



July 2009

Ridge Crest

Homeowners Association

Weeds in the Street

Have you noticed weeds growing in the joints between the concrete drain pan, and asphalt street paving? In theory, street maintenance is the responsibility of the Town of Firestone. However, Town maintenance crews rarely have time to perform this task. Homeowners are encouraged to spray or pull the weeds, adjacent to their property, in an effort to keep our community looking good. A few minutes is all it takes to walk your property's perimeter with herbicide.



Native Area Mowing

The Town Municipal code requires that weeds be mowed to a height below 6". For that reason, the current maintenance contract calls for native area mowing when plant materials reach a height between 6"- 8". Seed mixes for the two largest native areas, the Stagecoach and Taylor detention ponds, have been selected for their low-growth, and ability to go to seed before reaching a 6" height. Our current maintenance contractor was reminded of this mowing requirement — you may have noticed that plant materials were growing quite tall until recently



mowed. In addition, large scale weed mowing and spraying are currently underway at the Taylor

detention pond. After a two week waiting period, the new native grass seed mix will be applied, and irrigated to initiate growth.

Taylor Detention Pond Progress

The silt fence has been installed at the perimeter of the area, and herbicide has been sprayed. The area will be de-thatched, aerated, and seed will be applied. Then, another layer of soil amendment will be distributed, to add fresh nutrients to the existing soil. We anticipate completing this work within the next 30 days, in time to receive the Town grant check.

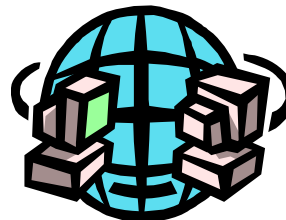


Welcome Home Party

All Association members are invited to attend the annual HOA party on July 25th, from 10am to 1pm. Free food will be provided from 11-12:30. There will be games for the whole family, and prizes will be awarded to game winners! The Firestone Police Dept. will also be conducting a bike rodeo and helmet check for kids.

Fiber Optic Network Path

The St. Vrain School District has recently contracted with Unite Private Networks to install a new fiber optic network. To that end, UPN will be installing conduit and cable through the Ridge Crest Community, from CR13 to Coal Ridge, then to Prairie Ridge school by way of Tracts K and J. Burial will be by directional boring. Any damage to landscaping in these areas will be replaced to current or better condition.



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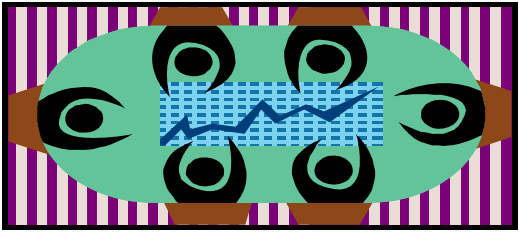
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Board Meetings:
Board of Directors meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

Monthly Board Meetings

A few months ago, we were informed that Sable Landing Event Center, the current Board meeting location, was being sold. Closing had been scheduled for early June. Since then, closing has been postponed indefinitely. Lynelle Mies still intends to sell the property, but is looking for new buyers. In the interim, the Association will continue to hold monthly meetings at the event center. We will rent the facility with a month-to-month contract until such time as it is no longer available.



Fourth at Firestone

Firestone is planning its annual Fourth of July event to include activities for the whole family. Festivities will begin at 7 am. with a pancake breakfast at the American Legion. The Annual Tri-Town Trot will follow, then the parade. There will also be a National Guard flyover at Miners Park, parade awards, Veteran recognition ceremony, and a live performance by the Bill Taylor Band. Kids may enjoy the balloon twisting workshop, face painting, and free games throughout the afternoon. To conclude the event, fireworks will be set off from Saddleback Golf Club at about 9:45 pm. Join your neighbors for a good time in celebration of our nation's independence!

Check the Town website for updates: <http://www.ci.firestone.co.us/>

Emergency Siren

Several warnings have been issued, and at least one tornado has touched down in the Firestone area. It has recently become apparent that the Town's audible alert cannot be heard in some outlying subdivisions, including Ridge Crest. Board member Denny Usher has been in contact with the Mayor and Trustees to inquire about options for alerting citizens of weather-related danger. This topic is slated for discussion at the next Trustee meeting. The new town hall building, positioned within Central Park, will be built within the next few years. It will likely be the location of a new siren. Stay tuned for new information regarding the Town sirens, but feel free to contact the Town to request upgrades on audible alert equipment.



New Maintenance Contractor

Early last month, the Association received a termination notice from the current maintenance contractor. As a result, board members have been reviewing new bids for this work, as obtained by Hammersmith Mgmt. It is anticipated that a new contractor will be selected on or before the date of the next Board meeting.

Town Grant

The Town will soon be reviewing grant applications. As you may be aware, the Association has asked for grant funds to complete a berm-leveling and irrigation revision project along St. Vrain Ranch Blvd. We expect to receive some funds for this work, and expect the Town to award project within the next few weeks.

If awarded, this will mark the third time in three years that Ridge Crest has received grant funds. To continue the trend, we hope to apply for another grant award next year. Improvement ideas are welcome. Project size should be approximately \$10,000 to \$30,000.



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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