



Ridge Crest

August 2009

Homeowners Association

Another Grant Award

For the third year in a row, the Association was awarded matching grant funds from the Town of Firestone. Funds will be used to rework the irrigation system along St. Vrain Ranch Blvd, lower berms, add wood and rock mulch, and install new plant materials. Our new maintenance contractor will be given an opportunity to bid on this work. It is anticipated that this project will begin in September.

Landscaping Materials Discount



A few local suppliers offer plant material discounts to Ridge Crest residents. Cimarcon nursery, located across from the King Soopers shopping plaza, gives a 15% discount. The Tree Farm in Longmont offers a 20% discount.

Annual Meeting

The HOA annual meeting, previously held in July, will now be held in November. This will coincide with the annual budget ratification meeting. Prior to this meeting, each homeowner will receive a copy of the proposed budget for review.

Welcome Home Party

This year's party was a success, thanks to active participation from Association members, and hard work by the party committee. Special thanks to Laura Kocur, committee chair, who organized this effort, and spent countless hours collecting door prizes/sponsorship, arranged for police, fire dept., and flight for life participation, and coordinated games. Thanks also to Sue Santos from Hammersmith Management's Lifestyle Services Dept., who provided food, canopies, and DJ.

New Homeowners

Welcome new homeowners Ross Dougherty, Jesica & Matthew Hopkins, Claudia Alvarez, Yvonne & Roger King, Melina & Jason Tabor, Luke Rippy, Sean Torres, Lysie & Eric Krier, and Ryan Adams. Also welcome to Hope & Anthony Nazaro, Marnie & Darrin Dill, Ashley & Eric West, Christina & Golden David Arrington, Erin & Nathan Vanmeter, Jay Nixon, Carlton Johnson, Maribel Roman, Michael Moratelli, Frank Connors, Gayle & Jonathan Stanley, and Vera & Umberto Toscano. It's been a busy real estate season!! Consider joining one of our committees to meet your neighbors, and contribute to the community. Also check out our website for news, Association documents, and member services. The HOA looks forward to your participation.

Maintenance Contractor

Berggren Blooms, of Longmont, was hired by unanimous vote at last month's board meeting.



Owners Julie and Jeremy Berggren are trained in horticulture and have experience in various aspect of lawn maintenance and plant care. After only two weeks on the job, some irrigation issues have been corrected, and common areas appear better groomed.

Taylor Detention Pond

Work in this area is nearly complete. Weeds have been mowed and sprayed, soil amendment added, and seed applied. Native grasses will soon appear. In the meantime, the area will be monitored by the installation contractor, and weeds will be sprayed again, as required.

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Wendy Osborn - *President*
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Greenwood Village, CO 80111
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Community Manager:
Todd Larson

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303.980.0700
clientservices@e-hammersmith.com

Board Meetings:
Board of Directors meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Meetings will be held at The Sable Landing Event Center until it is sold.

Newsletters

The Board is currently reviewing proposals for newsletter services. Interested parties may contact the board thru the email link on the Pg. 1 sidebar. Proposals will be accepted until August 31st.

Driveway Spots

Don't let those grease and oil stains on your cement driveways or concrete floor just sit there. It's easy to remove them, according to the folks at the Michigan State University Extension. They offers this advice:



- ◆ First, sop up any wet areas. Apply cornmeal or sawdust (this is especially important immediately after a spill), leave it on the stain for three hours and sweep up. Then, use one of these methods to remove the stain:
- ◆ Sprinkle dry dishwasher detergent on wet concrete. Let it stand a few minutes and then pour boiling water on the area. Scrub and rinse.
- ◆ Scrub the stain with a stiff brush and concentrated laundry detergent. Rinse well and with a hose. Let dry, and repeat if necessary.

Sprinkle on trisodium phosphate (TSP) and allow it to stand 15 to 30 minutes. Then scrub with a stiff brush and hot water. Rinse with clean water. If you use trisodium phosphate, ventilate the area well, and use rubber gloves to avoid skin contact. Wash thoroughly after use.

What's New In Firestone

National Night Out

This year's event will held on Tuesday, August 4th. The campaign is designed to heighten crime prevention awareness, generate support for,



and participation in, local anticrime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. Citizens are encouraged to turn on porch lights, and participate in block parties. Contact the Firestone Police Dept. to register your neighborhood event, so that officers can stop by for a visit. Call Lt. Stacy Davis at 303.833.0811 or email her at sdavis@ci.firestone.co.us.

Citizen's Police Academy

Beginning August 21st and running 8 weeks, the class will meet weekly on Fri-

Collection Policy

The Association's Collection Policy has been updated to include items as required by recent state legislation. In addition, the late fee has been increased from \$16.50 to \$25.00, and interest charges have been eliminated. The late fee will now cover management costs associated with late fee notices. The new Collection Policy is available for member review on the *Bylaws/Forms* page of our website.

day nights between 7-10pm, with a few Saturday classes. The class is expected to fill up quickly, so reserve your space soon. The application deadline is August 14th. Additional info., along with the application, can be found on the Town website www.ci.firestone.co.us, or from the Police Dept.

Street Sweeping

Sweeping is performed by the Town's Public Works Dept., and is begins the first Monday of each month, weather permitting. This work is performed in Ridge Crest, typically on Tuesday.

Honey Festival

This year's festival is scheduled for 11am to 6pm, on August 29th, at the Coal Ridge Middle School. For more info., contact Pete Ditmon, Firestone Community Resource Coordinator, at 303.833.3291 or email pditmon@ci.firestone.co.us.



Firestone Information

Fire Department

Frederick-Firestone
Fire Protection District
303.833.2742

Firestone Police Department

303.833.0811

Carbon Valley Medical Ctr.

303.833.3888

Brighton Community Hospital

303.651.1513

Carbon Valley Animal Hosp.

303.651.7387

Coal Ridge Animal Hosp.

303.833.1137

Xcel Energy

303.659.0551

Kinder Morgan

800.563.0012

Tri-Area Sanitation District

303.833.2977

303.776.9570

Waste Connections Inc.

303.708.8359

Postal Service

303.833.2412

800.275.8777

Carbon Valley Rec. District

303.833.3660

Carbon Valley Library

720.685.5100

Tri-Area Senior Center

303.833.4300

Prairie Ridge Elementary

720.494.3641

Coal Ridge Middle School

303.833.4176

Carbon Valley Academy

303.774.9555

Imagine Charter School

303.772.3711

Weld Library District

303.833.3510

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