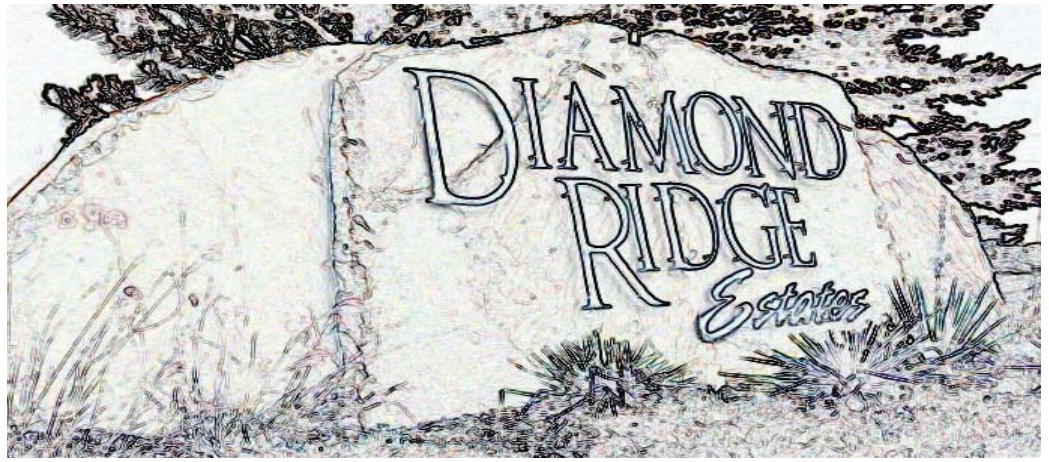


# A Newsletter for the Diamond Ridge Estates Community

Spring 2006



## 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: [msscottrell@aol.com](mailto:msscottrell@aol.com). Look for this and future issues at our enhanced web site: [www.ManagementSpecialists.com](http://www.ManagementSpecialists.com)

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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.

### 2006 Board Members:

Peggy Cottrell, President  
Al Link, Vice President  
Kevin Raasch, Secretary  
Dan Conroy & Steve Knight

Our HOA is assisted by Management Specialists, Inc. Our MSI representative is: Suzanne Burton.  
Phone: 720.974.4234  
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## ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD SPRING CLEAN UP

Every year at this time the HOA sponsors its annual neighborhood spring clean up. As usual, the winter winds have blown trash from one end of our community to the other. May 20th – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm has been designated as our date to clean up all the common areas. If you are able to participate, bring gloves, a rake, a cart or wagon and the kids. We will have several motorized all terrain vehicles to assist. Trash bags will be provided and collected trash should be taken to the club house where Suburban Waste will haul it away. Everyone is welcome to pitch in and drinks will be available at the club house parking lot for those working up a sweat. **Mark your calendars May 20th, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.**

## POOL OPENING

The pool is scheduled to officially open on May 27th. Major improvements to the pool, spa and tennis court areas have been completed with a new pool equipment enclosure, pool and spa pumps, heaters and a new filtering system. Our pool will be open and ready for swimmers to jump in and enjoy!

The new security code was e-mailed to you on March 20th and is subject to change during the summer months. If you did not save the revised code, contact Suzanne Burton at Management Specialists, Inc., 720-974-4234 or any board member listed in the directory.

As a reminder to residents, the pool is for exclusive use of our homeowners and their guests only. Non-resident use has become a recent problem. Therefore, we ask you to help us uphold the following rules:

1. Do not give out the pool security code to friends not living in Diamond Ridge Estates.
2. Guests must be accompanied by a homeowner at all times.
3. Under aged children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
4. Use the code to open the gate. Do not reach over the gate as this sets a bad example.
5. Keep the gate closed, even when you are enjoying the facilities, so that non-residents are not free to walk in.
6. If you have opened a table umbrella, close it before you leave as the wind causes damage to the equipment.
7. No glass bottles or containers of any kind.

**Safety is our number one concern at the pool, spa and tennis courts. Please do not drop off under age children as this is an unguarded pool and spa.**



## **MID SUMMER BBQ**

A summer BBQ is being planned by the Social Committee for Saturday, July 15th, starting at 2:00 pm. Sub sandwiches, beverages (including beer) will be provided. If you are planning to attend, RSVP to A.J. Taylor at 303-660-1406 so she can have an accurate head count. Please bring a salad or dessert to pass around. All residents are invited to attend. This is a fun event for both children and parents and a great way to meet some of the new neighbors that moved in over the winter. Plans are to bring the large air pumper back again this year for the kids. Hope to see you there!

## **UPDATED 2006 DIRECTORY**

The latest edition of the 2006 Neighborhood Directory has been distributed. Should you have any corrections, additions or deletions for the next printing (Spring 2007), contact Michelle Herring at 303-663-1064.

## **WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS**

During the month of March some of our residents expressed concern over the possible sighting of a mountain lion in our nature preserve area. Since this area lies in the middle of our community and has our walking path through it, we thought it best to contact the Colorado Division of Wildlife and have them visit the area. A representative met with individuals in the community to address their concerns. The Div. of Wildlife has made educational pamphlets available on how to safely coexist with wildlife and what to do if you meet a mountain lion. **To receive one of the brochures, call Peggy Cottrell at 303-688-5834. The brochure has guidelines and safety tips for your family to follow in the event of an encounter.**

## **WE LOVE OUR PETS, BUT..**

Homeowners and pet lovers should not need to be reminded that Douglas County has very specific ordinances established for the ownership and care of pets. The HOA has received numerous pet complaints from residents. Please be aware that dogs MUST be on a leash at all times when being walked; dog droppings must be picked up and taken home for proper disposal; dogs must be kept on owners property; and continuous barking, howling, yelping or whining is a violation of Douglas County ordinances. Every owner within the County shall obtain and maintain a current rabies certificate and tag issued by a licensed vet for each dog that is owned after the dog is four months old or within one month of being brought into the County. The tag must be worn at all times. For specific county ordinance information, Goggle on to Douglas County Colorado Animal Control.

## **DOUGLAS COUNTY HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL ROUNDUP**

In 2005, a total of 2,385 DC households participated in the Household Chemical Roundup, safely disposing of more than 161 tons of hazardous materials. This included 7,500 pounds of pesticides, 140 pounds of mercury-containing devices, 6,500 gallons of hazardous liquids and 130 tons of paint. If not for the Roundup, this waste might have ended up in creeks and rivers or disposed of illegally on other people's property.

***In 2006 there will be three separate Roundups in Douglas County. They are:***

- April 29th, Parker Joint Services Center, 17801 East Plaza Drive
- August 12th, Shea Stadium, 3270 Redstone Park Circle, Highlands Ranch
- September 30th, Town of Castle Rock Utilities, 175 Kellogg Ct.

Paint products, motor oil, antifreeze, vehicle batteries, house and garden chemicals, fire extinguishers, fireworks, ammunition, mercury, propane tanks and passenger vehicle and pickup truck tires will be accepted. The events are offered free-of-charge, however, participants will be asked for a \$20 contribution to help offset the high costs of hazardous waste disposal.

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

Our thanks to the residents that attended as well as those who sent their proxies to the Annual Meeting on January 16, 2006. The budget was accepted as presented and board members were elected. See Page 1 for the new board. Resident participation is vital at this meeting and those wishing to serve on a committee or help with special projects are welcome. Diamond Ridge Estates is a community comprised of many unique families. Your contribution towards keeping this a very special place to live is vital. Residents are always welcome to attend association board meetings which are held on the third Monday of the month at the community club house on Diamond Ridge Parkway at 7:00 PM.

***Have a Safe and Fun Spring!***  
***As always, we invite you to provide input for the newsletter publication and will accept your written text.***

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