



# WESTRIDGE NEWS & VIEWS

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## Important Alert

### County Hearing Requested by the Rock Church

While finalizing announcements for our January 2008 WHOA newsletter, we were just informed that The Rock Church has requested a hearing with our County Planning and Zoning Staff. The Rock also filed a revised ODP along with their hearing request. This hearing will be in early January. It will be scheduled in the evening. Once we know the definite date and time, we will notify you immediately. In the meantime, it is critical that all interested and committed Westridge residents plan to attend this hearing.

Your genuine opposition can be determined **only** by your presence and voice at this hearing.

## Shoveling Snow

It's easy to throw out your back when shoveling snow. To avoid that fate, follow this advice from the American Chiropractic Association:

- Push the snow straight ahead rather than throwing it or walking it to the side of the path.
- Avoid twisting and turning motions.
- Bend your knees to lift when shoveling. Let your legs do the work, not your back.
- Keep your back as erect as possible.
- Take frequent breaks to take the strain off your muscles.



## Let's Talk . . .

### (An Update on The Rock Church's Expansion Efforts)

The Westridge HOA continues to oppose the efforts of The Rock Church to build a mega-church in our neighborhood. Thank you to all who signed the petition that was recently sent around Westridge and Reflections. Anyone who was missed and would like to sign the petition now should contact the HOA, and we will send someone to your home to collect your signature. At this point, over 500 voters have signed the petition. These signatures will show the Jefferson County Commissioners how much we care about maintaining the quiet, traffic-free neighborhood that we currently live in.

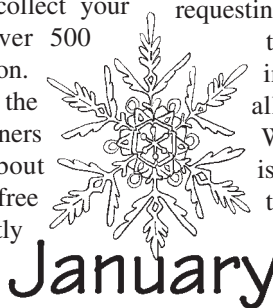
As you may already know, on October 2nd, the Jefferson County Planning Department formally responded to The Rock's latest development plan. The Department again stated that they would not support The Rock's rezoning proposal if it was submitted to the County Commissioners, as it was not compatible with the surrounding neighborhood. After this latest rejection, The Rock's architect contacted the County Zoning Department, inquiring as to whether Denver residential zoning rules might apply to their vacant

parcel of land (due to the failed Denver annexation attempt in the 1970s). Under Denver zoning, The Rock potentially would be allowed to develop the property with very few limitations. Fortunately, the Jefferson County Zoning Department clarified that the Jefferson County original Official Development Plan (ODP) applies to the lot – not Denver zoning. The Rock now has hired an attorney and is requesting information from the county as to whether any other construction in our neighborhood has been allowed under Denver zoning.

Westridge HOA believes that this is an attempt to gain leverage for the upcoming hearings, and also to prepare for potential lawsuits against the County if The Rock's rezoning plan is denied.

**Once again, The Rock has shown that it does not care about the welfare of the neighborhood – they are willing to try anything to get their mega-church built!**

The Rock has not yet requested a hearing before the County Commissioners for their rezoning plan. The HOA will contact you once hearing dates have been set. Please remember that it is very important for each of you to attend these hearings!



## Westridge Financial Report

Last Reported Balance 10/1/07 .....	\$1,971.47
Income	
Members Fees .....	\$185.00
Insurance Refund .....	\$269.00
Expenses	
Attorney Fees & Court Costs .....	\$330.00
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Stamps .....	\$82.00
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COHOPE Dues .....	\$35.00
Ending Balance 12/1/07 .....	\$911.15

**Important Westridge HOA Meeting**  
**The Rock Church and its recent ODP filing and your need to know what is happening in our Westridge/Reflections community**

*— Special election for an additional board member —*

**Sunday, January 20, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.**

**Columbine Library**

This affects **all** Westridge residents!

It is important you attend.

## Important! Important!

Hearing Dates Have Been Set Regarding  
The Rock Church's Proposed Expansion

**Wednesday, January 9, 2008 – 6:15 p.m.**  
*County Planning and Zoning*

**Tuesday, January 29, 2008 – 9:00 a.m.**  
*County Commissioners*

Both meetings will be at our  
Jefferson County Building ("The Taj").

Efforts are underway to have the January 29 meeting changed to the evening instead of the morning. We will keep you posted. **Your attendance is imperative. Bodies and voices are critically needed at these hearings.**

## Twelve More Students Complete Judy Susman's 30 Book Reading Challenge

Judy Susman, RE/MAX Professionals, says congratulations to Amanda Baker, Ariel Rael, Jaela Hale, Madison Curry, Gabriela Swanson, Samantha Carpenter, Aaron Obialero, Braxton Faulkner, Derek Stordahl, Ryan Hendricks, Tanner Wolfe and Tyler Shepard. These young readers each completed the required 30 books, and they received free Blockbuster gift cards for their effort. Judy believes that reading is vital, so she encourages kids to get involved in this program. To date, 68 kids have completed the challenge. If you didn't get your card, they are available from the school library, the school office or directly from Judy Susman by calling 303-932-3322.

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Jeffco Commissioners . . . . . 303-271-8525

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Jefferson County Website [www.co.jefferson.co.us](http://www.co.jefferson.co.us).

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to renew your membership for 2007**

## **Judy Susman Completes 12th Successful Coat Drive**

**Judy Susman**, a long time Westridge resident and a Realtor with RE/MAX Professionals, recently completed her 12th annual Coats for Colorado coat drive in conjunction with Dependable Cleaners and Denver's Channel 7. On Saturday, November 10th, Judy collected coats from many generous neighbors who made this year's coat drive another big success. Since Judy began this project in 1996, she has collected well over 1,200 coats! Our lucky neighbors, **Ruth and Joe Rohleder**, won the drawing for a free turkey.



"It is great to see people helping others who are less fortunate," Judy said. "Thanks again to all who participated! Your coats will be greatly appreciated."



## **Westridge Elementary Kindergarten Registration for 2008-2009**

Kindergarten registration will begin on Monday, January 14, 2008 from 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. The age requirement for Jefferson County Schools is age 5, prior to October 1, 2008. In order to register your child, you will need to bring a birth certificate, proof of address, and record of immunization (including evidence of Hepatitis B immunization). When you register you will be able to indicate your preference for a morning class (8:25 – 11 a.m., 5 days per week), an afternoon class (12:30 – 3 p.m., 5 days per week), or a full day tuition-based session (8:25 a.m. – 3 p.m., 5 days per week). Tuition for this class is \$310.00 per month (subject to possible change). These requests are honored on a first come, first served basis.

For families not living in the Westridge neighborhood, a Choice Enrollment form must be completed. First Round Choice enrollment begins on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 and runs through January 24, 2008. Forms can be picked up at Westridge Elementary, or you can go to the enrollment website at <http://jeffcoweb.jeffco.k12.co.us/enrollment/> and download a form. Second Round is from February 16th – August 30th, 2008. Please call the school office at (303) 982-3975 with further questions.

### **Kindergarten Round-up**

Thursday, January 10, 2008  
8:30 – 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
Kids Welcome

## **Wrapping Paper Sales**

After the holidays, many retailers slash their prices on wrapping paper, making January the best time of year to stock up. Consumer experts recommend choosing solid colors or patterns that can be used year round.

## **Valuable and Helpful Community Websites**

Westridge Homeowners Association:  
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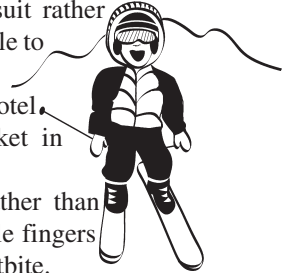
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## Skiing with Children

If your winter plans include a ski vacation with children, follow these recommendations from safety experts:

- Dress in layers and don't forget long johns and turtle necks.
- Outfit kids in bright snowsuits that are easily visible, as well as water and wind resistant.
- Remove any drawstrings around the hood because these could get stuck on equipment and pose a strangulation risk.
- Sew a name tag inside the snowsuit rather than outside where it could be visible to strangers.
- Give children a ski map and hotel brochure to put inside their pocket in case they get lost.
- Opt for water-resistant mittens rather than gloves because these will keep little fingers warmer and reduce the risk of frostbite.
- Wear sunglasses or goggles to reduce glare.
- Use SPF protection for face and lips.
- Consult an expert to have a ski helmet properly fitted.



## Making Healthy Resolutions

Dr. Donnica Moore offers these healthy resolutions for the New Year:

1. I will give myself and my family the gift of a healthier lifestyle this year.
2. I will give myself the gift of a healthy breakfast each day.
3. I will give myself the gift of stopping my unhealthy behaviors (smoking, etc.).
4. I will wear my seat belt religiously.
5. I will increase my water intake.
6. I will take my necessary vitamins and supplements.
7. I will practice proper dental hygiene.
8. I will have my annual physical exam.
9. I will practice monthly self exams.
10. I will increase my daily activity and enjoy it!

*It's not enough that we do our best;  
sometimes we have to do what's required.*

— Winston Churchill

## Graffiti Reporting Reminder

This is a reminder to call and report all graffiti in our community. 720-377-2190

## Teen Services

This list is provided as a free service to residents of Westridge. If you would like your teen's name added to this list, please call Colorado Lasertype at 979-7499. No recommendation or endorsement of any of the names on this list is implied or stated by Colorado Lasertype or the association board. Categories: (B) Babysitting; \*Red Cross Certified; (P) Pet & House sitting; (L) Lawn care/Snow removal

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**What's So Special About ... January?****New Year's Day, Jan. 1.**

Although it may run counter to most people's New Year's resolutions to lose weight, the Dutch believe that eating donuts on New Year's Day will bring good luck throughout the upcoming year. Other cultures also believe that round foods are lucky because they symbolize events "coming full circle."

**Organize Your Home Day, Jan. 14.**

Held every year on the second Monday in January, it's a day to devote to organizing your home and clearing out clutter. Increasingly, people are enlisting professionals to help bring order to their homes and lives. According to the National Association of Professional Organizers, there are nearly 4,000 professional organizers in the United States, with many earning salaries in the six figures.

**St. Anthony's Day, Jan 17.**

While many Catholics know St. Anthony as the patron saint of lost items, this 2nd and 3rd century Egyptian hermit is also known as the patron saint of domestic animals and the patriarch of all monks.

**Healthy Weight Week, Jan. 13-19.**

This is always held the third week of the month because its sponsor, the Healthy Weight Network, report that many people go on crash diets in the first week of January, binge during the second week, and are ready for a healthier lifestyle by the third week.

**100th Anniversary of the Boy Scout Movement, Jan. 24.**

On this date in 1908, Robert Baden-Powell, a lieutenant-general in the British Army, published *Scouting for Boys*, the first book in a series of six. Many historians consider this the beginning of the Boy Scout movement, which today boasts more than 28 million members (both boys and girls) in 155 countries. In the United States alone there are currently more than 2.8 million boys and 2.7 million girls in the scout movement.

**Finding Free Calendars**

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## Working Outdoors

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration warns that winter brings its own hazards, particularly for outdoor workers. Here are some of its safety suggestions:

- Learn the signs and symptoms of cold-induced illnesses and injuries. These include fatigue, uncontrolled shivering, bluish skin, slurred speech, clumsy movements, and irritable or irrational behavior.
- Use the buddy system and work in pairs so one worker can recognize danger signs in the other.
- Dress in layers that can be adjusted for changing conditions.
- Try to schedule outdoor work for the warmest part of the day.
- Take short breaks in warm shelters to warm up and to avoid exhaustion.
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