



ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00 pm

Where: Ponderosa Elem School

AGENDA

- Expenses and income for 2016
- Review of 2017 budget and financials
- Successful completion of Entrance Fence
- New business

Questions and suggestions welcome

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

*If you cannot attend the meeting please send
in your proxy (found on back page of newsletter)*

DIRECTIONS TO PONDEROSA ELEM SCHOOL

From Fieldstone Meadows Subdivision:

Turn Left on Ustick Rd (west) -
Go through 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 cafeteria

WE SURVIVED WINTER!

The snow began to fall Dec 6th and just kept on throughout December and January until our city was pushed to the limit in every way. We learned many things during this winter season.

Many of our neighbors were willing to go above and beyond to help their neighbors by pushing cars stuck in the middle of the street, shoveling sidewalks and breaking up ice so that excess water could flow into the drainage areas.

Our Nextdoor.com website was invaluable in getting daily updates from the City of Meridian and important notifications in regards to what was happening with ACHD and the roads as well as who to contact about specific problems.

Out of the 240 homes in our subdivision, 120 homes (50%) are on our Nextdoor website. For those homes using the site, it made it very easy to spread information, answer questions, and share links such as where the drains were etc...

Now that winter is almost over, the normal conversations have resumed with threads about lost pets, crime reports, inquiries about handymen and local businesses, donations, items for sale/free, questions about new stores being built, talk about the school levy, etc...

To join: <https://fieldstonemeadows.nextdoor.com>

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

BARKING DOGS

Questions about what to do about barking dogs is one of our most asked questions. It is unlawful for any dog owner to permit a dog to carry on excessive, continuous or untimely barking or noise. A violation of this subsection shall constitute an infraction punishable by a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

So what is a neighbor to do? The HOA does not deal with barking dogs. We give out the phone number to animal control (343-3166).

Animal control will need to know the address where the dog is located. They will need to know when the barking is occurring. (Records should be kept.) Code Enforcement will need to be notified if the dog continues to bark. Then a citation will need to be signed by the person complaining about the dog in order for the owner to be fined.

After several citations, if the dog continues to bark, the owner will have to go to court. This can be a long frustrating process for a neighbor who perhaps just wants to get some sleep.

CITY CODE INFORMATION

The City of Meridian has a code enforcement online complaint form that can be filled out on their website. This can be used for properties that have an excess of weeds, excess garbage in front of the property, nonoperational parked cars, RVs parked on the street in excess of 72 hours, trucks or RVs blocking corner views, extra large trucks & other parking citations.

Some issues are not the responsibility of the code enforcement department. In these cases the Meridian Police Dept should be contacted. Issues such as: noise after 11pm, loud parties, excess traffic to a home on a consistent basis, personal conflicts between neighbors, and of course any type of theft.

THE CC&R VIOLATION DEBATE

Many people move into a subdivision with CC&Rs because they are hoping that they will be enforced and thus their property values will not go down. Others move into the subdivision because it looks nice or seems quiet, and they just want to be left alone. This can cause a problem. Half of the subdivision wants the homes that are in violation of the CC&Rs to take better care of their property, and the other half doesn't care. What can be done?

Consider how each side feels. Side 1 has put a lot of money into their home, they might think of it as an investment and they get angry when they see houses nearby with fences that need to be stained or house paint that is fading or chipping. Perhaps the landscaping is unsightly.

They put their home up for sale and they are told by the realtor that they won't be able to get the money that they are hoping for because the house across the street looks bad. This makes Side 1 homes angrier and they call the HOA to see what can be done. They want to know why their neighbor seems to not care about property values.

Side 2 most likely cares about the value of their property; it just isn't their main concern at the moment. Perhaps they don't intend to move. Perhaps they are pregnant or elderly, or have 2 jobs, 3 kids and 4 pets. They just don't have time to mow every single weekend and most likely if out of work, don't have the money to repaint the entire house or know how to clean and stain or repair a fence.

So Side 2 homes receive violation letters from the HOA at the request of their neighbors living in Side 1 homes. Now guess what? Neighbors living in Side 2 homes are angry too. But not at their neighbors, they are angry with the HOA.

If you receive a CC&R notification letter, it is most likely because a neighbor(s) has made a complaint about your home.

NEW ENTRANCE FENCE

It was a long 4 years saving up the money to replace the entrance fence to the subdivision. By the time it was replaced, the old fence was 22 yrs old, falling over and looking really bad.

The HOA raised the annual dues 10% each year to accumulate enough money to pay for the new fence. The money collected for the fence fund was around \$26,000. (There are still homes that have not paid into that fund yet.) The cost of the new fence was \$27,000.

Hopefully since it is a vinyl fence the cost of maintenance will be minimal as it won't need to be stained every couple of years. Also, since the posts are not made out of wood, they should not rot and sections of the fence should not fall over during bad wind storms.



NEW PROJECTS Now that the entrance fence is built, other projects that have had to be put on the back burner for the past 4 years can begin to be budgeted. Projects will be done in the order of priority. The first project is to replace the 20 yr old fence around the drainage area on Old Stone Wy. Sections of it have fallen down and been repaired over the years and it is currently being held up by a brace. As it is a small fence and maintenance costs are minimal, it will not be replaced with a vinyl fence. However, the posts will be metal instead of wood so that they will not rot.

IRRIGATION WATER should be turned on some time after the week of April 17th.

Make sure your main valve is turned off before the water is turned on. If you notice any water leaking or large puddles forming in your back yard please call 703-4370 ASAP.

Our Website and Facebook page are updated when there is a period of time that the water will be shut off due to irrigation line repairs.

When too many homes try to access the water at one time, the volume of water in the well may get too low and the pump shuts off. The restart device causes the pump to turn back on 30 minutes after a shut down.

If there is no water at the time you are trying to access the system - change your schedule to water during the afternoon or after midnight when there is less demand on the system.

CONTACT INFORMATION Fieldstone Meadows HOA

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CAN WE GET IRRIGATION WATER?

Watering lawns and plants with city water is expensive, so this is a common question that the HOA receives. Fieldstone Meadows was built in 5 phases. Phase 1, 2 & 3 (houses built before 1996) do not have pressurized irrigation. Phase 4 & 5 (houses built in 1997 & 1998) do have access to irrigation water. We are often asked if houses that are in phase 1, 2 or 3 can 'tie in' to the irrigation system. The answer is No.

If you have ever seen a new subdivision being built around town you will notice certain things. First the ground is leveled and then the utilities are placed underground; piping for water and sewer, electrical lines and irrigation pipes. Once that is done, sidewalks are built, streets are paved and the lots are ready for new homes. Once the homes are built, you can imagine how hard it would be to go under the streets, side walks and backyards to lay new piping. That is essentially what would have to happen to put older homes on an irrigation system.

EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS

Would you like to receive notifications to your email address about upcoming HOA events or irrigation updates? Emails are sent to people on the email list as reminders for the annual Yard Sale (First Saturday in June).

Emails are also sent to those that are on the irrigation system when it is originally turned on for the year and when the system is shut off for the year. An email is also sent if a major repair is happening that will affect the delivery of water for more than a couple of days with an estimate of how long the water will be shut off.

If you are not receiving these notifications and would like to (perhaps your email address changed or you have recently moved into the neighborhood) please send your name and address in an email to:

manager@fieldstonemeadowshoa.org

ANNUAL MEETING PROXY

Fieldstone Meadows Homeowners Association, Inc. 90 Day Revocable Proxy

I _____, of _____
name (please print) house number and street address

being a Class A member of the Fieldstone Meadows Homeowners Association, due hereby appoint:

_____ as my proxy to vote in his or her discretion on all matters
name (please print)

subject to a vote of the membership, or in the alternative, pursuant to my instructions for a period of ninety days from the date of signature.

In the event my above assigned proxy is not able to attend, I understand that a Fieldstone Meadows HOA board member will be assigned to vote on my behalf unless otherwise specified on this form.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this proxy this _____ day of March 2017.
date

Signature _____

Mail this proxy to the board (FMHA - PO Box 721, Meridian, ID 83680)