

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.

2007 Board Members:

Peggy Cottrell, President
Al Link, Vice President
Dan Conroy, Treasure
Kevin Raasch, Secretary
Steve Knight, Member at Large

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WEBSITE DIRECTORY

Thanks to everyone that responded to the recent survey regarding the idea of having the neighborhood directory available online in a secure area of our website. The idea, which received strong support in the survey, would provide more up-to-date information throughout the year. New residents, changes, deletions, etc., could be printed by individual residents at any time, and would give residents another reason to visit the website regularly for neighborhood news and events.

With over 80% of respondents in favor of the idea, we researched a variety of ways to offer the directory online and feel we found a simple yet secure approach to begin with. **Keep your eyes open for an announcement in the coming weeks about its availability on our website www.diamondridge.org.**

For updates to the current printed directory, please contact Michelle Herring at michelle@herring.ws. If you have comments or suggestions on our website, please contact Kevin Raasch at raasch@msn.com.

CASTLE ROCK LEASH LAWS

The town in which we live has very specific ordinances established for the ownership and care of pets. According to Town of Castle Rock regulations, dogs must be on a leash or tether no longer than 8 feet in length at all times when being walked; dog droppings must be picked up for proper disposal; dogs must be kept on owner's property when not being walked and not permitted to roam freely. Continuous barking, howling, yelping or whining for more than a five minute period is a violation of Town ordinances. In addition, tags evidencing licensing and inoculation must be worn on each dog at all times.



The HOA has received complaints of residents who do not leash their dogs when being walked. The dogs are permitted to run freely and in many instances become menacing to residents and destructive of their property.

As a pet owner, it is your responsibility to abide by Town ordinances and the covenants of Diamond Ridge. We ask that you be especially considerate of those residents whose property abuts the nature preserve area and who have had to deal with cleaning up after pets belonging to others. Signs are being installed at entrances to the preserve area reminding residents to keep their dogs leashed at all times. For specific Town ordinance information regarding animals, log onto: www.crgov.com/code.asp (refer to Item #6). **For animal control complaints, you can contact Town of Castle Rock by phone 303-663-6100.**

PAY YOUR QUARTERLY HOA ONLINE

We are pleased to announce that online assessment payment is now available through MSI, our property management company. In order to pay your assessments on line, you will need to complete the following steps:

1. **Visit MSI's website at www.msioa.com**
2. **Click the Sign In link on the top right corner of the page.**
3. **On this Sign In Page, you will see a sentence that reads, "If you are new to the service click Sign Up."**
4. **Here you will be asked to enter your personal information, create your sign-in name and a password, and review and agree to the Terms of Service.**

You now have access to MSI's webpage. To view your account information and to access the online payment option, you will need to complete the next few steps:

1. **Go to Resident Services and click on Check Your Account.**
2. **First time users will need an Access Code to view this portion of the site. You can request an Access Code by clicking on the Send Me My Access Code link. A letter containing your Access Code will be sent to you via the US Postal Service within 3 to 5 days.**
3. **Once you have received your Access Code, return to the Resident Services portion of MSI's webpage by clicking Sign In.** Once you have signed in, click on Check Your Account. Here you will enter your Access Code in the appropriate field. Your account information and online payment options are now available to you. If you need additional assistance with the website, contact Laura Moss at 720-974-4186.

SAVE THE FOLLOWING DATES

As we start to gear up for spring and summertime events in the community, you might want to mark the following dates on your calendar. The events listed are a great way to meet your neighbors, participate in community activities and to get the kids involved:

Annual Neighborhood Spring Clean-up – MAY 19th

If you are able to participate, bring gloves, a rake, a cart or wagon. Everyone is encouraged to "pitch in" especially the children. Drinks will be available at the club house parking lot. More information to follow in the next newsletter, on the website and posted on the mailboxes. **9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

Pool Opening – MAY 26th

The pool is officially scheduled to open Saturday, May 26th. The new security code will be made available at a later date via the website. Residents are asked not to use the pool prior to the official opening as

harsh chemicals are used to purify and shock the water system. ***Skin exposure to these chemical is definitely discouraged.***

Absolutely NO pets are permitted on the tennis courts, in the swimming pool or within the fenced grounds surrounding the swimming pool area.

Youth Swimming Lessons – TO BE ANNOUNCED

This was a popular event last year and the Social Committee is working to bring it back again this summer. More information will become available in the next newsletter, on the website and on the mailboxes. Don't miss early sign up as class size will be limited.

Kids Fun Pool Party – JULY 21st

As always, the Social Committee is looking for volunteers for this fun filled family event. Games and an air pumper will again be provided for the kids. The Committee will provide BBQ, brats, burgers and drinks. We ask that you bring a side dish to pass. ***Check the next newsletter and website for more details.***

Neighborhood "Adult" Cocktail/Dinner Party – AUGUST 18th

The first annual summer adult cocktail/dinner party is being planned at the pool area. Volunteers are encouraged to contact A.J. Taylor at 303-660-1406 to help plan this inaugural event. If you enjoyed the Christmas party, this is a "don't miss" evening. ***More information will become available in the next newsletter and on the community website.***

ANNUAL HOMEOWNERS MEETING

Our thanks to those residents who braved the cold weather and to those who sent their proxies to the Annual Meeting on January 22nd. An election of board members was conducted as there were two expiring terms. Al Link, Vice President and Steve Knight, Member at Large were re-elected to serve additional terms in the positions they previously held on the board. We thank them both for again offering to volunteer their time, expertise and service to the community. A copy of the 2007 Operating Budget Summary is enclosed for your records.

As always, we invite you to provide input for the newsletter publication and will accept your written text.



*Now that Winter is gone
(we hope), Have a safe and
fun Spring!*

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