



Ridge Crest

June 2009

Homeowners Association



Welcome Home Party

Save the Date! Ridge Crest's annual picnic will be held on July 25, 2008 at the park west of Prairie Ridge Elementary between 11:00am and 2:00pm. The planning committee, along with Hammersmith Management, has already begun making arrangements to provide a FABULOUS and FUN event! There will be free food and fun for all (even the adults).

Trash Service Update

Five homeowners responded to the offer for discounted trash service, and some had questions. Responses from service providers are as follows:

- ◆ The regular rate (without discount) for Gator service is \$22.10/mo. for totter and recycling. For just a totter, the fee is \$18.10/mo., and \$14.10/mo. if customers use their own trash cans. Each additional container costs \$1.50/mo.
- ◆ The regular rate for Gallegos is \$11.50/mo. and does not increase for a second totter;
- ◆ The Gallegos recycle bin is an 18 gal. container. Trash service rates could be slightly reduced for each customer if the community employs a single-stream recycling roll-off;
- ◆ Minimum participation for Gallegos is 30% of the community, or 147 members;
- ◆ Gator does not have a minimum participation level, but requires that the HOA process billing. As our management fees would increase to cover these costs, this may not be much of a discount.



Let us know your thoughts on trash service, by emailing the board at the address shown in the sidebar.

Open Garage Doors

Many residents in our community regularly leave their garage doors open for extended periods. Last summer, a Ridge Crest resident encountered some unexpected visitors in her home. These visitors, after examining the contents of her open garage, entered the home to do the same. Luckily, the pair were apprehended before any damage was done. **Don't let this happen to you!** Open garage doors are an invitation to anyone passing by. And because most garages are warehouses for tools, unwanted furnishings, and lawn care implements, leaving garage doors open is also unsightly. Please consider this the next time you leave your unattended garage wide open.

The June Board meeting will be held in the staff room of American Furniture Warehouse.

Board of Directors:

Wendy Osborn - *President*
Kelly Deitman - *Vice President*
Denny Usher
Laura Kocur

Direct Board Email:

board@ridgecresthoa.com

HOA Website:

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Stacey Cummins
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Jaime Hodgson
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Management:

Ridge Crest Homeowners Assoc.
c/o Hammersmith Mgmt., Inc.
5619 DTC Parkway, Suite #900
Greenwood Village, CO 80111
www.e-hammersmith.com

Community Manager:

Todd Larson

Client Services:

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.

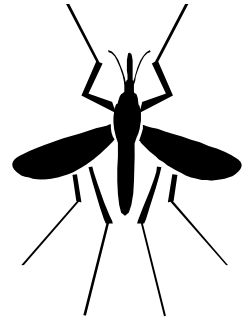
Mosquito Spraying

The Firestone Public Works department handles Mosquito control operations for the town. Chemicals used for this operation are:

Mosquito spray: 1. Anvil 2 + 2 ULV 2. Biomist 3 + 15 ULV

Mosquito larvicide: 1. VectoBac CG 2. Altosid XR 3. VectoLex CG

(These chemicals are less toxic than aspirin and table salt.)



The Town sprays as needed, generally on Monday and Thursday evenings, weather permitting. Spraying occurs between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. at the height of mosquito activity in order to eliminate a larger population of mosquitoes. Each season is different, so how often trucks spray will vary. If it is found that there is an increase in mosquito population the Town Board may change the mosquito control schedule. For more information on pesticides used for mosquito control and for information on West Nile Virus protection, visit www.comosquitocontrol.com or www.fightthebitecolorado.com. Chemical information sheets can also be obtained at Firestone Town Hall.

Wasps & Bees

Several residents have commented on wasp and yellow jacket nests that form over the long hot summer. For many homeowners, long distance spraying is the answer. There are several products available from local hardware stores, that allow spraying of overhead and above-grounds nests. For ground nests, cover with a solid material (bowl or bucket) for several days. All types of nests are best handled at night, when wasps are less active. Most nests are abandoned in the fall, which is a good time to clear nests from eaves and hard to reach places.



There are several types of flying insects, some more harmful than others. CSU's website has useful information about various species, how to control them, and sting remedies at the following web link:

<http://www.ext.colostate.edu/PUBS/INSECT/05525.html>. Yellow jackets and European paper jackets are the species most likely to sting, and honey bees are the only type to leave a stinger. The best way to remove the stinger is by scraping, then treat the sting with antiseptic.



Town Weed Ordinance

8.16.020 Weeds—Removal required.

It shall be unlawful and is hereby declared a nuisance for any person, corporation or entity owning, occupying or managing any lot, tract or parcel of land within the town:

- To permit weeds, grasses or brush to grow to a height in excess of six inches upon any lot, tract or parcel owned or occupied by such person;
- To store, keep or permit to remain on any lot, tract or parcel owned or occupied by such person trees, limbs or branches of trees, shrubs or plants, whether alive or dead, which are dangerous to health or property;
- To fail to remove trees, limbs or branches of trees, shrubs or plants, whether alive or dead, which are dangerous to health or property, together with all rubbish of all kinds, from any lot, tract or parcel owned or occupied by such person;
- To permit weeds, grasses or brush to grow to a height in excess of six inches, to store, keep or permit to remain any trees, limbs or branches of trees, shrubs or plants, whether alive or dead, which are dangerous to health or property, or to fail to remove the same together with all rubbish of all kinds, upon and from the area from any lot, tract or parcel owned or occupied by such person to the middle of any alley abutting behind or on the side of the lot, tract or parcel, or upon and from the area from any lot, tract or parcel owned or occupied by such person to the street abutting to the front or on the side of the lot, tract or parcel, such area to include but not limited to the curb, gutter and sidewalk. (Ord. 583 §4, 2005)





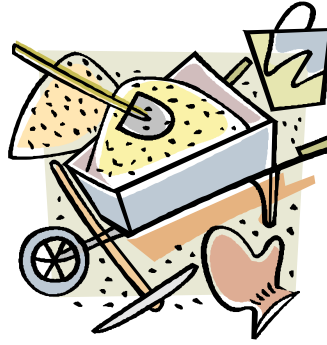
Town Grant

The Town has announced the schedule for this year's grant applications. Once again, Ridge Crest will apply for matching grant funds to improve our community. This year, the project will include landscape work along St. Vrain Ranch Blvd. Since the turf strips along the eyebrow streets are difficult and costly to maintain, the proposal will include removal of turf, leveling of the highest berms, and installation of gravel and wood mulch.

We expect that this will reduce the maintenance and irrigation costs, in addition to improving the health of shrubs and trees in this area.

Taylor Detention Pond Progress

The reseeding and irrigation project is nearing an end. Once complete, the HOA will receive a check from the Town of Firestone, for the grant as awarded last year. Over the course of the next two growing seasons, temporary irrigation will help to establish the new native grasses, then will be removed per our agreement with the Town.



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 as the event nears:

<http://www.ci.firestone.co.us/>

DRR Notice of Completion

Residents are required to notify the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) in writing, when approved improvements have been completed, per Article V, Section 6 of the Declaration of Covenants. Once notified, a member of the committee will contact the homeowner to establish a date and time for review.

Improvements will be reviewed for compliance with the covenants, guidelines, and approved request. This is the final step in the process and is vital in maintaining community standards. Contact our community manager to have your inspection request forwarded to the committee.

Safe Deck Construction

Thinking of building a deck? Simpson Strong-Tie, the manufacturer of metal connection hardware, offers on-line literature detailing safe deck construction. Visit their website, <http://www.strongtie.com/safedeck/>, to download a copy of the deck framing connection guide, or request a free copy by mail.



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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