



July 2014

Ridgepoint at Bearcreek Homeowner's Association

VOLUME 37

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Letter from Board

Reminders/ Updates.....

Nextdoor.....

How Things Have
Changed.....

Pet Courtesies.....

Connections.....

Upcoming Events.....

Questions or Concerns???

Contact ANY Board
Member (listed below).
They can refer you to the
correct source if they
cannot help you.

WELCOME SUMMER

Summer is here and we are now enjoying the long days, plenty of sunshine and the beauty of flowers in full bloom. We have several events to make you aware of in the upcoming months. Please join us on Tuesday, August 5 for National Night Out! This is the first Tuesday in August, and it's been established by the National Association of Town Watch as the day to get out, meet your neighbors, and work towards building partnerships and promoting crime prevention in our neighborhoods. Ridgepoint has been participating for several years with great neighborhood turnout! Come join us for sandwiches, chips and cookies. Meet your new neighbors and visit with those you already know! We'll also have representatives from the Jefferson County Sheriff's department there to talk with us. It'll be held in the first cul-de-sac of the neighborhood from 6:00-8:00 p.m. We hope to see you there!

You should have received your updated neighborhood directory as well as a copy of the current Rules & Regulations booklet.

Hope to see you soon!

-Ridgepoint

Board of Directors

The monthly HOA Board meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm and generally last about an hour. We'd love to meet more neighbors and have more participation in the meetings, so try to make one of the meetings.



2014 Ridgepoint HOA Board and ARC Members		
President: Wendy Raffaeli		303.985.3924
Vice-President: Roscoe 'Dave' Davidson		303.989.4515
Sec./Treasurer: Ron Servis		303.986.3072
Architectural Review Committee:		
Amy Alonzo		303.980.5082
Lori Graham		303.984.0042
Mimi Lowrey		303.763.8974
Tami Winchell		303.674.8201
Newsletter: Lori Graham		303.984.0042

Ridgepoint website: www.neighborhoodlink.com/Ridgepoint/home

REMINDERS & UPDATES

Changes to Trash Pickup

Our trash collection drivers' schedule changed earlier this year. They no longer pick up our neighborhood's trash first on their route each Monday, but instead arrive later in the day now. It is VERY IMPORTANT that all of your trash be BAGGED before it's put into your trash bin. We have many windy days in Ridgepoint, and if your trash is blowing around the neighborhood because it wasn't bagged, we'll ask you to pick it up. Also, please remember to put your trash cans away (out of sight) except for Monday when trash is being picked up by Waste Management.

Yard Reminders

Please remember that well-groomed yards make our neighborhood look more attractive and show pride in our community! Please trim your grass frequently. Also, please trim back bushes, shrubs and trees that extend over the sidewalk and remove weeds from your landscaping. When we all do our part, Ridgepoint looks great!

Open Space Maintenance

Please do NOT throw bottles, pallets, clipped grass or other trash into the open space. This is NOT a dump. If items are found behind your house in the open space, we will ask you to pick them up and dispose of them properly. Also, the open space is not your dog's yard. If your dog poops in the open space, please pick it up! We really prefer that you keep your pets out of the open space at all times. There are many areas that are in various stages of erosion and any kind of traffic on those areas just makes it worse. We are trying to find a solution for the erosion problems, but because of the poor quality of the soil (dug out from basements and left there when the homes were being constructed) and the steep slope, it's a difficult and expensive task. Thank you for your cooperation.

-Ridgepoint Board of Directors



There are several great improvements to the website [Nextdoor](#) to make you aware of. Currently, we have over half of our Ridgepoint residents connected through this great network. The website was created to give neighbors a way to network with each other however, [Nextdoor](#) is much more than a social network. This is a place to share safety information, offer or ask for services (baby sitting, lawn mowing, dog walking) and keep up to date on neighborhood events such as National Night Out and Caroling. Your information can only be viewed by other neighbors, and you decide how much (or how little) to enter when you're setting up your profile. The Board has started using [Nextdoor](#) as a way to "get the word out" about neighborhood issues. Additionally, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office is now using [Nextdoor](#) share information on crime prevention, safety and public events. You can expect to receive local crime and safety updates from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and please be assured that our neighborhood's [Nextdoor](#) remains private. The Sheriff's Office will not be able to see any of the content on our neighborhood site except for the direct replies to their posts.

Please be aware that [Nextdoor](#) will NOT be monitored for requests for emergency assistance or police services.

To report criminal or suspicious activity, or to file a report, etc. please call the **Jefferson County Sheriff at 303-277-0211.**

ridgepointatbearcreek.nextdoor.com



How Things Have Changed

Not long ago, my husband asked me to clean out some of my old files, and in doing so I came across photos of Ridgepoint in its infancy. Many things have changed since the beginning of this development. The most important improvements have been to our common areas/open space. Our focus throughout the years has been on the front entrance, tree planting, seeding and weed control. These things would not have been possible, had it not been the efforts of many of our residents. Our front entrance is beautiful and welcoming, our trees in the open space are flourishing for the most part, the weeds are getting fewer and the grasses are filling in. There is still ongoing work on some of the steep slope areas and with Mother Nature's help, this too will be successful over time. Thanks to efforts of volunteers through the years, we can be proud of our development. Let's all work together to keep our personal properties in this same condition to make Ridgepoint a place to be proud of for future years.

-Mimi Lowrey



"Good Neighbor Salute" for this quarter goes to: 

Many thanks to Tami and Barry Winchell! Tami is a member of the Architectural Review Committee (ARC). She also weeds the front entrance on a regular basis, plants annuals and perennials to add color, and maintains the area all summer long, with the help of Mary Jo Davidson and Mimi Lowrey. She spent an entire day earlier this year trimming back dead plant foliage and picking up trash all over our open space. Several bags later, we have Tami to thank for a nicely maintained common area. She also works with Roscoe Davidson and the lawn maintenance crew to ensure that the proper maintenance is being provided weekly as well as on an as-needed basis for special projects. Barry works with Roscoe Davidson on the sprinkler system maintenance and schedule. He was helpful in finding a reliable, affordable company to hire to maintain and repair our sprinkler system, and continues to work with them to meet our watering needs. He was also instrumental in getting the damage from the car in the new sod area repaired quickly in late May. Barry and Tami are also working with several homeowners to plant native bushes and shrubs in our open space and water them for the first two years until they're established. We'll then be able to assess which plants will work to help prevent erosion on our hillsides and do more planting!

Thanks for all that you do, Barry and Tami!



RIDGERUNNERS ~ Ridgepoint at Bear Creek Homeowners' Association

Ridgepoint at Bear Creek Homeowners' Association
2738 South Newcombe St.
Lakewood, CO 80227



July 2014



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT WILL BE ON
TUESDAY, AUGUST 5 AT 6:00 P.M.

IN THE FIRST CUL-DE-SAC ON
SOUTH NEWCOMBE STREET.

SUBMARINE SANDWICHES, LEMONADE, COOKIES
AND PAPER PRODUCTS WILL BE PROVIDED.



What are Permissible Fireworks?

Cylindrical or cone fountains, wheels and ground spinners, illuminating torches and colored fire, dipped sticks and sparklers, toy propellant or toy smoke devices, trick noise makers and snake or glow worms are all permissible.

What are Illegal Fireworks?

Any devices or components that, when used or ignited, project or disburse any metal, glass, or brittle plastic fragments. Cherry bombs, roman candles, firecrackers, bottle rockets, shells and rockets, M-80s and M-100s, and helicopters are all examples of illegal fireworks.

A good rule of thumb: anything that explodes or leaves the ground is most likely illegal in Colorado.

DOG WASTE and LEASH LAW

We continue to have problems with dog owners not picking up after their pets in the open space and throughout the neighborhood. Please be a responsible and courteous dog-owner and pick-up after your pet.



Jefferson County has a leash law and it requires that your animal must be leashed AT ALL TIMES if it is outside the boundary of your property. If you observe an animal off leash, whether it is with an owner or not, please call **Jefferson County Animal Control at 303-277-0211**. This is NOT an HOA rule; it's county law and the county will enforce it.

REMINDER: 3rd Quarter dues were due on the 1st and must be received by the last day of the of the June to avoid LATE FEES!