
Tree Trimming Power Lines....	668-5536
Unlicensed/inoperable/abandoned Vehicles in street.....	444-7706

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

ALWAYS CALL

911



