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Important Notices

Neighborhood Watch

The arrival of beautiful weather brings more with it than pollen and picnics...vandalism and crime increases especially after the summer school break.

Board Member Danny White has actively led our Neighborhood Watch program since it's inception. The key ingredients to a successful program and crime-free environment depends on ALL OF US watching out for one another.

Pay attention to any suspicious activities and take action. Call a board member, call the police, call a neighbor, document the observation, report streetlight outages. Let's keep CastleRidge the safe place it's been for all!

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Party In The Bay!!!

COME ONE COME ALL!

Our next neighborhood get together will be held on Saturday May 17th. We will be having a fish fry and fun outdoor activities for all.

So please mark your Calendars now!!! The Party will be held in the Retention Bay on Sir Galahad starting at 1:00PM

QUESTIONS? CALL 328-1492.

Message from the President...

Garage Sale will be on
Saturday, May 3rd

Hello neighbors! It's that time of year again! The annual Castle Ridge/Winding Oaks Subdivision Garage Sale will be on Saturday, May 3rd from 7am-12pm. We will once again be having a joint sale with our friends in the adjoining Winding Oaks Subdivision. We are heavily advertising this year and expect a large turnout. We are in need of helpers the Thursday before the sale to put up signs around the Bartlett area. If willing to help, just give us a call! Happy Spring!

Bryan Watson/Castle Ridge
&
Gretchen Hollingsworth/
Winding Oaks



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"Let's Talk Grass"

By Mark Logan

Hi neighbors,

It's that time of the year again. Time to get our yards in shape. If you have anything that needs to be trimmed or cut back, now is the time to get that done. You don't want to wait to long because some shrubbery and trees have already started blooming. If they have, you might need to wait until all the blooms are off of the trees or shrubbery.

Early to mid April is the time for that first cut on your lawn. You need to cut some of the dead grass out. This will help the new green grass to come through. It is also a good idea to bag the dead grass on the first two cuts of the year if your grass is high. If you have any of those troublesome weeds, get your yard treated by professionals. You can do it yourself if you prefer. Use a liquid spray to get the best results against those weeds. Make sure you mix it strong enough so that it kills them.

Let's all put forth a good effort to do our yards and make them look great. Remember this is our neighborhood and with all our yards looking great we can make this not only the best neighborhood to live in but the best looking neighborhood as well.

Thanks and Good Luck
Your Neighbor!

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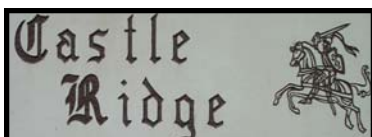
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www.castleridgehoa.org



**CastleRidge Retention Bay and
Common Area on Sir Galahad.
Our New Sight for Neighborhood
Events!**

Questions, Concerns, Problems, Criticisms, Suggestions?

We'd love to hear from
you...please call or fax our 24/7
Castle Ridge Care's line at 901-
328-1492 or, you can e-mail us at
info@castleridgehoa.org. We
promise a prompt and personal
reply!



"CRHA Board Never Sleeps"

MINUTES OF CASTLE RIDGE BOARD MEETING – 3/5/08

Members Present:

Bryan Watson, President
Brooks Evans, Vice- President
Cheryl Evans- Board Member
Steve Smyka- Treasurer/Board Member
Mark Logan, Board Member
Howard Ford, Board Member
Sandra Ford, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Bryan Watson. Minutes were read and approved. Treasurer's Report was given.

OLD BUSINESS: 2nd Annual Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2008 in conjunction with Molsonwood Subdivision.

Spring Fling will be held May 17th at the Retention Basin off Sir Galahad. Plans are still in the works and discussion as to a possible fish fry for this event.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bryan will pick up gift certificates to add to Welcome Baskets from Wran-gler (new restaurant at corner of Altruria and Egypt Central Road)

Bryan to send e-mail out to homeowners who paid dues by PayPal system to register as members of homeowner's association on website.

Bryan to also check into the Emergency Management Training in case of emergencies/disasters in our community/subdivision.

Brooks Evans has 3 new homeowners to order baskets from Vicky Czynrik.

Steve Smyka announced that 14% (21 families) of 145 homeowners have paid dues. There were 14 or 15 people who paid using the on line credit card system. Steve also advised the group our website had 469 hits in the past few weeks.

Steve Smyka will also send out invoices on March 15th, 2008 to those who have not paid their dues and those dues will be considered delinquent on April 15th, 2008. All dues not paid by May 1st, 2008 will be turned over for collection.

Suggestion was made to possibly set up Registration table at Spring Fling on May 17th to encourage homeowners to provide email and phone# and to utilize our website. There was also discussion as to whether it may be feasible to request all homeowners next year to pay dues using credit card system on website.

Suggestion was also made to power wash and apply water seal to fences on Fiske Road entrance as they are beginning to look weathered and need some work to improve the look.

Board approved \$75.00 fee to Barry and Sons, Landscape for weed and pre-emergent treatment of lawn at both entrances to subdivision

Sandra Ford accepted position as Secretary of Board and Howard Ford accepted position as Board Member.

The following articles/news will be published in the April 15th, 2008 newsletter:

- Request homeowners phone numbers and e-mail addresses
- Mention upcoming Spring Fling and Garage Sale dates, place and time
- Top 10 items that need prior approval from architectural board before work is begun
- Neighborhood Watch program to be emphasized and try to generate interest among homeowners to get involved as crime rate increases
- Article regarding yard issues- reminders of things to be done to keep our subdivision looking good and in compliance with covenants/restrictions
- Trash talk news from Bryan- move your trash bin back on the evening of trash pickup

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm. Next meeting will be April 16th, 6:30 pm at the home of Brooks and Cheryl Evans house.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Sandra A. Ford
Secretary



**VP's
Corner**

A Word from the Architectural Committee:

There are situations within our Castle Ridge Community that needs attention, to bring them up to the standards of our Restrictive Covenants.

All changes to home or lot needs approval of the Architectural Committee prior to making changes or additions.

It would be nice if those that are in violations of the Restrictive Covenants, would bring their situation into compliance.

Situations that stand out are; pipes and vents extending from the roof must be painted to compliment the shingles. Boats, recreational vehicle, camper and trailers must not be parked on lots unless screened from view in the back yard by a fence, any outbuilding must compliment or match the design and materials used to build the residence, or screened by a fence. Yards are to be maintained and trimmed.

We recommend that each family read the Restrictive Covenants of Castle Ridge. With everyone using these as a guide, it will keep our community one of the best in Bartlett.

If changes or additions are planned, give the Architectural Committee your plans and designs and get your project approved. Also check with the Bartlett Code Department. Preplanning and getting approvals will save time and money....

If there are any questions, please see a member of the Architectural Committee.

Speaking of the landscape, there are many trees within our community that are dead. This presents two problems; 1 – is the safety for families and also for our properties, should a high wind blow one down. 2 – the unkempt look it presents to our community.

*Seeing this situation and thinking of the cost to individual families, I have approached several Tree Service Companies, seeking cost comparisons for having this done as a group versus individuals. I have the number of a person that works for Asplundh, which also does this on the side with his family. They have license and are bonded, at the time I spoke to him. He told me, after looking at some of the dead trees he could offer a better price that anyone else, **if he could do them all together.** MAYBE A WIN - WIN for everyone.... A couple of the companies gave cost of several hundreds of dollars for one tree. Most of the trees that are dead are on Sir Galahad. Most of you know which ones I am talking about, except maybe, the families that just moved in within the past few months.*

If anyone would like my help putting this together please contact me.

-Brooks