

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

[www.DiamondRidge.org](http://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  
Steve Knight, Vice President  
Norma Akers, Treasure  
Kevin Raasch, Secretary  
Al Link, Member at Large

Our HOA is assisted by  
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## ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD SPRING CLEAN-UP – APRIL 26TH

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. April 26th- 9:00 am to 12:00 PM has been designated as our date to clean up our own property as well as 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 have a dumpster to haul the garbage away. Drinks for everyone will be provided at the club house parking lot. Please let's all work together on this day and show our pride of ownership by participating in the SPRING CLEAN UP.

## POOL OPENING – MAY 24TH

Great news DRE Residents! We are getting new pool furniture this year. Chaise lounges and tables will be put out on OPENING DAY, Saturday, May 24th (Memorial Weekend). The new security code will be e-mailed to you by the morning of the 24th. The Pool will have been shocked with chemicals and will not be available to our swimmers until then.

As a reminder to residents, the pool is for exclusive use of our homeowners and their guests only. Non-resident use has been a problem in the past, 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.
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, please close it before you leave as the wind causes damage to our equipment.
7. NO glass bottles or containers of any kind.
8. NO pets are permitted in the swimming pool or within the fenced grounds surrounding the swimming pool area. NO pets are permitted on the tennis and sport courts as well.

**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.**

## **FAMILY SUMMER POOL PARTY "MEET & GREET" – JULY 19TH**

A summer BBQ is currently in the planning stages by the Social Committee for Saturday, July 19th, starting at 12 PM. Hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages will be provided. Many activities for resident children of ALL ages. Bring a salad or dessert to share. This is a great opportunity for new residents to come out and meet everyone and enjoy some fun in the sun! We will need to know if you are planning to attend so we can plan the children's activities accordingly. **Please RSVP to Angela Strickler at [Angela.strickler@coloradohomes.com](mailto:Angela.strickler@coloradohomes.com) or 303-660-0204.**

## **ADULT DINNER SOCIAL – JULY 12TH**

A fun evening social event is being planned at the pool. Plans are in the works at this time and residents are encouraged to watch the mail for a formal invitation. The event will also be posted on the website when the details are finalized. Please mark your calendars. We hope to have a great turn out at this event. *Rain date – July 26th.*

## **YOUTH SWIM LESSONS – TO BE ANNOUNCED**

Keep your eyes open for an announcement in the coming weeks about the details on our website at [www.diamondridge.org](http://www.diamondridge.org). Information posters will also be placed on community mailboxes.

## **SECOND ANNUAL TOWN HALL MEETING – JULY 14TH**

Many of our residents participated in the first Town Hall Meeting last summer. It was probably the best turn out, except for the annual Holiday Party, with residents fully engaged in discussing issues that were of concern to the community. Since the Board of Directors felt it was such a successful venue, we are planning to do it again. An agenda will be put together with plenty of time for open discussion. The date is July 14th at 6:30 PM inside the pool area. Come casual, bring a refreshment and we'll see you there.

## **COMMUNITY WEBSITE**

If you are no longer receiving Diamond Ridge community information and wish to do so, please log on to: **www.**

**diamondridge.org** and update your information by clicking the Contact icon on the home page. If you have updated information that you wish to place in the on-line directory, please e-mail Kevin Raasch at [www.raasch@msn.com](mailto:www.raasch@msn.com)

## **NEIGHBORHOOD DIRECTORY**

Please be watching your mailboxes for the latest edition of the neighborhood directory. For your family's security, all information about children has been removed. There are new advertisers in the front and back pages, so please take time to review the new vendors. Most of the vendors are personally recommended by you - the homeowners - and have been doing business here for many years. Please contact Michelle Herring at 303-663-1064 or [michelle@herring.ws](mailto:michelle@herring.ws) with any updates or changes.

## **DIAMOND RIDGE SPEED LIMIT**

With summer fast approaching and a number of schools in recess for the summer, we again remind all drivers in our community the speed limit is as follows:

**Diamond Ridge Parkway - 30 MPH**  
**All Other Streets - 25 MPH**

The Town of Castle Rock Police Department will actively pursue adherence to the posted limits. Please make an extra effort to watch your speed in areas where children or residents may be present. You'll be playing a critical role in our fight to slow down traffic on our neighborhood streets.

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

The 2008 Annual Meeting was held on January, 30th. An election of board members was conducted as there were two expiring terms. Peggy Cottrell was re-elected to serve as President and Norma Ackers was elected to the position of Treasurer. Steve Knight will currently serve as Vice-President, Kevin Raasch will serve as Secretary and Al Link will serve as Member-at-Large. We welcome new resident Norma Ackers to the board, and thank those members who have again offered to volunteer their time and commitment to the community.

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RIDGE**  
*Estates*

*Enjoy our Beautiful  
Colorado Spring!*