



**The Surrey Ridge Sentinel** (Apologies for the unglamorous formatting this month. Our expert help had other responsibilities this month. A special thank you to **Patte Smith** who normally makes this newsletter look stellar!)

### **Surrey Ridge Annual Meeting – Dick Todd**

Our 2017 Annual Meeting will be held on May 9th, 2017 at 7 pm at the Henry's Barn. Please plan on contributing to the future of our neighborhood by attending and participating. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Financial Update
- Election of new Board of Directors members (at least three)
- Election of new Architectural Control Committee member
- Vote on proposed budget for 2017- 2018

### **Spring in the Park! – SRHOA**

Winter is over, and Spring is in the air! Please join us for "Spring in the Park":

- When: Saturday, May 6
- What Time: starting at 1:00 PM - End at 4:00 PM
- Where: In the main park on Clydesdale, across from the lower arena
- What: Barbeque – Burgers, dogs, chips, and soft drinks
- Who: This event is open to all Surrey Ridge residents...adults and kids!

The Surrey Ridge HOA will be sponsoring the event, and providing food and drinks. Only if you wish, feel free to bring your favorite side dish to share.

Also, as an extra special treat, a few of our residents will be bringing their horses, and offering the kids FREE HORSE RIDES in the arena, just across the street. (This will be for a limited timeslot - specific times to be finalized)

Please rsvp by emailing Greg Friess: [gregfrieess@gmail.com](mailto:gregfrieess@gmail.com), with total # of people in your family that are attending.

We love this great neighborhood – and hope you and your family will share a fun Spring evening with your neighbors!!

Please note: reminder that we live in Colorado! Stay tuned that day for updates, in the event of inclement weather.

### **Financial Update – Greg Friess, Treasurer**

We had a great response to our November reminder about dues for 2016/2017! Thank you to everyone who responded and especially to those of you who chose to contribute more than the recommended

amount. This fiscal year, we have received 75 checks for a total of \$5,950.00! Our next fiscal year begins in June of 2017 so you will be seeing dues reminders coming out for the 2017/2018 fiscal year shortly thereafter.

Association dues for the 2017/2018 fiscal year are due in May and can be paid at the Annual meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>. The dues remain at \$75.00

This HOA is voluntary. But through these HOA dues, we are able to maintain the glorious equestrian trails throughout the development. We are able to host holiday parties, such as the Halloween bbq, and the Christmas party – and do our car show in the summer months. Thanks again to everyone that makes these things possible!

Our accounts continue to be positive:

- We have \$6,060.45 in our savings acct (as of 04/04/17)
- And \$7,657.43 in our checking acct (as of 04/04/17)

Thanks to all that support this great Association! Every time I drive through a congested, packed in development in the Denver are, I'm reminded that we live in THE BEST PLACE IN COLORADO, in Surrey Ridge!! Have a super Spring and Summer!

#### **Surrey Ridge Trails – John Wittry**

We have noticed an increase in the bicycle tracks on the Surrey Ridge trail system. Just a friendly reminder that the trails are for equestrians and hikers and bicycles and motorized vehicles of any kind are not allowed. Please make sure to let your kids know!

#### **Equestrian Committee Update – John Wittry**

Not much new to report on the trails this month. With the lack of rain last summer/fall and the very mild winter, the trails have remained in great shape! This should make our spring cleanup pretty simple. We will keep you posted regarding trail work days as the dates are identified.

We can only hope that this spring and summer will see us receiving some moisture. With that hope in mind I'd like remind everyone that it is best for your horse and the trails to avoid riding them when they are muddy. Deep hoof prints significantly contribute to trail erosion.

When riding the roads in lieu of the trails, it is recommended that you ride to the side of the road and be courteous and attentive to automobile traffic. It is also recommended that you not ride with your dogs as it can be difficult to control from horseback.

Additionally, some of our trails cross the roads so be extremely cautious when entering the roadway. We have had some close calls between horse and car and it would be tragic to have someone get hit.

For those motorists that encounter horses on the roads, thank you for your consideration to our safety. We live in an equestrian community so horses on the roads are to be expected. As equestrians, we do our best to be safe and courteous to motorists. Sometimes horses are unpredictable and spook at the oddest things and at the worst possible times. We truly appreciate your patience!

If you have any questions regarding equestrians in our community, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at (720) 486-5345.

### **Trail Use – John Wittry**

We have noticed an increase of bicycle tracks on the trails within Surrey Ridge and Surrey Ridge Estates. Please remember (and remind your kids) that bicycles and motorized vehicles are prohibited within our equestrian community.

### **Speed Limits – Greg Smith**

SPEEDING in Surrey Ridge continues to be a real challenge! The board continues to dialog with the Douglas County Sheriff's office to see what residents can do when observing someone speeding within the neighborhood. Sadly, some of our efforts such as the signs stating "Drive Like Your Children Live Here" continue to be taken down. Let's take care of this within our neighborhood. Please talk with teenage drivers, and also ask yourself if you speed in our neighborhood. Spring and Summer time will create an increase in our kids out playing, people riding bikes, and others walking, jogging and enjoying the beauty of Surrey Ridge. Everyone wants the neighborhood to be safe. Please, do your part. No one wants a tragedy to be the motivation for change.

### **New Neighbors Welcoming Committee – Bill and Joann Miller**

We continue to see an influx of new neighbors! We want to do our best to make them feel welcome and it can sometimes be difficult identify them. If you see new neighbors move in to our area, please let us know their name (you're introducing yourselves to them, right?) and their address and we will make sure to reach out and give them a Welcome Package. You can call us at (303) 790-2709 or e-mail us at [bill.miller14@comcast.net](mailto:bill.miller14@comcast.net).

### **Calling for New Board Members and an Architectural Control Committee member! – Dick Todd**

Our board members and architectural control committee members have faithfully served in their positions this year. Board members are elected annually (at the May Annual Meeting) and are limited to one year terms. We are looking for at least three new board members willing to make a one year commitment to our neighborhood.

This year's board has really enjoyed being with one another and executing the minimal duties assigned by our by-laws. We have several board members who are willing to remain as members-at-large to support the transition of activities to the new board. We would love to have you volunteer your time and talents! The time investment has been minimal with meetings occurring every other month and lasting no more than an hour.

Additionally, one Architectural Control Committee member rotates off each year so we are looking for someone to serve on the committee.

Please contact me at [richard@tibuilders.com](mailto:richard@tibuilders.com) and let me know if you have questions or interest. This is a fantastic way to give back to our extraordinary community!

### **Surrey Ridge HOA Board Roles and Responsibilities – John Wittry**

The HOA Board fields a wide variety of requests and inquiries and from time to time we find it valuable to restate the duties of our HOA board which are clear and limited.

The Board is responsible for keeping the books, records and papers of the association, holding annual / regular meetings, and maintaining our common areas (bridle path easements, park, and horse arena). The maintenance of these areas includes the ability to adopt and publish rules and regulations governing their use.

The Board is made up of the following positions with associated duties (as written in the by-laws hence the formal language):

President – The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and shall see that orders and resolutions are carried out.

Vice President – The Vice President shall act in the place and stead of the President in the event of her/his absence, inability or refusal to act and shall exercise and discharge such other duties as may be required of her/him by the Board.

Secretary – The Secretary shall record the votes and keep the minutes of all meetings and proceedings of the Board and of the members; keep the corporate seal of the Association and affix it on all papers requiring said seal; serve notice of meeting of the Board and of the members; keep appropriate current records showing the members of the Association together with their addresses, and shall perform such other duties as required by the Board.

Treasurer – The Treasurer shall receive and deposit in appropriate bank accounts all monies of the Association and shall disperse such funds as directed by resolution of the Board of Directors; shall co-sign checks with any other Director authorized to sign Association checks; shall pay all general property taxes on common area properties of the Association, and shall present the annual statement of income and expenses at the annual meeting for election of Directors.

**A special Thank You to some very special and dedicated people! – SR Board of Directors**

Valerie Miller and Monica Doyle have consistently done an outstanding job of organizing our neighborhoods special events! It is impossible to thank them enough for their efforts and the Board would like to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge their contribution. Thank you ladies!!!