

August 2023

Ventana Metropolitan District

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Professionally Managed by WSDM – District Managers; 614 N. Tejon St., Colorado Springs, CO 80903

District Grasses

So much rain, so much sun, so much growth!

You may have noticed that the District landscaping contains two drastically different types of “grass”.

- The sod that you will find primarily in the soccer field and play areas is a Poa Pratensis / Kentucky Bluegrass Mix. These turf areas are mowed weekly throughout the growing season in order to maintain a clean and manicured appearance.
- The native areas are seeded with a mix of Side Oats Grama, Blue Grama Grass, Switch Grass, Western Wheatgrass, and Sand Dropseed. You’ll find this alongside the trails, throughout the apple orchard, and throughout the City of Fountain as a whole. The native areas are mowed three times per year as a fire prevention measure and are expected to grow tall and wild.



Great Room Reservations

The Great Room at the Ventana Rec Center is available for events by reservation. Reservations are free with a refundable \$200 deposit.

Access the online reservation form at: form.jotform.com/211314853718051 to begin planning today. Please note that rentals are not permitted on Holidays, and applications must be received at least a week in advance of your event. Contact Management with questions.

Development Updates

Challenger continues construction in Ventana South, with new Owners arriving frequently. New trails have been installed in Ventana South, but with construction ongoing, the new trails are not quite ready to be used. For safety, these trails will remain off limits until the construction is completed.

Ventana South, Filing 2 is underway with utility lines being installed.

Filing 3 is anticipated to begin in early 2024 with the new trails opening for use in the second quarter of 2024.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President: Eric Farrar
Vice President: Christina Sparks
Treasurer/Secretary: Michael Laurencelle
Assistant Secretary: Rich Vorwaller
Assistant Secretary: Mick Schuhmacher

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Wednesday, August 2nd
Monday, August 21st

*The final agenda will be posted on the website.
You may also obtain a copy by contacting
Management.*

IMPORTANT CONTACTS:

WSDM – OFFICE:
719-900-5822

DISTRICT MANAGER:
Rebecca Harris
Phone: 719-447-1777
rebecca.h@wsdistricts.co

GENERAL QUESTIONS:
Heather Smith
Phone: 719-639-2656
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AFTER HOURS EMERGENCIES:
Phone: 719-447-4840

Always visit the website first:

- New Resident Service Requests
- Recreation Center Great Room Reservations
- Architectural Improvement Applications
- Automatic Payment Enrollment
- Key Fob Requests
- Governing Document Downloads
- Community Event Info & Updates

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Ventana Metropolitan District
c/o WSDM – District Managers
P.O. Box 91479
Colorado Springs, CO 80901

SECURITY CONCERNS:

Signal 88 Dispatch
719-960-6233

ANIMAL CONTROL:

El Paso County Humane Society
Phone: 719-473-1741

FOUNTAIN POST OFFICE:

Address: 101 S. Santa Fe Ave.
Phone: 719-382-4623

General Reminders

- ◆ WSDM—District Managers office is opened Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
For after hours District maintenance issues, please call 719-447-1777 and follow the prompts to be connected with after-hours service. Please call 9-1-1 for life-threatening emergencies.
- ◆ Trash Pick-Up Days—Thursdays, weekly.
In observation of the 4th of July, Trash pick-up will be delayed one day the week of July 4th.

Large items can be collected by HBS for an additional fee. To schedule removal of large items, please call HBS Directly at 720-547-8600. HBS will request payment over the phone prior to scheduling pick-up of a large item.
- ◆ Regular Board Meeting—Monday, August 21, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.
*Virtual: <https://video.cloudoffice.avaya.com/join/728897121>
Phone: 213-463-4500 / Access Code: 728-897-121
In Person: Ventana Recreation Center—11007 Hidden Prairie Pkwy*

All meeting dates are subject to change. Contact Management or check the district website to confirm prior to each meeting.

SIGN UP FOR THE ACH PROGRAM

Save time and money and never miss a payment again! Sign up to have your payments automatically debited from your checking or savings account.

Visit <https://form.jotform.com/210387584903057> and click the green “Start Filling” button to submit an ACH application.

Contact Management with any questions regarding the ACH process.



REMINDERS

Pool Closing Labor Day Weekend

We hope you are all taking advantage of the pool during these extreme temperatures we have seen. Make a note for your family that the last day to swill will be Labor Day, September 4th.

Lap Lane Use

The lap lane is an optional amenity available for residents who wish to swim laps uninterrupted. The lap lane should only be used for laps. If you see the lane up, do not enter as it is up for a reason. If you wish to swim laps, please let the staff know and they will put the guide in place for you.

Covenant Enforcement

We continue to see repeated violations in just a few key categories. Take a moment this weekend to ensure your home is in compliance with these frequent violations:

- Lawn mowed and free of weeds or bare spots
- Rock-beds weeded and rock in place
- Toys and personal items put away when not in use
- Pet waste collected and disposed of



Recreational Vehicles

Recreational vehicles such as RV's, trailers, and boats are allowed to be parked in the community for a maximum of 3-days of loading and unloading before or after a trip. When bringing home a recreational vehicle for loading or unloading, be a courteous neighbor by parking directly in front of your home.