

The Smoke Signal

Your Smoky Ridge Homeowner's Newsletter

October/November 2007

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A Letter from Eric Ness, Your HOA President:

I cannot believe that summer is already gone and that we are into fall. Speaking of summer, this year's summer picnic was once again a smashing success. The food was from a new caterer and was terrific. Both the kids and adults really enjoyed all of the games and activities (moon jumper, jumpshot, bungee run, airbrush tattoos and old fashioned picnic games). We would also like to thank the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office and Cunningham Fire District for their continued participation. The picnic has become our major community event and we value any feedback on what you would like to see continue or different things you might like to try. All of us on the board are already looking forward to next year's event.

As you have driven around the neighborhood you may have noticed some landscaping work being done on the Crestline/Progress loop. We are in the process of removing some of the smaller, difficult to water grassy areas, and replacing them with rocks, flowers, plants and ornamental grasses. This should improve the look of some of the more troublesome areas, while helping us to use our allotted watering time more effectively.

In other matters, we are looking for someone who would be interested in taking over this newsletter. After two years of publishing the Smoke Signal, this edition of the newsletter will be the last for Dennis. Dennis has done a great job and we would love to find someone in the neighborhood who would be interested in this, rather than farming it out to an external source.

While it is not a Smoky Ridge activity, my family and I will again be hosting our Annual Haunted Dungeon. This will be our 16th year (7th here in Smoky Ridge) of providing tricks, treats and scares for the little ones (big people are welcome too). The activities team is again planning to be there as well, to serve hot cocoa.

On the subject of Halloween, please remind your children to take care when Trick or Treating in the neighborhood. Having a parent or older sibling with the younger children is a great idea.

As we move toward winter I would like to raise what is likely to be an issue in and around Peakview. With the change this school year to a traditional schedule, the number of children coming and going to school seems to be higher than in previous years. When you combine this with the school bus schedules for the Middle and High Schools, there can be a very large number of students gathering at the same time. Also, with the very small parking lot at the school, most of the teachers are now parking out on the street. Things are likely to get a little interesting once the snow starts, so please make sure to drive extra carefully when you are in the areas around the school this winter (and at all times for that matter).

We enjoy living in a great area with wonderful caring people as neighbors! One of the best things each of us can do to make Smoky Ridge an even better place is to introduce ourselves to our new neighbors as they move in and to neighbors we do not know. Living in a close-knit community where people enjoy being together and watch out for each other enriches our lives, reduces our fears, and is a lot more fun! Have a great fall.

Colorado Credit Freeze Information

Anyone in Colorado can freeze ID thieves out of their credit report.

Colorado residents now have the option of requesting any consumer reporting agency (credit bureau) to place a security freeze on your credit report. Once a security freeze is in place, the consumer reporting agency will not be able to release your credit report, or any information contained in that report, without your prior express authorization.

A consumer reporting agency must place a security freeze on your credit report within 5 business days after receiving your written request and must send you written confirmation of the security freeze within ten business days.

If you want potential creditors to be able to access information on your credit report, you must request that the freeze be temporarily lifted and provide the following information:

- Proper identification;
- The unique personal identification number and password provided by the consumer reporting agency; and
- The proper information regarding the third party who is to receive the credit report or the time period that the report shall be available.

The consumer reporting agency must remove a security freeze within three business days of receiving a request for removal from you. Remember, your failure to timely or correctly request a temporary or permanent removal of a security freeze on your account may result in the loss or denial of credit. For more detailed information about placing a credit freeze, please visit AARP ElderWatch at www.aarpelderwatch.org and click on Resources.

This year's Smoky Ridge Annual Picnic was a lot of fun and everyone had a great time!

We would like to thank the following:

Entenmann's, Arapahoe County Sheriff's, Department, Cunningham Fire Department, and Amberg Entertainment

A special thanks goes out to the volunteers who helped!! The following families volunteered and their effort is really appreciated!

Crouse, McLellan, Ness, Newton, Spratt, Stapleton, Tironne. In addition thank you to the Smoky Ridge Board of Directors.

FOUND JEWELRY

At the picnic - Someone asked the staff personnel at the Bungee Run to hold some jewelry and forgot to reclaim it. If you are this person, please contact Liz Ness 303.680.8833.

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We need a volunteer to be the newsletter editor

Interested in doing the newsletter for Smoky Ridge? We need someone to take over the duties starting with the December/January issue. This issue will be my last as editor, and we hope to find someone quickly to take over the job. If you are interested, please give me a call at 303.680.8987, or e-mail me at hoa.smokesignal.com, and I will try to answer any questions that you may have.

2007 Mail Ballot Election

November 6, 2007 is the General Election. Arapahoe County is conducting the election entirely by mail. All active, registered voters in Arapahoe County will receive a ballot in the mail. Ballots will be mailed October 12-22, 2007.

If you have moved or are not registered at your current address, you must fill out a voter registration form and send the form to the Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder. Ballots are not forwarded so voters must be registered at their current address.

The voter registration deadline is 29 days before the election, or October 9, 2007. The voter registration form must be received by this date. Voters may register in person at the Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder's Office (5334 So. Prince Street, Littleton) or at other locations in the county.

If you need to receive your ballot at an address that is not your address on file, you must fill out a request form and return it to the Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder's Office by the Tuesday before the election. Voters may also come in to the Clerk and Recorder's Office during regular business hours and vote in person beginning October 12.

Ballots must be received by the Clerk and Recorder's Office no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. Postmarks do not count. Ballots can be hand delivered to the Clerk and Recorder's Office or to any ballot drop-off location.

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Smoky Ridge Maintenance Association Board Meetings for 2007**All meetings are held at the Smoky Hill Library, 5430 Biscay Circle, @ 7pm:****October 8****November 12****December 10****All of the above dates are on Monday.****You can contact your Smoky Ridge Maintenance Association, the following ways:**

By mail: Smoky Ridge Maintenance Association, Inc.
 c/o ACT Accounting
 P.O. Box 4318
 Englewood, CO 80155-4318

By Phone: 303.779.5151 By Fax: 303.779.5242 By e-mail: info@actaccounting.com

For Newsletter Info: contact Dennis at: hoa.smokesignal@comcast.net or 303.680.8987

Our Website: www.neighborhoodlink.com/centennial/smokyridge/

You may also contact Covenant Community Services, Inc., regarding covenant issues at:

303.552.9027 voice mail / fax or by e-mail: ccs2002@quixnet.net

You can reach your Board Members:

Eric Ness, President	303.680.8833	Norm Davy, Director	303.766.3347
Pamela Mullin, Sec./Treas.	303.699.1276	Mike Shaw, Director	303.693.7205
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