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Fieldstone Meadows

Homeowner's Association Newsletter

Last years NNO Party

We had over 30 homes show up for our NNO party in 2009. They enjoyed free pizza donated by Domino's. Making the snow cones were a smash. There was Gatorade and water bottles for everyone to enjoy.

The carnival games were fun for all the kids and parents. The bouncy house was never empty.

Those that brought canned goods received extra raffle tickets. With the tickets, you could choose which prize you want to win. There were even prize baskets for the kids.

All prizes are donated to the City of Meridian and passed out to the different subdivisions that participate in National Night Out.

The fire department brought their long red fire truck and sprayed the kids with water. The police dept came on their motorcycles and judged the decorated bicycle parade at the end of the evening.



National Night Out Family FUN

Tuesday, Aug 3rd starting at 6:00 pm

Where: Chateau Park (2640 W. Chateau)

Please come join the fun anytime after 6pm at Chateau Park. This is the location for our own subdivision carnival party and the park will be filled with your neighbors and their children.

There will be a bouncy house with slide, youth activities with prizes, music, pizza, snow cones, a clown, balloons, and as always a big raffle drawing for prize baskets donated by local businesses to the City of Meridian. There will be visits from local law enforcement. At the end will be the decoration contest for the wagon / bicycle and scooter parade.

Feel free to bring your own chairs, blankets, and park play gear. (No beer or alcohol allowed on public park property.) Dogs must be on leashes.

There will be a canned food drive again this year. **Extra raffle tickets will be given out for each food item donated.**

For more extensive information about what this national event is all about, you can go to this link on the internet:

www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno/about.html

We can all join each other to promote police community partnerships; safety, crime, drug and violence prevention; and neighborhood unity.

The kids love it and have a GREAT time!

Delinquent Accounts:

The following homes are PAST DUE for HOA or irrigation invoices and some have already been sent to a collection agency.

2636 W Bridgestone Ct
2637 W Creekstone Ct
2660 W Creekstone Ct
2402 N Leann Wy
2486 N Leann Wy
2669 N Leann Wy
2356 N Maxie Wy
2479 N Old Stone Wy
2661 N Old Stone Wy
2674 N Old Stone Wy
2779 N Old Stone Wy
2785 N Old Stone Wy
2893 N Old Stone Wy
2966 N Old Stone Wy
2458 W Park Stone Dr
2553 W Park Stone Dr
2597 W Park Stone Dr
2602 W Park Stone Dr
2764 N Quarrystone Pl
2937 N Quarrystone Wy
2601 N Waterstone Wy
2500 W Whitestone Dr
2598 W Whitestone Dr

These homeowners must call the number on the collection letters to settle their accounts.

Homeowners that are making consistent monthly payments are not on this list, are not subject to interest charges and will not be sent to collections.

Call the office if you need to make payment arrangements.

Visit our Website!

www.fieldstonemeadowshoa.org

You can now pay your dues online!

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

Newsletters are available for viewing in full color on our website. Click on NEWSLETTERS

Read our past newsletters on our website!

Articles in our past newsletters that might be of interest to you:

- Fence staining information
- Why did I get a violation letter?
- Garbage cans and trash collection
- Irrigation news and updates
- Past meeting minutes
- Financial budgets
- Ballot descriptions and results
- Trailer storage information
- Delinquent accounts and consequences
- Barking dogs
- Why should I go to the annual meeting?
- What does a board member do?
- What does the association manager do?
- Common questions and FAQ answers
- Whose fence is it?
- Animal control information

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Board members are your neighbors. If you wish to be a member of the board, contact the association manager for the date of the next board meeting. Call or email the assoc manager if there is an issue you want discussed at the next board meeting.

2010 Annual Meeting Minutes

Meeting held 3/2/10 - 7pm - Ponderosa Elem.

Enough homeowners did not attend the HOA meeting for a quorum, so no voting was held.

There were speeches given by president Ric Tallada and treasurer Dick Kluckhohn.

They talked about CC&R violations, our yearly budget, our website and foreclosures.

The HOA dues are still \$200.00 with a 50% discount when paid on time. (\$100.00)

We received a review of the crime offenses for our subdivision. The most common offenses are every day domestic disturbances and petit theft.

3 gift certificates were given away at the meeting. Congratulations to the winners!

The irrigation meeting directly followed the annual meeting. The dues remained at \$110.

Trash Collection

Beginning July 5, trash and recycling collection in the City of Meridian will change to a fully automated cart-based collection system.

Under this new system, all residential trash and recycling for collection must be contained in wheeled trash carts issued by SSC. The use of trash cans or containers not issued by SSC, including boxes, bags, or loose items set out for pick-up, will not be serviced or collected.

Please place the front of the wheeled cart on the edge of the curb, not in the gutter - at least 3 feet from the nearest car, fence or mailbox. They should be placed by 7 a.m. on scheduled trash and recycling days (Thurs.) and will be collected with an SSC truck.

The trash carts come in 3 sizes; 35 lb, 65 lb and 95 lb. The cost of service increases with each cart size.

Call 888-3999 to order additional carts.

IRRIGATION WATERING SCHEDULE

Odd numbered houses - **Mon, Wed, Fri**

Even numbered houses - **Tue, Thu, Sat**

During the summer, irrigation water usage increases dramatically. Especially during peak times of the day. (Early morning and early evening.) This can cause the well to run low on water and then eventually shut off the pumps. The pumps stay off for 30 minutes allowing the water to refill the well. Then the pump automatically starts to run again. While the pumps are resetting, you will be with out water and may not know it. (Especially if you are on a timer managed sprinkler system.)

Try to set your sprinkler timer to come on during different times and during the non peak times of the day.

Where do our dues go?

HOA DUES

- 35% - Landscaping (Common areas)
- 20% - Association Management
- 13% - Landscaping water
- 7 % - Emergency Fund
- 5 % - Landscaping repairs
- 5 % - NNO Annual picnic
- 4 % - Miscellaneous
- 4 % - Liability Insurance
- 2 % - Postage
- 2 % - Telephone
- 1 % - Electricity
- 1 % - Office Supplies / Printing
- 1 % - Taxes

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- 36% - Irrigation Water
- 24% - Emergency Fund
- 23% - Pumps Electricity
- 10% - Sprinkler pipe repairs
- 6% - Association Management
- 1% - Pump maintenance

CC&R Violation Letters

We have 240 homes in Fieldstone Meadows Subdivision. 72 homes have never received a violation courtesy notice. That's 30%. That means 70% of the homes in our subdivision have received at least one notice. Most home owners only need to receive one notice before they take care of the problem.

Most popular Violation notices:

Garbage cans: Garbage cans left in front of the garage or on the side of the house. Garbage cans should be in the garage or in the back yard. Nothing makes the subdivision look shabby more than having a bunch of garbage cans out in front of lots of homes.

Trailers: Utility trailers or RV trailers parked in front of the house or in the driveway. Trailers should be behind a fence or stored off site. Trailers getting ready to go on a trip or coming back from a trip shouldn't be left in front of the property for longer than 72 hours. The most complaints coming in to the assoc manager are regarding trailers left out in front of homes.

Fence stain: Many homes in the subdivision have received letters about water stains on the fences. After receiving a notice, most homes have stained their fences and it really improves the overall look of the subdivision. Thanks to all the homeowners who have stained their fences.

House paint: Exterior house paint usually only lasts 10 years unless it contains blue in which case it fades even faster. Several homes are older than that and the paint has streaks from sun fading. These homes need to be painted. A few homes have painted the exterior this year and they are really looking nice! As more homes become repainted, the more obvious it becomes which ones need to be painted.

Landscaping: The main complaints we receive about lawns are that they are yellow. This is normal on foreclosures, but when homeowners are living in the home, please water your lawns so that they are green. Lawns that are yellow are dying and weeds can attack dying lawns and make the situation even worse.

The second complaint is weeds growing among rocks on the side of the driveway. Please dig out or spray any weeds with weed killer.

Why did I get a courtesy notice about a violation? Am I the only one that got one?

If you received a letter - we HAD to send the letter, because we sent letters to other home owners with a similar issue, and we don't want to be accused of discrimination. ("I got a letter, how come they didn't?")

What usually happens is a homeowner calls and complains, and says, "My neighbors' fence looks horrible, please send them a letter!" So the board tells the manager to send letters to everyone with fences that have water stains or has uneven stain or posts falling over or what ever. The same thing happens with all of the complaints. We receive a call about a home, and that generates the process of sending the violation courtesy notices.

Common Complaints: Why don't they mow their lawn? What can you do about all those weeds? Can't you do anything to make them stain their fence or paint their house? I don't want to see so many cars parked out front? They have cars parked on the sidewalk, isn't that illegal? I don't want to see their trailer. I don't want to see their garbage cans all week long. Did they get approval for that new paint color? Are they allowed to have signs on their lawn? What can I do about their dogs barking? There is a pile of garbage that has been sitting there for months. Why can't you make the renter's landlord keep the home looking nice?

These questions and complaints and many more come into the board each month. According to other HOAs, these are typical and normal for subdivisions with CC&Rs.

Why do my neighbors complain about what I do on my own property?

It takes a large commitment and diligence on the part of each homeowner to maintain their homes, so that they enhance the value of the subdivision, make their own homes appreciate in value, make them easier to sell, and enjoy the overall curb appeal. When one or more homes start to look shabby or downright unsightly, it bothers some other homeowners, because they worry about the overall look of the subdivision, and the possibility of profit loss for their own home. Unkempt homes a block or more away from a home trying to sell, still effects the curb appeal of the area as a whole.