

## **Groundskeeping Update**

The spring season is well-underway in Moab and our groundskeeping crew will be busy with spring cleaning chores including hedge and ornamental grass trimming around the pool. Before the end of the month, our grounds will have been tidied up, the soil aerated, the water turned on, and the first mowing completed. We will have applied our new organic pre-emergent weed control and fertilizer, plus added iron to the lawns to kill broadleaf weeds. Our groundskeepers will be onsite on Tuesday and Wednesday each week. Spanish Valley Pest Control has been busy as well, treating the perimeter of Building 8 on Alberta Court to stop any termite activity, while also applying the first pest control treatment of the year around our buildings.

## **Maintenance Projects**

This will be an exciting spring as we begin repairing stucco and applying two coats of protective elastomeric paint to our residential buildings so as to waterproof them and forestall cracking. This multi-year project calls for all of our buildings to be protective-coated by the end of 2017. The first four buildings on the north side of West Hale (as you enter from 500 West) will be finished before summer arrives. Please be patient while the work is done. The new look for our buildings will be worth it.

But that's not all. This spring, we will finally tackle the drainage issue at the end of West Hale by landscaping an improvement that will more effectively capture floodwaters, as well as direct them away from our buildings. Finally, in May, we will need to shut down our streets for a couple of days while they are crack sealed and seal coated to extend their lifespan.

## **Swamp Cooler Corner**

Before long it will be time to once more start up our swamp coolers. Please be proactive about any water leaking from your cooler onto the roof. It can damage and discolor roofs and exterior walls, and also create quagmires near buildings. For help in servicing your cooler and getting it up and running, please contact Moab Heating & Cooling (435-259-1519), Nelson's Heating & Refrigeration (435-259-5625), or Riverside Plumbing & Heating (435-259- 8324).

## **RV Lot Parking Permits**

As the truck trailers and RV's roll into Moab for the season, remember that to park in the RV lot, the HOA now requires the display of a parking permit. To get one, please contact a board member.

## **Please Bag It**

We are still having problems with some residents not cleaning up after their pets. The quickest, easiest way to get rid of a dog's waste is to put it in a plastic bag and either drop the bag in a trash can or flush the bag's contents down a toilet. The three dog poop bag holders on our grounds have all been replenished so there is no excuse for not abiding by our rules. Your neighbors will be glad you did.

Thank you for choosing to be Orchard Villa owners and residents and have a great spring!

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