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Safe Summer Activities

Each summer, thousands of residents take advantage of all the outdoor adventures the Rocky Mountains have to offer. Whether you wander near or far, here are some safety tips to remember.

Bicycling

Cyclists are everywhere in the summer training on the steep and winding roads in the foothills or cruising down residential streets. Cyclists and motorists can — and do — peacefully coexist. To ensure their encounters are safe ones, cyclists must obey the following rules of the road:

- Ride on the right – never ride against traffic
- Ride on a paved shoulder when one is available
- Obey traffic laws, signs and signals. This includes stopping at stop lights and stop signs.
- Use a headlight, taillight and reflectors at night
- Ride single file (especially important on winding canyon roads)

The aforementioned are Colorado state laws and, if broken, could result in a summons and fine. Protect yourself against injury and accidents by riding defensively, and always wear a helmet.

Motorists, we urge you to exercise caution and patience and share the road with cyclists.

Rivers and Creeks

In June 2007, a river rafter drowned in Clear Creek outside Golden. Local rivers and creeks can be extremely dangerous and have taken many lives over the years. Currents are so fast, especially during the spring runoff season, that they can easily knock people off their feet and sweep them down the river.

When using local creeks and rivers for recreational purposes, take all necessary safety precautions. Never swim or innertube without a life vest, and keep young children and dogs away from the banks of a rushing creek.

Hiking

Also in June 2007, the Alpine Rescue Team and other emergency responders rescued a Kansas man from a high point in

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Three More Students Complete Judy Susman's 30 Book Reading Challenge!

Judy Susman, RE/MAX Professionals, says congratulations to **Bridget Snow, Sydney Vie** and **Caleb Fosdick**. Bridget, Sydney and Caleb each read the required 30 books, and they each received a free Blockbuster gift card for their effort. To date, 54 students have completed the reading challenge!

Judy believes that reading is vital, so she encourages kids to get involved in this program. *If you need a reading card for this summer, call Judy Susman at 303-932-3322.*



Very Important Community Meeting at The Rock Church

10383 West Alamo Place

Wednesday, July 11, 2007 at 7 p.m.

This meeting is requested by and is being scheduled by The Rock Church to further discuss their expansion desires and get community feedback on their proposed rezoning plans.

This affects **all** Westridge area residents! Your attendance and opinions are **critical** and **essential**.

Westridge Financial Report

Last Reported Balance 10/20/06 (see Dec. News) \$2,403.43
Income

Members Fees\$2,810.00
Sheriff's Dept. Refund\$20.00

Expenses

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Ending Balance 6/6/07\$1,933.57

See Covenant article on page 6

Next Westridge HOA Meeting Important Update Regarding The Rock Church and Recent Efforts to Rezone

Sunday, July 22, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.

Columbine Library

West Bowles east of Wadsworth

This affects **all** Westridge residents!

It is important you attend.

Religious Land Use Law Info

We had our Westridge HOA Leadership meeting this evening to discuss the major conflict with and our opposition to our community church (The Rock Church) proposing to become a mega church in our midst.

An attendee at this meeting shared an extremely interesting article with us. It is an **important read** for homeowners and homeowners associations. As the article states, it is a discriminatory bill. Whether federal or state, this RLUIPA formulation mocks the constitutional requirement of equality under the law. The religious landowner gets first-class treatment, while the neighbor is a second-class citizen who must accommodate his property, his dream, even his family to the religious landowner's desires.

The article was printed by FindLaw - Legal News and Commentary. The article is entitled "California's Defeat of a State RLUIPA Bill: The Growing Backlash Against Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Acts" by Marci Hamilton, hamilton02@aol.com. <http://writ.news.findlaw.com/hamilton/20040129.html>. FindLaw's Writ - Hamilton: California's Defeat of a State RLUIPA Bill. Worth your read. Help spread this information. Thanks.

*That beautiful season the Summer!
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If you would like to form a committee, please contact a board member for more information. Thank you for your help!!

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Sheriff Recognizes..., continued from front page

Clear Creek Canyon. He had not acted irresponsibly but had sprained his ankle during his hike and was unable to move fast enough to make it back down before dark. By the time rescue crews reached him, he was hypothermic.

Accidents can happen to anyone, so prepare yourself for the unknown. Dress in layers and wear appropriate footwear. Tell someone where you're going and when you expect to be back. Bring a daypack with food, water, and other essentials. Check the weather report and remember that Colorado weather can turn on a dime.

Fireworks

As July 4 approaches the sound of fireworks becomes more frequent. Some fireworks are legal in Colorado, but most are not. Familiarize yourself with fireworks laws and safety measures as the holiday approaches. A good rule of thumb: anything that explodes or leaves the ground is illegal in Colorado. To learn more about fireworks, please visit the Sheriff's Office website at www.jeffcosheriff.com.

The Sheriff's Office encourages residents to leave the fireworks to the professionals and attend a public fireworks display. Foothills Parks and Recreation is hosting "Red, White and You" on July 3 at Clement Park in south Jefferson County. Learn more at www.ifoohills.org.

—Sheriff Ted Mink

Westridge Neighborhood Watch

Following numerous requests and expressed concerns, a meeting was held Thursday, June 14, for Westridge area residents. Protecting our community and preserving our property values were the main focus of this meeting.

It was learned that there is a need to resurrect our Neighborhood Watch Program. Due to relocations and moves, previous leadership no longer exists.

Your WHOA Board can help new leadership organize this program, or interested volunteers can directly call the Crime Prevention Deputy at 720-377-2002. For additional information visit www.jeffcosheriff.com.

Report! Report! Report! Immediately, Not Later

Any and all suspicious persons, incidents, vandalism, graffiti, etc.

- Emergency 911
- Non-emergency 303-277-0211

Did You Know?

Over 1000 regular snapshot pictures **plus** hundreds of digital pictures have been taken of graffiti and vandalism in and around our Westridge community. A concerned area resident has diligently taken these pictures since May 2005.

The Penny Test for Tires

Do you know when it's time to replace worn tires? Here's a quick test from Bridgestone Firestone: Take a penny and put it into one of the grooves on the tread with the top of Lincoln's head facing the tire. Chose several points on the tire. If you can see the very top of Lincoln's head or the words "In God We Trust" at any of the points, you need a new tire.

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COHOPE Report June 5, 2007

The Speaker for the night was **Deputy Le Porte** from the south precinct speaking on drug recognition. Deputy Le Porte stressed that the program was to alert homeowners, real estate people and buyers that when they find household items such as bottles, pitchers, and unusual items in bulk and in places where you wouldn't expect to find them is when you need to think if drugs are being made here. The number of meth houses have been declining since 2003 as dealers now realize it's much easier to bring it in from Mexico pre-made. Homeowners who rent a home and later find that meth was made in the home are facing at least a \$70,000 cleaning fee before the house is considered safe to move people into, and all of the cost falls on the homeowner. A new law provides that if a home was used as a meth lab, it must be disclosed before the home is sold. There is a tremendous amount of toxic waste found in a meth lab. For every one pound of meth, there are five to six pounds of toxic waste that can be very dangerous. Depending on the ingredients in the lab, and everyone seems to have their own formula, it can catch fire, explode or the fumes can kill you. If you ever suspect a house or garage has been used for a lab, call the police rather than try to clean up or move the waste. You will be much safer that way.

Walk Frankland of the Foothills Park and Rec board reported that Foothills is working very hard to find ways to economize. Their biggest problem at the moment is to how to pay for the upkeep on the Columbine memorial that will be dedicated shortly. Foothills will be responsible for the maintenance of the memorial. Keeping the grounds, planting flowers, paying for the water, electrical and insurance on the memorial will take between \$20,000-25,000 a year, and at the moment there is no money. Foothills had suggested early on that some provision be made for the upkeep of the memorial, perhaps putting up a bond to handle these future costs. However nothing happened. Foothills is hopeful that people who use Clement Park will step up and help with maintenance, picking up trash, cleanup the grounds, plant flowers and in other words, help with the maintenance.

Members of the Westridge HOA were at the meeting and explained that while they have been invited to review the newest OPD to be put forth by the Rock Church, they declined, saying that they wanted Planning and Zoning to review it first. After that is accomplished, then they would like to meet with the church officials. If **Tim Price** comes to Cohope to speak, they would like to be notified. President **Justin Everett** suggested that Cohope try and arrange a speakers forum perhaps in September when hopefully the newest OPD would have been seen by Planning and Zoning. Then we could arrange for it to be on the first Tuesday of the month. Everyone agreed that it would be an interesting meeting.

The upgrading of the intersection of Bowles and Kipling is going forth. Some changes have been made to the plans, and CDOT is still holding meetings and wants input from people in the area. Some of the plans have been scaled down due to money constraints, etc.

The Westridge HOA also wanted to know what insurance companies other HOAs in Cohope use. They have State Farm insurance for their directors and officers and their rates doubled this year. Other HOA members who were there have not noticed an increase in their insurance, and they agreed to let Westridge know who holds their insurance so Westridge will be able to compare prices.

They also have a request for any HOAs that are planning on redoing their signs at their entrances to let them know the names of the contractors, as they are having problems finding the names and addresses of businesses that do that type of work.

—Winnie Burdan

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July 4th — By the Numbers

Statistics from the US Census Bureau provide this numerical view of Independence Day:

Citizens

- As of July 4th, 2007, the population of the United States will be nearing 300 million. This compares to the July 1776 population of 2.5 million living in the 13 colonies.
- Of that 300 million, 33 million residents are foreign-born, representing nearly 12 percent of the population.
- More than 570,000 people become naturalized citizens of the United States each year. July 4th is a very popular day for swearing in new American citizens.

**The Barbecue**

- Sixty-eight million Americans will attend a July 4th barbecue.
- More than 150 million hot dogs are eaten on July 4th (translating to roughly half a hot dog per person).
- If you serve baked beans, there's a one in three chance that they have come from North Dakota, because it produces a third of the nation's dry, edible beans.
- If you serve potato chips, French fries, or potato salad, there's a one in two chance that the potatoes have come from Idaho or Washington State.

The Celebration

- In a typical year, the United States imports 211 million dollars worth of fireworks (primarily from China).
- The United States imports American flags valued at \$6 million annually (again, mostly from China).

*The world is not moved only by the mighty shoves of the heroes
but also by the aggregate of the tiny pushes of each honest worker.*
— Helen Keller

Foods for Your Skin

The kinds of foods you eat can have a big impact on the health of your skin. New York University Medical Center nutritionist **Samantha Heller** recommends eating plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables, particularly those that contain the powerful antioxidant lycopene, such as tomatoes, guava, watermelon, and red papaya. Other foods rich in skin-healthy antioxidants are sweet potatoes, blueberries, and strawberries. **Cindy Moore**, director of nutrition therapy at The Cleveland Clinic, recommends whole grains, green leafy vegetables, and foods that contain omega-3 fatty acids, including salmon, tuna, walnuts, and canola oil.

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4.5. Clothes Lines and Storage. No clothes lines, drying yards, dog runs, service yards, wood piles or storage areas shall be so located as to be visible from a street.

4.6. Garbage and Refuse Disposal. No garbage, refuse, rubbish or cuttings shall be deposited on any street, and not on any lot unless placed in a suitable container suitable located, solely for the purpose of garbage pickup. All equipment for the storage or disposal of such material shall be kept in clean and sanitary condition.

4.7. Automobiles, Boats and Trailers.

4.7.1 Storage. Except as expressly heretofore provided, no lot shall be used as a parking, storage, display or accommodation area for any type of house trailer, camping trailer, boat trailer, hauling trailer, self-contained motorized recreational vehicle, running gear, boat or accessories thereto, motor driven cycle, truck, any junk vehicle or one under repair, or any type of van except as a temporary expedience for loading, delivery or emergency. The same shall be stored, parked or maintained wholly within the garage area or concealed from the street by means of a fence or other acceptable screen.

At the Amusement Park

MAH Consulting Inc., a safety consultancy for the amusement park industry, warns parents that it's not a good idea to force children to get onto rides if they are scared or hesitant. Frightened children "are the most likely to try to get out of their restraints and jump off."

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