### February 2010

# Fieldstone Meadows Homeowner's Association Newsletter



## We have a new sign!

Late 2009 a driver crashed into our old front sign and knocked it off of its' foundation. The old sign had to be completely demolished and a new sign built in its place. The board had a meeting and decided to use the insurance money to build a larger sign with letters that were easier to read, especially at night.

Thanks to our landscaper Dave Fielding for doing a beautiful job building the new sign.

#### Total cost of new sign:

Demolition	\$ 500.00
concrete	\$ 874.83
stone/grout	\$ 3303.59
granite	\$ 174.58
gold letters	\$ 1837.99
dirt	\$ 240.00
labor	\$ 1500.00
Total	\$ 8430.99

# ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday, March 2 at 7:00 pm Where: Ponderosa Elementary School

### AGENDA

### Review last Year (2009):

New front sign for the subdivision Loss of grant for Whitestone park Mailbox vandalism

#### **Current financial status**

Plans & needs for the coming year Review of 2010 budget and financials

#### **New business**

CC&Rs, NNO, Neighborhood Watch, etc...

Three gift certificates will be given away at the annual meeting. Get your ticket when you sign in - (one ticket per home) Homeowner must be present to win.

#### **Directions to Ponderosa Elem School:**

From Fieldstone Meadows Subdivision:

Turn Left on Ustick (west) -Go across the Ten Mile Rd intersection -Turn left on Naomi Ave and drive into the school parking lot at 2950 N Naomi Ave

The meeting will be in the auditorium.

THE IRRIGATION MEETING AND BUDGET REVIEW WILL DIRECTLY FOLLOW THE ANNUAL MEETING

#### Delinguent Accounts:

The following homes are PAST DUE for previous years invoices and some are in the process of working with a collection agency:

> 2469 W Park Stone Dr 2597 W Park Stone Dr 2602 W Park Stone Dr 2661 N Old Stone Wy 2674 N Old Stone Wy 2779 N Old Stone Wy 2893 N Old Stone Wy 2966 N Old Stone Wy 2624 N Leann Wy 2601 N Waterstone Wy 2637 W Creekstone Ct 2742 N Quarrystone Pl 2591 W Whitestone Dr

For those homeowners not turned over to a collection agency yet - if you would like to set up a monthly payment plan, please contact the Association Manager at 703-4370.

Homeowners making consistent monthly payments are not subject to finance charges, interest charges or collections.

#### Congratulations to our Xmas decoration contest gift certificate winners!

1st Place: 2888 N Old Stone Wy (\$50.00) 2nd Place: 2643 N Leann Wy (\$25.00) 3rd Place: 2748 Whitestone Ct (\$25.00)

Thanks to everyone who put up Xmas decorations and made our subdivision festive!

### **Visit our Website!**

### www.fieldstonemeadowshoa.org

You can now pay your dues online!

CC&Rs, Plat maps, Irrigation Status, Many useful links and information

Past newsletters are available for viewing in full color. Click on **NEWSLETTERS** 

### **Irrigation News**

Irrigation water should be turned on some time during the week of April 19th.

If you notice any breaks or leaks, please contact 703-4370 as soon as possible.

Our website is updated when there is going to be a period of time that the water is shut off due to leaks or breaks in the line.

During 2009 - the automatic restart device, which causes the pump to turn back on 30 minutes after a shut down, worked well when the system shut itself down due to too many users trying to access the water at the same time.

Try to water during the middle of the day when there are less users on the system...

### CONTACT INFORMATION

**Fieldstone Meadows** 

Homeowners Association PO Box 721 - Meridian, ID 83680

Association Manager: (208)703-4370

#### email@fieldstonemeadowshoa.org

### **2010 BOARD OFFICERS**

President: Secretary:

Rick Tallada V-President: Diane De La Hunt Treasurer: Dick Kluckhohn Cristy Stockinger Architectural: Jeremy Drescher Jackie Archibald Melissa Delanev Jason Barbee Kathy Hinshaw

If you wish to be a member of the board, please do so at the annual meeting, or contact the association manager for the date of the next board meeting.

### **Census 2010 Information**

Here are some important reminders in regards to the up coming census: .

Be cautious about giving info to Census workers. The first phase of the 2010 U.S. Census is under way as workers have begun verifying the addresses of households across the country.

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises people to be cooperative, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft. Eventually more than 140,000 U.S. Census workers will count every person in the country and gather information about people living at each address including name, age, gender, race, and other relevant data. The BBB offers the following advice on how to tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist and the information that you need to share:

If a census worker knocks on your door, they should have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their badge before answering their questions. You should never invite anyone into your home that you don't know.

Do not give your social security number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census.

A census questionnaire should be mailed to you. The 2010 Census form is a quick 10 question form that is easy to complete and return by mail. If you fill out the form and mail it back, no census taker should need to come to your residence. Most people mail back their form. The Census Bureau would rather get your form back in the mail, and you can help your country save money by sending it back.

Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at home. However, the Census Bureau will not contact you by email. So be on the look out for email scams impersonating the U.S. Census.

## **Animal Control Information**

Brenda Steinebach, Animal Control worker for the Meridian Police Department has important information about animal issues.

She reports that there are currently no laws in Idaho regarding cats. There is a leash law for all dogs. It is a misdemeanor citation with a \$300.00 fine if a dog is found at large in the city limits. While out and about, dogs should be on a leash no longer than six feet.

It is unlawful for dog owners to permit their dog to bark, howl or create a disturbance to any neighbor. Brenda receives about 30 calls per day regarding barking dogs. If you call with a complaint about a dog, have the address where the dog is located and a description of the dog. If you are calling about a barking dog, you will be required to sign the citation for the barking dog. You can reach Brenda to report any animal issues at 888-6678 or 409-4251.

### Home sales in our subdivision

Home sales in our subdivision were pretty steady up until 2009.

2005 - 16 homes sold 2006 - 19 homes sold 2007 - 21 homes sold 2008 - 19 homes sold 2009 - 12 homes sold

Foreclosures have also increased in the past year. There were 10 foreclosures in 2009.

### Local neighborhood HOA dues

Fieldstone Meadows Annual Dues \$100.00

Tumble Creek Annual Dues \$181.50

Turtle Creek Annual Dues \$180.00

#### What is a proxy?

If you are unable to attend the annual meeting, yet you wish to vote on matters that are being voted upon, you can give the proxy below to a friend, a neighbor, any family member, etc... or mail it to the board so they can vote for you. This is <u>very important to do</u> if you do not intend on attending, because we need a quorum (a certain amount) of 60 homeowners (association members) in order to discuss issues (such as the 2010 budget and dues) and voting on improvements (i.e. common area upgrades).

According to article III of our Bylaws, members of the association may vote in person or by proxy. The owner of each lot may, by notice to the association, designate one person (who need not be a homeowner) to exercise the vote for each lot. Each lot gets one (1) vote.

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Fieldstone Meadows H	lomeowners Association, Inc. 90 Day Revocable Proxy
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