

July 2011

# Fieldstone Meadows

## Homeowner's Association Newsletter

### Last years NNO Party

We had 43 homes (18%), 153 people show up for our NNO event in 2010. Every year the turn out is larger. They enjoyed free donated pizza. The kids loved choosing the colors of their snow cones. There were treats, punch and ice water for everyone.

The carnival games were fun for all of the kids. The younger children enjoyed playing with the clown. The huge bouncy house was never empty. It's great to see happy kids.

Those that brought canned goods received extra raffle tickets. With your tickets, you could choose the prizes you wanted to win.

The Meridian Police officers arrived on bikes and judged the bicycles decorated for the parade near the end of the evening.

Then we had the raffle drawing. Prizes are donated to the City and distributed to the various subdivisions that participate in NNO. Then they are sorted into nice prize arrays. Attendees do not need to be present to win.



### National Night Out Family FUN

**Tuesday, Aug 2nd starting at 6:00 pm**

**Where: Chateau Park (2640 W. Chateau)**

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

There will be a large bouncy house with slide, youth activities with prizes, music, pizza, snow cones, scones, balloon artist, helium balloons, and as always a raffle drawing for multiple prize baskets donated by local businesses to the City of Meridian. There will be visits from local law enforcement and their vehicles. Decorations for the bike parade are on hand.

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

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 are picnic tables available.

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](http://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. You can come and go as you please.

All of the kids love it and have a GREAT time!

## Email addresses

The association manager has email addresses for over half of the homes in our subdivision.

This email address list is being used more often to inform homeowners of current or upcoming events. For example when the irrigation water is turned off for a repair, and how long the water will be unavailable. Reminders also go out about the annual meeting, annual yard sale, and annual NNO picnic.

In an attempt to save money, the association is trying to mail out less newsletters and post card notices. We do not share your email addresses with other homeowners or any other entities. To make sure you are on the mailing list and do not miss any vital information, please send your email address to:

**manager@fieldstonemeadowshoa.org**

## Home sales in our subdivision

Home sales in our subdivision were pretty steady up until 2009. After the drop in 2009 sales have gone back to their previous levels.

Nine homes have already sold in the first half of 2011, which is on pace with the quantity of homes sold in 2010 (7.5% of total homes)

Foreclosures and short sales are selling now instead of sitting vacant. That's a good sign.

2005 - 16 homes sold  
2006 - 19 homes sold  
2007 - 21 homes sold  
2008 - 19 homes sold  
2009 - 12 homes sold  
2010 - 18 homes sold  
2011 - 09 homes sold

## Fences fall down go boom

Twice this year a large windy thunderstorm has blown down a subdivision fence.

It takes a little while to fix it as Dig Line has to come out and mark all of the utilities before the fence repairman can put in the new poles.

## Visit our Website

**www.fieldstonemeadowshoa.org**

You can now pay your dues online!

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

Past newsletters are available for viewing in color on our website. Click on NEWSLETTERS



Go to our website and click on the Facebook image to access our new Fieldstone HOA Facebook page.

You can ask questions, address problems, share your ideas about our subdivision and get the latest updates on irrigation. There is also current information about upcoming events such as NNO, annual meetings and the yard sale etc...

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### Fieldstone Meadows

Homeowners Association  
PO Box 721 - Meridian, ID 83680

Association Manager: (208)703-4370

**manager@fieldstonemeadowshoa.org**

### 2011 BOARD OFFICERS

President: Rick Tallada  
V-President: Diane De La Hunt  
Treasurer: Dick Kluckhohn  
Secretary: Cristy Stockinger  
Architectural: Jeremy Drescher  
City Code: Melissa Delaney  
Member: Kathy Hinshaw  
Member: Louise Frickey  
Member: Lori Stom

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

## 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes

Meeting held Mar. 22 2011 at 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 our yearly budget, CC&R violations, our new landscaping company, the HOA website and current crime statistics.

### [ MAKE SURE TO KEEP YOUR CARS LOCKED ]

Please remove your signs at the front of the subdivision after you tape them to the poles.

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

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

The irrigation dues remained at \$220.00 with a 50% discount when paid on time. (\$110.00)

## 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 pumps automatically restart to run again. While the pumps are non-operational you will be without water and may not know it. (Especially if you are on a sprinkler timer managed system.)

Try to set your sprinkler timer to come on during non-peak times of the day and at a different time than your neighbors.

## Speeding Drivers

### Fieldstone Speed Limit is 20mph

Occasionally the HOA receives complaints about speeding drivers. Especially drivers speeding around corners where they cannot see small children playing on the other side.

Homeowners that live near dangerous curves have suggested the option of traffic calming speed bumps. An Ada County Highway district traffic investigation request must be filed, and the ACHD must agree that a speed bump is necessary. In the past when there have been conversations about this issue at the annual meeting, the homeowners in attendance have usually voted it down.

To attempt to rectify this continuing problem, our HOA is going to install several "slow down" signs around the subdivision in hopes that new drivers and other hurried drivers will drive more carefully and slowly around our homes. It is very scary for adults to see bike riding children near aggressive driving behavior.

## Violation Letter Reactions

The association manager at the request of the HOA board sends out violation letters all year long. Most common letters are sent for RVs and trailers out in front of the home, garbage cans on the side or in front of the home and unruly weeds that need to be killed and removed. These three items receive the most complaints from concerned homeowners.

Reactions to receiving a notice are varied:

Some homeowners will apologize, and state that they had no idea that they were not in compliance with the CC&R restrictions and try to remedy the situation as soon as possible. (Our favorite type of homeowner...)

Some homeowners become very belligerent and get upset that the picture on the letter violated their privacy. They profess that they will contact their lawyer. I inform them that we will have to charge them for the fees from our lawyers if *they* decide to take the CC&R matter to court.

The last type of owner will temporarily take care of the problem, but then they allow the rectification to lapse which necessitates the mailing of more CC&R notices and of course the continual complaints from their neighbors.



## **Delinquent Accounts:**

**The following homes are PAST DUE for HOA or irrigation invoices.** Some have already been sent to our collection agency.

2637 W Creekstone Ct

2773 N Fieldstone Wy  
2974 N Fieldstone Wy  
3060 N Fieldstone Wy

2402 N Leann Wy  
2669 N Leann Wy

2356 N Maxie Wy

2479 N Old Stone Wy  
2565 N Old Stone Wy

2785 N Old Stone Wy  
2893 N Old Stone Wy  
2900 N Old Stone Wy  
2922 N Old Stone Wy  
2966 N Old Stone Wy

2458 W Park Stone Dr  
2482 W Park Stone Dr

2602 W Park Stone Dr

2517 N Waterstone Wy  
2601 N Waterstone Wy

2500 W Whitestone Dr  
2543 W Whitestone Dr  
2598 W Whitestone Dr  
2623 W Whitestone Dr

2717 W Whitestone Ct

2597 W Park Stone Dr\*  
2661 N Old Stone Wy\*  
2674 N Old Stone Wy\*  
2779 N Old Stone Wy\*

\*Homeowners already sent to collections must call the phone 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 fines or interest charges and will not be sent to a collection agency.

Rental properties are not on this list.

## **How can I get on a payment plan?**

**Begin by calling the manager at 703-4370 or sending an email request to: [manager@fieldstonemeadowshoa.org](mailto:manager@fieldstonemeadowshoa.org)**

The association manager will send you a recent statement. All interest charges and finance fees will be removed from the statement.

Make your first payment - (You decide the amount you wish to pay) - The association manager will post the payment to your account and send you a new statement. The next month send in the new statement with a new payment - (Again, you decide the amount you wish to pay) You can also pay via PayPal.

As long as you continue to make consistent monthly payments, the amount past due that you owe will continue to diminish and you will not be sent to our collection agency.

If the monthly payments stop, the interest charges and finance fees will be replaced on to your account before you are sent to collections.

There are currently 26 homes (11%) that are past due. These do not include homes already sent to collections or foreclosures. Payments must be made on these accounts so that the annual dues do not need to be increased.

## **What happens in the case of a foreclosure?**

Once a homeowner stops paying their mortgage payment they risk foreclosure. Some do not have the money to pay (due to job loss, illness etc...) Some decide not to pay because what they owe on their house is much more than what the house is currently valued at.

We are notified of foreclosures a couple of months in advance. Occasionally a homeowner is able to bring their account current and stay in the home. Usually though when the foreclosure occurs we are notified by the bank that takes possession of the property. The homeowners move out and the property is neglected and falls in to disrepair. When a new owner purchases the home, *they* do not have to pay any past dues on the home.

Feel free to mow the lawn of a vacant home near you. It will look nicer and sell quicker!