

August 15, 2018

Dear Cimarron Ponds Homeowners:

Your Board of Directors has received several requests to allow bench donations for our grounds. Reasons given for additional benches include more resting places for walks around our ponds and scenic memorials for loved ones. The Association is not planning to purchase benches; we are acting on requests from our residents to donate additional benches.

To ensure we receive (now and in the future) relatively maintenance-free bench donations, the Board has come up with the list of guidelines below:

1. Partial donations, designated for a bench, are welcome; the board will aggregate such donations and purchase a bench when the minimum price threshold has been reached.
2. Only newly purchased unused benches will be considered; warranted products are available. Please refer to our recommended bench materials/colors on page two of this letter; plastic will stay wood colored; teak will turn silver/gray. Products may be discontinued or become overly expensive; substitute products must be approved.
3. Benches must include arm rests.
4. Plaques "In memory of" are allowed if an entire bench is purchased by one donor or a group of donors designating a single plaque. The plaques must be of an approved size and made of raised or engraved letters on metal to facilitate paint thinner maintenance - in case of spray paint vandalism.
5. The bench must be 4' to 5' in length and durable enough to support at least 350 lbs.
6. The board must approve the location of the bench:
 - a. for a mostly sunny location where maintenance free recycled plastic might get quite hot to sit on, we will require an all teak wood bench;
 - b. for a location that is shady most of the day, maintenance free teak wood might remain damp (mossy/unsightly) and we will require a recycled plastic bench;
 - c. benches will be located overlooking our ponds and near the Little Libraries.
 - d. a map of pre-approved sunny/shady locations is available upon request.
7. A bench donation will need to include the cost of anchoring the bench to the ground.

Jim Smith
President
Cimarron Ponds Homeowners Association

CPHA REF	Bench Vendor	Sale Price	Regular Price	Length	load wt	Warranty	Maintenance Free Outdoors?
A1	Signature Hardware, KY	\$319.96	\$479.94	5ft.	350 lbs.	1 YR for HOA	YES - uncoated teak wood
A2	Signature Hardware, KY	\$203.97	\$339.95	4ft.	350 lbs.	1 YR for HOA	YES - uncoated teak wood
B	Backyard Creations (Menards)	\$286.13	\$319.02	5 ft,	750 lbs.	1 YR	Yes - Cedar colored plastic

A1, A2 - Teak

B – Recycled Plastic (Cedar Color)

<https://www.signaturehardware.com/holley-4-ft-teak-curved-back-bench.html>

<https://www.menards.com/main/outdoors/patio-furniture/patio-benches-swings/backyard-creations-reg-faux-wood-outdoor-bench/bch0251100810/p-1466526223174.htm>



Ponds 3 & 4 Suggested Bench Location Triangles (Teak-gray)



NOTE: Internet links will be active on our website www.cimarronponds.org and in any electronic version of this letter.

Ponds 1 & 2 Suggested Bench Location Triangles (Teak-gray and Plastic-cedar)

