



Ridge Crest

Sept. 2009

Homeowners Association

New Paint Colors

After nearly a year in the making, a second paint book is available for member review. New, more vibrant, but natural colors have been approved, for use on home exteriors. These selections are in addition to the existing approved colors. Contact the Board to make an appointment to review the colors, and don't forget to fill out the Design Review Request form, available on our website.



Sherwin Wms Seminar

The Firestone Sherwin Williams store is hosting a "Decorating and Coordinating with Color" workshop on September 26th. The program will run from 9-11am. For more info. call 303.772.1777.

Board Position Available

A board position is currently open. A board position is voluntary (unpaid), and requires a couple of hours a week in service to the community. Duties include reviewing individual homeowner accounts in reference to debt collection or improvement requests, review of insurance, management and grounds maintenance contracts, meetings with Town officials with regard to common area improvements, annual budget review, oversight of various committees, and monthly board meetings. Board members work closely with our community manager and legal counsel in making decisions that impact the entire community. Any Ridge Crest homeowner is eligible for consideration. Contact the Board, or Hammersmith Mgmt. for more information.

Earth Saving Painting

Chris Hock, Owner of Earth Saving Painting, has refreshed the exterior of several Ridge Crest Homes. He has recently established a materials discount with Sherwin Williams, and is extending this savings to members. To contact Chris for a free estimate, call 720.309.5679 or email Chris@ESSpaint.com. ESS specializes in providing low VOC coatings and green products.



Starfire Energy



A team of sustainable energy educators, Jennifer and Joe Beach, offer free seminars on the implementation and use of solar energy.

The Board is considering a seminar for our community. Contact the Board thru the email link in the sidebar to express interest. The event will be scheduled once we know that at least ten members want to participate. For more information on Starfire Energy, visit their website: www.starfireenergy.com

Thanks Laura & Carl

Many thanks to Board member Laura Kocur, and her husband Carl (ARC Committee), for their service to our community. Laura has helped to coordinate both of our Welcome Home parties, in addition to participating in management of HOA business. Carl has reviewed many of your DRR's and has helped with the heavy lifting (literally) of recent community events. Good luck with the move!



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303.980.0700
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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.

Preparing Landscape for Winter

Autumn is the best time for planting, so if you are considering adding or relocating, now's the time to do it. Flowers, shrubs and trees have been proven to bloom more profusely, have better established root systems, and require less water for transplanting, if planted in the fall. This is also a good time to fertilize the lawn, to replenish the nutrient supply that may have been exhausted by a long, hot summer. Many local nurseries are also advertising sales and special discounts at this time of year. A good resource for plant types and their care, as suited to our local climate, is the High Country Gardens website www.highcountrygardens.com. Some local vendors also offer discounts to Ridge Crest residents. The Tree Farm in Longmont, and Cimarron Nursery (across from King Soopers) both offer Ridge Crest member discounts on purchases. Please keep in mind, that homeowners considering exterior improvements are required to submit a Design Review Request (DRR) for approval. This review process could take as long as 60 days. Submit your applications soon!



Remember that sprinkler and drip systems should be turned off, drained, and blown out before the first big frost. Water left in irrigation piping could freeze, expand, and rupture fittings, if not properly winterized.

Bee & Wasp Nests

Several residents have commented on the number of wasp and yellowjacket nests that have appeared during the long 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>. Yellowjackets 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.

What's New In Firestone

Honey Festival

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

Open Recycling

The Town has recently made a commingled recycling dumpster available in the north east corner of the Town Hall parking lot.

Please rinse containers. For more info. on what is permitted, see the Town website: <http://www.ci.firestone.co.us/PDF/Recycle%20Notice.pdf>

Reverse 911

In July, the Town Board approved acquisition of a reverse 911-style automated information system. Residents will be able to opt-in with additional phone numbers, or opt-out completely. Additional steps are also being taken to upgrade the Town's siren system. Watch for information in coming newsletters.

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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