

Summer 2006

# Fieldstone Meadows

## Homeowner's Association Newsletter

### Subdivision Annual Yard Sale

Saturday, June 24th starting at 8:00 am

It's time for our subdivision wide yard sale! There will be large signs placed at the main entrances and an ad put in the paper. It's a great opportunity to sell those unnecessary items taking up space around the house. Join your neighbors in this community event.

The more homes that participate, the more buyers will be attracted to our subdivision wide sale. Many items not sold would be perfect for donation to local charities...

### National Night Out Family FUN

Tuesday, Aug 1st starting at 6:00 pm

Where: Chateau Park (2640 W. Chateau)

Please come join the fun at Chateau Park after 4:00 pm on Tuesday August 1st! The park is the location for a block party and will be filled with your neighboring families!. There will be youth activities, food, games and prizes and visits from local law enforcement and other local businesses.

Fieldstone Meadows is one of the registered participating hosts for this event in the city of Meridian. We are joining thousands of communities nationwide to celebrate this annual event. We can all join forces to promote police community partnerships; crime, drug and violence prevention; safety; and neighborhood unity.

Many local sponsors are supporting this event via fundraising and are donating many of the items that will be available for distribution at Chateau Park. Other local vendors may be on hand to sell additional food items.

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

Softball, basketball, soccer, frisbee, and other usual park activities will be occurring.

We need volunteers to help make this a fun family evening for all. Call Sarah at 695-1197 for extra information. For more extensive questions about this national event, you can email:

[delaneym@meridiancity.org](mailto:delaneym@meridiancity.org)

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## What's up with Irrigation ?

The irrigation year got off to a rip roaring start with a brand new pump. It started to go downhill from there.



Five repaired line breaks and many lessons learned later, we are inching closer to having a consistent working system.

We have discovered that our most recent problems are caused by a lack of water to the pump. This causes the pump to shut itself down when too many people start to water at the same time. Peak water usage (i.e. in the early morning) triggers a pump shutdown which then has to be manually restarted.

To help - automatic timers should be reset to water on a staggered schedule at non-peak times and **only** on your scheduled days:

Even number houses, (Tues. Thurs. Sat.)  
Odd number houses, (Wed. Fri. Sun.)

Try not to water at the same time as a nearby neighbor. If the system is 'down' during your usual watering time, try again later that day. When it is your turn to water, and the water is actually on, try to water for a longer period of time. That way your lawn and plants will become less dependent on daily watering and the root systems will become stronger and more hardy.

For watering fruits and vegetables, city water should be used, as irrigation water might not be fit for public consumption nor is it free from various contaminants. Irrigation water should also not be used for swimming pools or pets and children using the water for play.

We will be installing an automatic restart device. We hope this reduces the down time.

## Annual Meeting Minutes

We had a successful annual meeting in March. We have come a long long way in the past year.

We listened to a presentation about crime in Meridian, how the Police City Code Enforcement department works and the Neighborhood Watch Program.

We voted in new board members. We welcomed a new management company.

We discussed various CC&R concerns. Many homes have become lax in following the CC&Rs and the subdivision as a whole was starting to deteriorate. The members of the association present at the March meeting, expressed their wishes that the CC&Rs were better enforced.

We watched a humorous slide presentation in regards to large trucks, trailers and garbage cans taking over our division.

We discussed the price of watering the common areas using city water. The irrigation system is not capable of watering these areas. We continue to operate in the red with the budget being higher than the dues collected.

We discussed drafting a ballot to update the CC&Rs to allow larger trucks.

(See next page for more ballot details)

## Visit our new Website!

[www.fieldstonemeadowshoa.org](http://www.fieldstonemeadowshoa.org)

You can now pay your dues online!  
What else you will find:

Plat maps, CC&Rs, Irrigation Status,  
Useful links and information

This newsletter available for viewing in full color on our website. Click on NEWSLETTERS



## CC & R 2.15 - TRUCK BALLOT

Several association members have made a request to change the vehicle CC&R.

When the CC&Rs were first written, residential trucks in excess of  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton were rare. Now they are common place. This results in normal everyday vehicles being in violation because of their size. As the CC&R currently reads, those families with larger pick-ups and vans and the newer SUV type vehicles would have to screen them from view.

The proposed change will make all F-350 trucks, (see example picture above) 3500 trucks, SUV, Cargo Vans and similar larger modern family vehicles in compliance and allowed to be parked in front of the home.

CC&R as it currently reads:

C C & R Article II, Subsection 2.15 – Boats, Campers and Other Vehicles:

No boats, trailers, tractors, recreational vehicles (i.e. any trailers, campers, motorhomes, automobile campers or similar vehicle or equipment) dilapidated, un-repaired or unsightly vehicles, or similar equipment, motorcycles, snowmobiles, trucks (working or non-working) **greater than three-quarter ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) of a ton in size** shall regularly or as a matter of practice be parked or stored on any portion of the property (including streets and driveways) unless enclosed by a structure or screened from view in a manner approved, in writing, by the architectural committee.

The proposed change is in regards to the truck size requirement:

The wording would be changed to say:

**greater than one (1) ton in size**

Trucks *over* 1 ton / RV trailers / ATVs / boats etc... would still have to be parked in the garage, the back yard or screened from view.

**Please see the enclosed card ballot.**

VOTE and pop it in the mail by the due date.

**Even if you don't own a large vehicle, the homeowners that DO need EVERY MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION to vote for this to be a valid vote.** 2/3 of the association are required to vote for a quorum to be met.

The enclosed postcard ballot must be returned and postmarked by July 15th to be valid. The results of the vote will be posted on the ballot web page and in the next newsletter.

This ballot must be returned and postmarked by July 15th to be valid. Two thirds majority of the voting members (160) must vote for the ballot to pass or fail. All votes received via mail or in person will be officially counted on July 22, 2006.

Only one vote is allowed per home. Home owners with 3 year proxies on file do not have to vote. Renters living on the property are not allowed to vote. Votes from lots with delinquent dues are invalid and will not be counted.

For additional info about this ballot and more truck pictures describing this proposal in greater detail - please see our web page:

[www.fieldstonemeadowshoa.org/ballot.htm](http://www.fieldstonemeadowshoa.org/ballot.htm)

or from the Home Page - click on Important Information and then on Ballot.

## Help your neighbors!

Know of a good house painter, carpet cleaner, landscaper, plumber etc... ??

Submit their name and business info for inclusion on our website. Feel free to submit *your* business info as well.

Advertising on our website is free.

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Enclosed is a brochure for the Meridian neighborhood watch program.

How does the neighborhood watch program work? Each block in the neighborhood is treated as an individual segment. One or two homes on each block are responsible for maintaining information about each of the neighbors on their block. Each home can divulge as many details, just names or no information about their household family members as they wish to. Involvement is completely voluntary.

The information obtained is useful in many ways. Each neighbor has a map of the street with the names and phone numbers of their nearby neighbors. Elderly or sick neighbors are noted so that they can be monitored more closely if necessary.

Neighbors with children can be in contact and familiarized with nearby neighbors with children. Homeowners getting to know one another by name and face makes for a safer neighborhood. Neighbors with access to their neighbors telephone numbers can increase communication if necessary which can make for a safer neighborhood.

Neighbors who know each other by name and face are more likely to notice when someone or something is out of place.

Blocks that participate in the program are eligible to receive the official neighborhood watch signs. We are trying to set up as many blocks in the subdivision as we can.

## Boundary Fence Update

The fences surrounding the boundaries of the subdivision have been repaired. Many of them have been pressure washed, and are due to be stained once we have dryer weather. This includes the main fence in front of our subdivision entrance on Ustick Road. Homes on the north side of Pebblestone Court will be notified when the opposite side of their backyard fences will be affected.

## Trash Collection

Our CC&Rs state that garbage cans must be kept inside the house or behind the fence or house and/or screened from view.

Those huge green garbage cans provided by the City of Meridian make this rule easier to follow. SSC has 95-gallon wheeled carts available to rent for \$2.60 per month. You can rent as many as you need. Each cart can hold the amount of 3 normal sized 32 gallon garbage cans. They move easily, and they help the trash collectors *immensely* because the garbage truck lifts them instead of the garbage collector personnel.

Call Sanitary Services Co. at 888-3999 if you need to order a wheeled cart or recycling bin.

## Current Financial Status

### 2006 Budget

	ASSOC	IRRIGATION
Operating Income	\$16820	\$4370
Total Expenses	-\$19438	-\$7370
Total Net Income	\$-2618	\$-3000

### 2006 Actual YTD

	ASSOC	IRRIGATION
Operating Income	\$14774	\$3122
Total Expenses	-\$6763	-\$2370
Total Net Income	\$8011	\$751

### 2006 Future Expense Projection

	ASSOC	IRRIGATION
Expenses	\$-14075	\$-6165

### Delinquent Accounts:

Assoc: 34 homes owing 2006 dues  
Irrigation: 23 homes owing 2006 dues  
prior/2005: 17 homes owing dues

**8 homes taken to small claims court**