

NEWSLETTER

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SPOTLIGHT ON:

When you are settling into a new community, it can take a little time to get the right combination and Iowa transfers, Curt and Dody Olson have made great progress this summer creating their own comfort at 1737 Elim after moving from a few doors down. These days you might find them doing things with their grandchildren or Curt peddling in the pool as he rehabs his knee. Or Dody chatting as she walks one of the dogs.

Curt and Dody grew up in Northeast Iowa: Dody in West Union and Curt in Clermont. Dody's mom was an English and music teacher. Her dad was an auctioneer and farmer. She has one brother that is four years younger. He recently visited for the first time. Growing up, Dody rode horses and competed in high school rodeo in barrel-riding, pole bending, cutting and the Queen contes. Her father had a horse she also rode that was the first horse inducted into the Iowa Cutting Horse Hall of Fame. After high school, Dody became a registered nurse, attending a few schools in Iowa and also the University of Minnesota. She worked at Allen Hospital in Waterloo and the University of Northern Iowa Lab School.

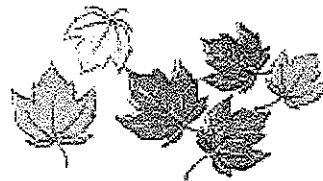
Curt also had a younger brother who currently lives in Minnesota. His parents were resort owners along the Mississippi River. Curt went to Hawkeye Community College in Waterloo and the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls. Prior to being drafted into the U.S. Army he was a line-man with the telephone company in Ossian, Iowa. Then, after military service, he worked for John Deere in purchasing and sales, retiring after nearly 39 years.

The Olsons met after high school and married in 1967. Their three children were born in 1970, 1972, and 1978. Daughter Michele lives in Fort Collins with her family, which is part of the reason they moved here. Their daughter Miekka and their son Eric and families are living in northern Iowa. Curt and Dody have ten grandchildren, five boys, five girls, ages 4-18.

After retiring, Curt became the Operations Manager for a 200-acre subdivision in Whitefish, Montana. It was a ski-in/ski-out development with one to three-acre lots. One hundred acres of the property was placed in Montana Land Reliance so it wouldn't be developed. At the end of that time, they moved into their home in Adriel Hills to live full-time in Fort Collins.

Curt is an avid hunter and his dog Cody is his good buddy. This past year Cody developed arthritis and so he is now mentoring Ruger who is a 7-month old lab, currently in training south of Denver. You will probably see them walking around. Dody, along with Curt, loves hiking and boating. She is also an avid reader. They are both passionate about having family time. That also often blends with church activities since faith is very important to them.

Curt and Dody looked for a home in the Fort Collins area for about ten years. They had not sold their home in Iowa, but they wanted to get a sense of where they might relocate when the actual time came to move. They kept returning to Adriel Hills, drawn by the green space, amenities, and the way the development is maintained. When they did sell their home in Iowa, one unit was available for sale in Adriel Hills: they purchased it sight unseen. Both love the inclusiveness they have found here and the wonderful zest for life that Dody has experienced with the gals who attend the water exercise class. Both feel blessed to be living here as Adriel Hills is a very special community!



Ralph's Review

Beginning

Let's start with what many believe is positive but some are not sure. I have had concerns expressed recently that there have been numerous trucks and work-trailers throughout the community with projects going on since spring. Of course some have been the association's carpentry and painting contractors.

A little background: by the end of 2015 at least sixteen homes will have changed hands and possibly a few more. This compares to 10 in 2014. One positive is a lot of great folks recently purchased in the community and are new resident owners.

The trucks and trailers are contractors doing projects (many extensive) in these homes—homes getting upgrades and updates which will be favorable for everyone's property values as well as beginning to turn the impression that Adriel Hills is "dated." I believe this is another positive.

Improvements are not limited to new residents, as many others have taken on large and small deck enhancements, new windows and doors and—last but not least, landscaping. This is all very positive and reiterates that Adriel Hills is no longer a sleepy little old community.

Landscaping

Most of the homeowner-requested and Landscape Committee-approved projects have been completed. We have three projects to complete for the community, which of course includes the clubhouse. The tractor was down for repairs, but these projects should begin soon.

Irrigation

As noted in September the ditch water runs have ended; this leaves us with only well water. The result is that the pond is very low, as many have observed. In addition, well #2 is currently not working. The well has a history of sand or sediment which has taken its toll on the well motor and pump. We are looking into options at this time. The irrigation system is scheduled for winterization the week of October 12th.

Trees

Davey Tree Service will be doing pruning and some tree removal throughout the community the week of October 19th.

Projects

Exterior Building Repairs, Painting

Exterior building repairs and painting are complete with a couple of exceptions of deck repairs and gutter work. Some additional gutter work is scheduled for the week of October 5th.

Deck Staining

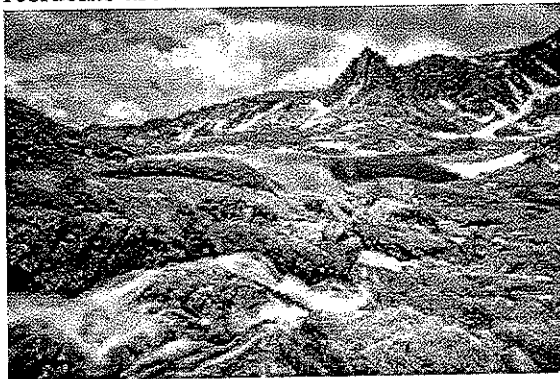
As long as Mother Nature cooperates, deck staining is scheduled for mid-October. This will also include some painting of a few courtyard walls and other honey-do's. Residents included in this work will be notified.

Pool

We are 1 for 2 on the right call to open or close the outdoor pool. We held off on pool opening; it turned out to be cold and rainy for Memorial Day. Of course the outdoor pool closing is scheduled months in advance and has been for years—i.e. the last Thursday of September.

This could have possibly been a year to consider leaving the pool open another week based on the forecast. However, we had several pool related projects requiring outside service providers scheduled in advance for this year's closing. In addition with cooler night-time temps and our mandated 85°F pool water temperature it becomes difficult for the pool heater to keep up. The sun deck will remain open for the enjoyment of sun-worshippers.

Let's all keep our fingers crossed for a reasonably long fall and adequate winter moisture. You know, perfect, as Colorado residents are accustomed to.



Meet New Neighbors

Joy Winner at 1849 Kedron Circle is fairly familiar with Fort Collins since she got her MS in Gerontology at CSU when it was one of the only schools that gave the degree. She came from Pennsylvania and since her degree has lived a few other places, but returned to Fort Collins and is the Administrator for Columbine West health System. She has two grown sons who both live in Fort Collins. One works at Advanced Energy and the other is a junior in Economics at CSU. Her yellow lab is "Toby."

Margaret Matthews is at 1921 Kedron Circle. She has moved here from Ohio with her dog Russell. Margaret is originally from Florida but is currently in the military at F.E. Warren Army base in Cheyenne. She is a dentist. She enjoys outside activities and hopes the winters are milder than Ohio.

Kimberly Johnson moved from Minnesota about a year ago and into 1901 Kedron Circle in June. She has worked in the insurance industry for many years and is exploring her next adventure. Her German Shepherd is "Brisco."

~Cheryl Beckett

Landscape News

This has been a relatively quiet month. We toured the AH grounds with Davey Tree and Ralph and will give our input to Ralph about which trees take first priority for pruning or removal. We also visited the Fort Collins Nursery to determine which plants to put on our preferred list for planting next year.

We have identified three areas our Committee would like to coordinate, since they do not belong to a single homeowner: 1] the area where Kedron Ct. meets Kedron Ct. ; 2] the area east of 1900-1928 Adriel Ct. ; 3] the area SE of 1948 Kedron Ct.

Any homeowner near these areas who would like to be part of one of these landscape renovations should call Sandy Burmester [206-0624] Ursula Ehmann [224-2405] or Isabel Garity [207-1402].

~Isabel Garity

October Blurbs/Reminders

HOA Dues/Assessments Due Date Change

A notice was previously posted on the bulletin boards at all three mail huts, flyers distributed to pigeon holes and also noted in the Newsletter that the due date has changed for Adriel Hills monthly HOA dues/assessments. There has been some confusion with this. The Adriel Hills HOA dues and reserve assessment are the total monthly amount of \$330. Prior to this change all dues/assessments were considered past due if not paid by the last day of each month. **Effective October, 2015, all dues/assessments will be due by the 25th of each month. Monthly dues/assessments not paid by the 25th of each month will be subject to the \$50 late-fee.**

Adriel Hills also offers an electronic funds transfer for dues/assessments. This is only available for the monthly \$330 dues/assessment; it is not available for monthly Adriel Court utilities and/or annual insurance premiums. Your monthly payment would be withdrawn from your account automatically on the 5th business day of each month. Contact the office if interested. If you are currently set up on the electronic funds transfer with Adriel Hills, there is no change and you do not need to do anything differently.

October Soup Supper

To accommodate our Bronco fans the annual Fall Soup Supper is now on a Wednesday evening. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, October 14th at 5:30 PM in the Adriel Hills Clubhouse.

Adriel Hills' 2015 Annual Meeting

Adriel Hills annual association meeting will be held Tuesday, December 8th at 7:00 PM in the clubhouse. Look for the annual meeting notice which will be distributed to pigeon holes or mailed to non-resident owners mid-November.

Adriel Hills Handy Man Steve Ayre

Steve Ayre—who has done projects for Adriel Hills residents and for the association for years—has recently gone back to one of his many trades as an electrician. Steve and his services will be missed, but of course we all wish him and his family the very best.

Trash and Recycling

All items to be discarded must be placed in the appropriate container (trash or recycle). All boxes, large and small, are to be broken down, no exceptions. There is not adequate room for recyclables if all boxes are not broken down. When in doubt about the article meeting requirements for recycling, look on the lid of the recycle bin to see if there is a picture closely resembling it. Remember also: if the article is made of more than one material it doesn't meet the guidelines. When in doubt, put it in the trash dumpster.

Homeowners' Helpful Hints

If you should find a bat in your house, you should call Animal Control (970-226-3647, EXT. 7) They will come and help remove it from your home. They want to know in particular if there has been any human contact in case of rabies. ~Karen Lahey



More Helpful Hints

Idling Your Car/Truck

Many people think the right thing to do on a cold winter morning is to come outside and start up their car. Some let it idle for a half-hour so the engine will run without a hitch. Like many misconceptions there is a particle of truth to it; however, since the 1980s with the widespread appearance of computerized fuel-injection systems, the old problem of cold engines has been solved.

Idling in winter thus has no benefit to you presumably modern car or pickup owners. Now no more than 30 seconds of warm-up is necessary. Idling does nothing for your car, but it has several big and avoidable costs: wasting fuel, giving off greenhouse gas emissions and other forms of pollution.

Natural Resources Canada ran an idling experiment, freezing three cars to slightly below zero and driving each one the same distance. The result was the more idling the more wasted fuel. Another study showed that in communities where most people idled their cars in the driveway and later at stop-and-go situations in the main lines of traffic a surprising 1.6% was contributed to total emissions, "almost double the total from iron and steel manufacturing."

Diesel Exhaust from Trucks

The World Health Organization has classified diesel engine exhaust as a carcinogen—a cancer-causing substance. Enough evidence has now been collected to conclude that expose to diesel exhaust causes cancer. People can be exposed to diesel exhaust in the workplace such as

railroad workers, heavy equipment operators, miners, and truck drivers. But people can also be exposed in areas where the live and play.

The US and other developed countries have responded to environmental and health concerns by tightening emissions standards. Dr. Christopher Wild has said, "Today's conclusion sends a strong signal that public health action is warranted. This emphasis is needed globally, including among highly vulnerable populations."

SAD ANNOUNCEMENT

Harold Kelly, one of the longest resident members of Adriel Hills Condominium Association recently passed away. He was frequently seen on the golf course with his friend Carlyle Williams for over three decades. He was a member of the Golf Committee. In July, 2015, the Board of Directors gave him an award for his many years of dedicated service to Adriel Hills as a member of the Operations Committee.

There will be a memorial celebration of the life of Harold Kelly at the ACHA Clubhouse from 2 to 4 PM on Wednesday, October 7th. Light refreshments will be served, including Mary Kelly's famous brownies. Mary recalls that Harold was a train conductor for the Union Pacific in the route between Rawlins and Green River Wyoming for many years before his retirement.

October Calendar

Operations Committee Meeting	Thursday, Oct. 1 st	10:00 AM	Clubhouse
Rules & Regs. Comm. Meeting	Thursday, Oct. 8 th	5:30 PM	Clubhouse
Board of Directors Meeting	Tuesday, Oct. 20 th	6:00 PM	Clubhouse
Water Babes	T,Th	8:30 AM	Clubhouse
Water Aerobics	MWF	8:00 AM	Clubhouse
Tennis	M,F	AM	Tennis Courts
Pickleball	W, Sat	8:00 AM	Tennis Courts
Book Club	Last Tuesdays of the month	12:30 PM	Clubhouse
Fall Soup Supper	Wednesday Oct 14 th	5:30 PM	Clubhouse

New residents are welcome to join any/all of the above activities.