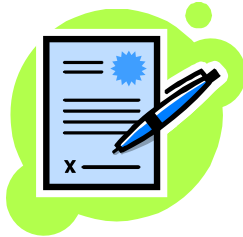


Ridge Crest

November 2007

Budget Ratification Meeting



The Budget Ratification meeting will be held on November 13th, and Association members are encouraged to attend. A meeting announcement and copy of the new budget has been mailed to all members, for review prior to the meeting. Unless 67% percent of members vote to reject the new budget at this meeting, it will be automatically approved.

Monthly Newsletters

Last January, mass mailing of the monthly newsletter was discontinued, in favor of on-line publishing. Newsletters are now mailed only to new homeowners for a limited time. This reduced the expense of distribution, while still making the newsletters available to interested members. Newsletters are posted the first week of each month, and are also part the subscription service. To sign up for this automated service, navigate to the *Subscribe* link, on the homepage menu bar to the left, and enter your email address when prompted. Hardcopies are also available by request, by contacting Hammersmith Management's Client Services dept. (see sidebar).



Client Services

For questions, to request copies of documents or forms, or to report a problem, call Hammersmith Management's Client Services line at 303.980.0700. Client Services personnel have much of our HOA information at their fingertips, and can answer most questions easily. If the respondent can't answer your question, your request will be forwarded to our community manager. You may also email the board, at the address listed in the sidebar.

Decorating Committee

The HOA has allocated funds for Christmas decorations, and is calling for volunteers to form a decorating committee. The goal is to adorn entrances and other areas around the community. There are currently no provisions for lighting at these locations, but the HOA is installing power at the monument sign on CO 15. The HOA will consider ideas from the committee regarding materials, style, and location. Contact the community manager or board, to participate in this effort.

Welcome New Homeowners

Welcome new Homeowners Jerry Martin & Dean Carpenter, Susan & Kevin Spangler, Stephen Bogucki, and Jennifer & Matthew Kay! Consider joining one of our committees to meet your neighbors, and contribute to the community. Also check out our website for news, HOA documents, and member services. The Association looks forward to your participation.

Local Advertising

The HOA is offering free advertising space to small business owners in the Ridge Crest community. Space is available in newsletters and the *Community News* portion of the website. Email the Board with your name, contact info., and type of business. A Director will be in touch to discuss options.

Board of Directors:

Wendy Osborn - *President*
Kelly Deitman - *Vice President*
Penny Gagliardi - *Treasurer*
Kelly Lanning - *Secretary*
Denny Usher

Direct Email:

board@ridgecresthoa.com

HOA Website:

www.ridgecresthoa.com

Arch. Control Committee:

Kelly Lanning
Kelly Deitman

Beautification Committee:

Marti Usher
Hallie Springer
Penny Gagliardi
Wendy Osborn

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:

Gwen Rohrer

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. Meetings are held at Sable Landing Event Center, 5691 Sable Avenue, (WCR 22), Firestone

December Meeting

There will be no Board meeting in December. Monthly meetings will resume in January 2008.

Winter Watering

The trees, shrubs, and turf bring color, shade, fresh smells, wildlife habitat, and maturity to our neighborhood. It's important that we manually provide water to these trees and plants. This year's budget includes winter watering for the first time, although, with recent snowfall, watering has been unnecessary. Denver Water suggests the following for the HOA, and individual homeowners alike:

Tree roots are not carrots: Tree root systems can spread two to three times wider than the height of the tree. Most of the tree's absorbing roots are in the top twelve inches of the soil. Water should be applied within the dripline.

Water deeply and slowly: Apply water so it moistens the soil in the critical root zone to a depth of 12 inches. Methods for watering include a deep root fork or needle, soaker hose or soft spray wand. Apply water to many locations under dripline. If a deep root fork or needle is used, insert the device no deeper than eight inches into the soil.

How much water to apply: To assure survival of the tree, apply 10 gallons of water for each inch of the tree's diameter. For example, a two-inch diameter tree will need 20 gallons per watering. Use a ruler to measure your tree's diameter.

When to water: During fall and winter (October - March) water one to two times per month, depending on weather, temperature and soil conditions. In spring and summer (April - September) water three times per month, depending on weather and watering restrictions.

Mulch helps retain soil moisture: Apply organic mulch within the dripline, to a depth of four inches. Leave a six-inch space between the mulch and trunk of trees. Mulch materials may include wood chips, bark, leaves and evergreen needles.



Moisture is needed to avoid disease: Drought stressed trees are more vulnerable to disease and insect infestations and branch dieback. Keep a watchful eye for anything that looks out of the ordinary.

For general drought information visit:

www.denverwater.org

For more details on watering trees visit:

www.watersaver.org

Don't forget to disconnect your hose after each watering session, to prevent freezing!

What's New In Firestone

Sports Complex & Library

The Firestone Sports Complex project has been awarded to Hall-Irwin, who will complete work on Phase I by April 2008. Located just south of Sable Ave., the complex will include three ball fields, concrete stadium seating and dugouts, parking areas, and lighting system. The adjacent Carbon Valley Library construction is scheduled for completion by February 2008. These are the first two portions of the Central Park project, which will ultimately include a community center, municipal center, planetarium and museum, recreation center with outdoor pool, and botanical garden. Visit the town website (see sidebar) for information as this project progresses.

Firestone Information

Fire Department

Frederick-Firestone

303.833.2742

Fire Protection District

303.772.0710

Tri-Area Ambulance District

303.833.0811

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

Xcel Energy

303.659.0551

Kinder Morgan

800.563.0012

Tri-Area Sanitation District

303.833.2977

303.776.9570

Postal Service

303.833.2412

800.275.8777

Carbon Valley Rec. District

303.833.3660

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

Weld Library District

303.833.3510

Town of Firestone

www.ci.firestone.co.us