

**CORONA DEL SOL ESTATES NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER  
EXTREME MAKEOVER! SPECIAL EDITION**

**MAY 2007**

**THE "BEFORE" PICTURE**



What's Inside?

WHY?

WHO?

WHAT?

Phase I - Design

Phase II – Wall & Signage

Phase III – Landscaping

HOW?

WHEN?

John Ellis - Neighbor of the Year!

**WHY?**

**SO WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?**

As you can see from the picture above, we have some significant work that needs to be done on our signs and walls. The current issues include:

- Textured stucco shows dirt
- Stucco is peeling away from the wall and sign
- Words are hard to read even during the day
- Brick needs to be power washed
- Many sections of wall and some signs need to be replaced due to irreparable damage
- Planters are poorly constructed and plants can't be easily maintained
- Only one sign is lit up but all 6 need to be
- Much of the landscaping needed to be removed and/or replaced

**WHO IS IN CHARGE?**

**CDSENA, LLC**

The Corona del Sol Estates Neighborhood Association is now a registered Limited Liability Company formally registered with the State of Arizona Corporation Commission.

The Board of Directors is made up of the following neighbors elected in March:

President: Jamal Allen

Vice President: Kelly Soriano

Secretary: Mary Wolf-Francis

We have established a checking account at the Bank of America in order to receive and maintain funds for projects just such as this. It will be overseen by the board of directors who are signers on the account.

The Extreme Makeover! Committee is being co-chaired by:

Mary Anne Kuhn: makuhn@cox.net

Dean Nyhart: pdnyhart@juno.com

We welcome any and all to participate in this committee as they are willing and able.

**WEB SITE & EMAIL**

**Want to be on our email updates list?**

**Email Mary Wolf-Francis at  
[mary@edupartnerships.com](mailto:mary@edupartnerships.com)**

**Coming Soon! Our new Web site at  
[www.cdsena.org](http://www.cdsena.org)**

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**WHEN? Here's the timeline**

- Mary Anne Kuhn will have sign options posted on the Web site by April 27
- Biddable design must be completely done by May 4<sup>th</sup>
- Work on walls will begin by April 30<sup>th</sup>
- All work is scheduled to be completed before August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**HOW? \$\$\$\$**

**THE CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS!**

This will only happen if everyone contributes to the effort.

**We are asking all 199 homes  
in our neighborhood to  
contribute between \$500 and  
\$1000 to this effort.**

We estimate the cost to be approximately \$100,000 based on the work of other neighborhoods but will know more when we have bids in our hands. A bank account has been opened at B of A and will remain open as long as the CDSENA, LLC exists. This will allow us to keep the additional funds raised (hopefully) to support future projects as they arise.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
CDSENA

Drop off or send to Mary Wolf-Francis  
9320 S. Lakeshore Dr.

**EXTREME MAKEOVER!  
COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The committee is meeting every other Thursday evening starting May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM at Mary Wolf-Francis' house, 9320 S. Lakeshore Dr. Please join us for these updates and decision-making opportunities. All are welcome!  
**Check the Web site for regular updates!**

**WHAT? ...ARE WE THINKING?**

Phase I – Design

Under the leadership of Mary Anne Kuhn, we have hired Creative Environments to create the biddable design for walls, signs, and landscaping. Mary Anne is donating her time to work on the design for new signs. We're thinking:

- Keep/enhance/power wash the brick as it is consistent with our architecture
- Put the majority of the funds into redesigning the signs – new wall, metallic letters, lit up, no planters
- Place a layer of brick on top of existing wall for esthetic purposes
- Replace stucco with smooth surface
- Repaint with an updated color to complement the brick

Phase II – Wall Construction Plan

Dan Croyle and Steve Amelotte from the City of Tempe are working together with the neighbors who own property along Warner and McClintock to remove/replace damaged walls and take out the roots causing the cracks. They will also remove and rebuild signage walls to prepare for new signs. Creative Designs (or another licensed contractor) will then restucco the entire perimeter and signage walls with a smooth surface and paint with a color to be chosen by the committee (with neighborhood input) – terra cotta perhaps?

Phase III – Sign Design and Construction

Sign designs will be reviewed and chosen by the committee with neighborhood input. Construction will begin when design is finalized. We're thinking:

- Metallic letters that can be repainted, revised, replaced over time as needed without disturbing the wall
- Arched signage wall to reflect our name "crown of the sun"
- Enhanced pillars as funds are available
- Lighting of signs is priority but dependant on funds

Phase IV - Landscaping

65 plants were removed during the excavation and will be replaced by the City of Tempe. Additional plants will be added as funds are available in accordance with the design plans from Creative Environments and City of Tempe specifications. Tempe is also providing granite that will be spread across all landscaped areas.