

Greetings neighbors,

Spring is in the air, and I know many of us are looking forward to the good weather to make repairs or improvements to our homes. Please remember that many changes to our homes or property require us to get approval from the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) prior to starting.

Among the changes specifically mentioned in the Declaration of Restrictions are the following:

- **Fences**
- **Pool & hot tubs**
- **Swing Sets**
- **Paint**  
(exterior color changes)
- **Decks**
- **Roof replacement**
- **Driveway repairs or additions**
- **Basketball goals**
- **Siding**
- **Landscaping and Lawn Decor**
- **Satellite Dish**

Here are a few reasons for the review:

- Home values are struggling in this economy. But when your home is for sale, potential buyers will look not only at *your* home, but also at the neighborhood. In general, houses in neighborhoods with a more uniform appearance command a higher price.
- It protects you from future claims that the change was not authorized or approved. Neighbors change, board members change, and opinions may change. But a documented and approved ACC form gets filed in the HOA permanent records.
- When it comes down to it, we all agreed to the ACC review process in the deeds to our homes in Amber Hills Estates. It was a commitment to each other as a neighborhood.

The “Architectural Review” process is easily initiated from the home page for Amber Hill Estates at [www.eneighbors.com](http://www.eneighbors.com). On the left side, there is a link for “Architectural Review”. Clicking that link will launch a page that contains an online form that can be filled out and submitted by pressing a button. You can even attach documents to support the review, such as sketches, plans, photos or pdf’s. When you submit that form, it will trigger an e-mail to the ACC for review. You can also print and manually complete a hard-copy form. A link to our standard printable form is also available on the “Architectural Review” page.

We will make a goal of getting the form back to you within a week, unless special circumstances require extra consideration or a quicker response. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.