

A Newsletter for the Diamond Ridge Estates Community

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NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION

We invite story ideas you want us to write about, or we'll accept your written text. Please submit information for upcoming issues to the Editor at: mscottrell@aol.com. Look for this and future issues at our enhanced web site: www.DiamondRidge.org
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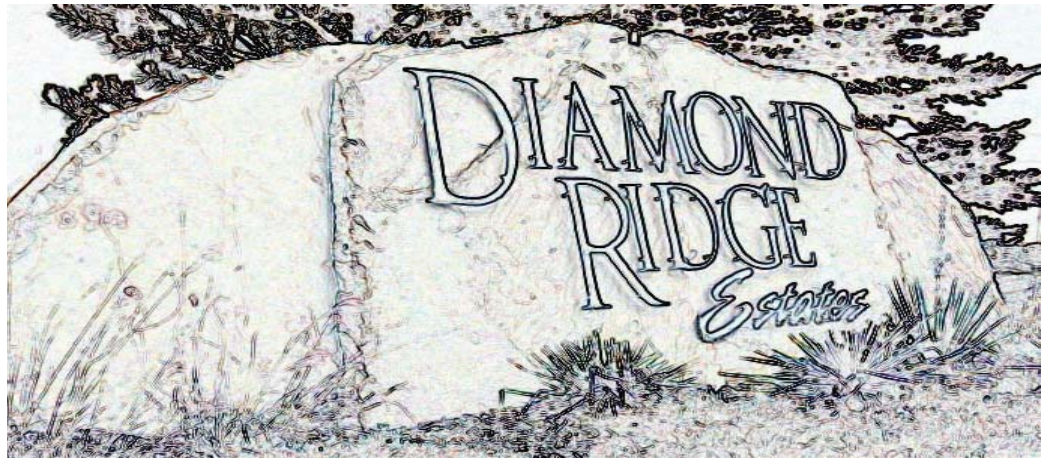
HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

The Diamond Ridge Estates homeowners association works to keep your neighborhood the attractive and desirable community you enjoy. The HOA is made up of all property owners in Diamond Ridge Estates. You belong! The volunteers who serve on committees and the board are your neighbors. Please let us know your ideas, concerns, and willingness to serve.

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

Neighborhood Watch is a national crime prevention program that unites neighbors and builds partnerships between law enforcement and citizens. It has been effective in helping to keep crime rate well below the national average. You are invited to attend a meeting that has been scheduled for September 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse. The purpose of this meeting is to form a planning committee of neighbors to start establishing our own Neighborhood Watch Program. Be on the lookout for posted flyers on community mailboxes as well as on DRE website listing details of the meeting. We will have local law enforcement attend all meetings to get us up to speed on requirements of the program. We will be looking for one Chairperson and many "block leaders" throughout the neighborhood to make this an effective program. There is no age limit and everyone is welcome. **Please contact AJ Taylor at 303-660-1406 with questions or to indicate your willingness to volunteer.**

SAVE THE DATE

It's hard to believe but the holiday season will be upon us shortly. Please plan to join us for the Annual Holiday Party scheduled for December 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Bob and Dominique Hodgin have graciously volunteered to host the party at their home at 1000 Sapphire Drive. **Details of the party will be forthcoming the closer we get to the holiday season.**

GEMSTONE PARK GRAND OPENING

For the past several months construction of a new community park to the east of Diamond Ridge adjacent to the fire station area has been under way. Now that the project is close to completion, the Town of Castle Rock is hosting a grand opening celebration at **Gemstone Park on Saturday, September 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The celebration will include a dedication at 11:00 a.m., food, beverages and inflatable games for kids.**

This \$1.43 million neighborhood park has incorporated a 12-foot climbing wall, a synthetic athletic field, a playground, a picnic pavilion and a multi-use court area. A colorful plaza will highlight the Gemstone theme with stone work and a carved limestone sculpture. All residents are invited to attend this exciting park opening.



SCHOOL'S IN SESSION

As school busses take to the roads again this school year, please watch children and obey the traffic laws. Colorado state law requires drivers who are approaching a school bus, from either direction, to stop when approaching a school bus with red flashing lights. Drivers should not proceed until the lights are turned off, indicating it is okay to move.

As a reminder, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office has been asked to patrol our community in an effort to decrease speeding. They have issued tickets to speeders throughout the summer and will continue to do so. The posted speed limit on Diamond Ridge Parkway is 30 miles per hour, all other roads in the community are 25 miles per hour.

PLAY SETS, TRAMPOLINES, AND RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT

Residents who wish to install, or have already installed, backyard recreational equipment are asked to abide by the standards set forth in Section 4 of the Landscape Design Standards dated 7/18/05.

The standards are as follows: "Features such as play sets, trampolines, and other recreational equipment are allowed, but a plan must be submitted and approval obtained prior to installation on the lot. Such features must be located in a position that does not create a significant negative impact on the views of neighboring homes and must be substantially buffered from the view of neighboring properties and the street(s) by use of trees, boulders, shrubs, birms or other approved means. These features must be behind the rear plane of the home and set back from the side property boundary (or rear property boundary if it adjoins another Diamond Ridge Estates building lot) by at least 25 feet or the space needed to adequately buffer the view of the play set, trampoline or recreational equipment from the adjacent property.

Features such as play sets and trampolines must be of natural wood and/or earth tone colors (brown, green) instead of bright colors that make the masking of the feature much more challenging. In fact, play sets and trampoline type features will not be allowed in areas where they cannot be extensively and defectively screened from the view of neighboring properties and streets."

If additional information is needed, contact Greg Miller 303-660-3466

SOCIAL COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

A very special "Thank You" to Social Committee members A.J. Taylor and Kris Wenaas for their hard work pulling the summer community picnic together. This year's event was well attended and from all accounts everyone enjoyed the festivities and great food. To see pictures of the picnic, log onto www.diamondridge.org. Click on Calendar of Events, then Past Events. A special thanks to Chefs Dan and Lynn Conroy who did an outstanding job making sure everyone had enough goodies from the grill. **See you at the picnic next year!**



The Social Committee worked hard this summer organizing the children's swim lessons program at the community pool. Many of you know Beth Moreau as the year round swimming instructor at the Rec. Center in Castle Rock. We were pleased with the overall interest and participation in the program and plan to ask her back again next summer. Information will be available regarding this program in the Spring of 2007.

Whether you are new to the neighborhood or have been here for a while and simply want to participate in planning community activities, consider joining the Social Committee. New members are always welcome and it's a great way to get to know your neighbors and be an active part of the community. **For details contact A.J. Taylor at 303-660-1406.**

CHECK OUT THE NEW DRE WEBSITE

We have a new look to our website. Board member Kevin Raasch has been busy for the past several months creating the new design and adding many new features. We hope you will find the site easier to navigate and full of useful information.

Log on to: www.diamondridge.org While you are there, don't forget to register your email address so you can receive information about Diamond Ridge activities via the internet.

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