

Summer Reminders from ARC

With warmer Spring weather finally approaching many of us start to plan for exterior maintenance and increased enjoyment of our beautiful common areas and walking trails. The Architectural Review Committee would like to send the following annual maintenance reminders to all homeowners:

Exterior Painting: First of all, a sincere thank you to those who have started to plan for exterior painting of homes and fences already. Please remember that if you want to change the color of your home from its original Villages scheme, you must get your paint colors approved by ARC BEFORE painting begins. When planning for your painting project, please consider the following points:

- *Visit Gary's Paint and Decorating in Walla Walla at 114 S 2nd, where you can see the approved Villages paint colors for each Phase.

- *House trim must be a specific off-white color only, #C-3, which is available at Gary's, as well.

- *Garage doors must be the same color as main house body, not a contrasting color.

- *Cedar fence stain colors need to be approved by ARC to ensure continuity of color throughout the Villages. Some of the original stain colors are no longer available, so it is important to choose something that coordinates with all.

Roof moss removal/gutter cleaning: Periodically check your roof for moss growth and make sure it is cleaned and treated when needed. This is not only for Village aesthetics, but it will help extend the life of your roof. Gutters with overflowing leaf debris are unsightly and hinder proper drainage.

Dog Waste: Please keep your dogs on a leash and pick up all dog waste during your walks along the trails and the common areas. Dispose of bagged dog waste in the garbage. Dog waste left on the ground pollutes groundwater, can spread disease and parasites and is not a natural fertilizer. It also creates a nuisance for our common area maintenance contractors.

Parking: Reminder notices will soon be issued again when your vehicles are parked in the driveways, alleys, or streets overnight. Land Use Standards require vehicles to be garaged overnight or stored on the gravel overflow lot or off-site unless you have a medical/disability waiver. If you are expecting short-term guests, please contact ARC for a temporary parking permit to place on your visitors' dashboard.

Trash Bins: need to be stored out of sight and removed from the curb the day of pick up. NOTE: College Place City Council has recently decided to cease recycling pick up altogether, so be looking for an announcement from Basin Disposal soon. Your blue recycling bins will be collected sometime in May.

Waterfowl: Human food is very bad for ducks and geese and can cause fatal illness in them, increases pollution and algae growth in our creek and ponds, and discourages natural migratory patterns in flocks, per US Dept. of Fish & Wildlife. Please do not feed the waterfowl.

Landscaping Projects: Major landscaping projects need prior approval from ARC.

Thank you kindly for your continued cooperation in preserving and maintaining the beauty of our very special neighborhood. Questions? Contact our ARC volunteer neighbors below:

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