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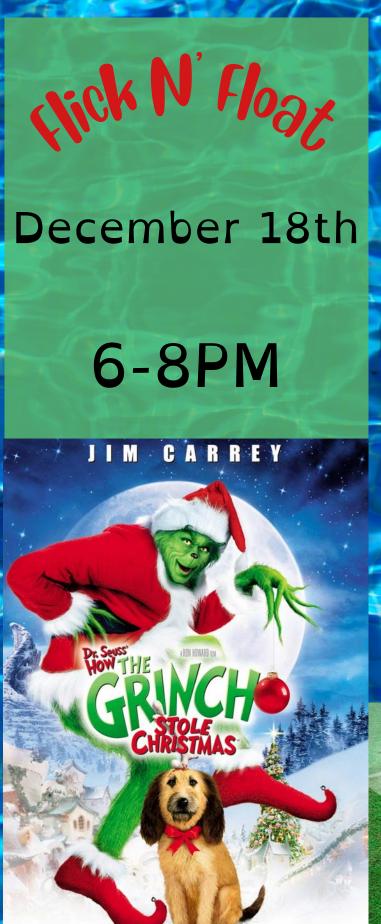
MERIDIAN RANCH NEWSLETTER

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To offer a healthy lifestyle for the residents of Meridian Ranch through facilities and programs for personal fitness, group exercise, organized sports, aquatics, and special community events.



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Meridian Ranch 12th Annual Christmas Lights Competition

It is that time of year for residents to show their holiday spirit! Light up your home, light up your tree and gather all the trimmings. Prizes will be awarded to the most festive displays.

Prizes will be awarded in the form of gift cards in each judging area as follows:

1st Place \$50
2nd Place \$30
3rd Place \$20
Overall Grand Prize
\$100

All participants will receive an ornament.

Mountain View Electric will credit \$75 on the electric bill for the grand prize winner and first place winners from each section.





Meridian Ranch will be divided into nine judging areas.

Please visit https://tinyurl.com/2021MRLightsCompetition for map areas.

All prizes for this competition have been generously donated by

DRC No. 1, DRC No. 2 & the Stonebridge H.O.A.

Have your Christmas lights on for judging

Monday, December 13th

thru Friday, December 17th

Between 5:30 & 9:30pm



Get Your Utility Bill Electronically! Sign up to receive your monthly utility bill via email

Help your District save money and receive your bill on time every month!

Use the form on the District's website, meridianranchmetro.org, under the "Contact Us" tab, to request your utility bill via email. You'll save the District printing costs and postage, and ensure you receive your bill timely wherever you are.







A Great Idea for the Holidays - A Live Christmas Tree

A trend that has been growing in popularity in recent years is to get a Live Christmas Tree that can be planted in the spring. This is not only a great way to celebrate the holiday season, but also a great way to improve your landscaping. We spoke to employees at Heidrich's Colorado Tree Farm Nursery and were given some helpful information:

Heidrich's website is http://www.coloradotreefarmnursery.com/ if you would like additional information regarding planting

Please remember when the temperatures reach 45 degrees or warmer it is nice to give the shrubs, trees, and grass a drink of water. It is advised by professional landscapers to water approximately one minute per shrub and 2-3 minutes per tree. Some trees do better with a slow drip (a 5-gallon bucket with a small hole drilled into the side works great!), but you will want to speak to a nursery worker to find out what will work best for your trees.

It is crucial to winter water your evergreens such as pine and spruce trees since not watering can lead to plant damage.

Live Christmas Tree Care Instructions



Live Christmas Trees are a great way to celebrate the Christmas Season, and also add to your landscape. Here are some tips for caring for your live Christmas Tree.

- Live trees should only be indoors for two weeks max.
- Use ice or snow placed on the rootball to slowly water your tree. Mist the top with a spray bottle daily.
- Place plastic sheeting or a "tree sorb" mat under the tree to protect the floor from any water that may run off.
- Dig your hole now and cover it so that you can plant your tree after you take it outside. This is better because the ground is usually not frozen yet.
- Planting instructions are available on our website or in our info booklet.

Merry Christmas

Remember, front yards have a minimum requirement for trees and shrubs, and if you lose them to winter kill, then they will need to be replaced in the spring.

Once the plants have received a good watering, they will also appreciate getting mulch around them. Now is a good time to assess your hardscape and replenish the mulch on your property. Your plants will appreciate it too, as it helps keep the moisture in the ground.

Questions? Please contact your Meridian Ranch DRC Management Team: Jamie Adams, CMCA, AMS, PCAM - Managing Agent - Jamie@warrenmgmt.com Julie Sampson, Governance Coordinator - meridianranch@warrenmgmt.com



Good things happen when your neighborhood puts you in the middle of your life.

Introducing Rolling Hills Ranch, the next great neighborhood at Meridian Ranch. This beautiful neighborhood is surrounded by open space, boasts gorgeous Pikes Peak views, and is ideally located west of Falcon Regional Park. Rolling Hills Ranch also features a new park and is in close proximity to Meridian Ranch Elementary School and Falcon High School. With spacious home sites ranging from 6,000 to +/- 15,000 sq ft, our goal is to create a neighborhood that celebrates all lifestyles. Visit one of our Signature Builders; Tralon Homes, Campbell Homes, Century Communities or Reunion Homes to build your new dream home in Rolling Hills Ranch.

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Meridian Ranch Youth Sports 2022

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Basketball **Outdoor Soccer** Indoor Soccer Tball/Baseball Flag Football



Snow Schedules Snow closures and delayed openings of the Meridian Ranch Recreation Center occur on the same days as the School

Snow closures and delayed openings of the Meridian Ranch Recreation Center occur on the same days as the School District 49 closures and delayed starts. The District performs snow removal on public trails and the El Paso County Department of Public Works removes snow from County roads including roads in Meridian Ranch. Residents are required to remove snow from sidewalks adjacent to their houses.

<u>District Budget/Fee Setting Process</u>

It's that time of year for the District to consider budgets and fees for 2022. The District Board of Directors must balance the desires of residents who want limited or no fee increases with the requests of other residents for additional services and improvements to public landscaping and facilities. Meanwhile, the District must respond to increases in the State minimum wage, increases to electricity and natural gas charges, and other normal cost increases. There will be an opportunity for the public to watch the process and to provide input at a formal public hearing during the Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday, December 8 at 10:00 a.m. All meetings are held at the Meridian Ranch Recreation Center on Londonderry Drive at Angeles Rd. Watch the District's website for proposed 2020 budgets and proposed fee increases.

Don't Forget to Winter Water

Limited snowfall, low humidity, minimal soil moisture, and variable temperatures often damage trees shrubs, perennials, and lawns. Many landscape plants grow roots throughout the winter and need moisture to survive.

Most trees absorbing roots are in the top 12 inches of the soil, and root systems can spread two or three times the height of the tree. Apply water both within and just outside the dripline, deeply and slowly, so it moistens the zone to a depth of 12 inches. Apply water to many locations under the dripline.

Fall and winter watering (October through March) should be done so one to four times per month, depending on temperature, and soil conditions. Consistent moisture is needed; drought-stressed plants are more vulnerable to infestations, and branch and twig dieback.



Jim Nikkel, General Manager Meridian Service Metropolitan District – Water, Sewer, Drainage, Parks, Recreation



Still need to set up your Meridian Ranch Recreation Center online portal?

Stop by the front desk of Meridian Ranch Recreation Center to make sure your account is up to date and there is an email on file.

THEN, go to meridianranch.clubautomation.com

Scroll down to the section labeled "First time here?" and click on the "Access My Account" icon.

This will then prompt you to fill out your first name, last name, and email. Once this is done and Club Automation was able to locate you in the system, an email will be sent to you to prompt you to complete your online portal set up.

Questions or issues? call 719-495-7119 or stop by MRRC front desk.

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Governing Documents can be found on the websites:

DRC No. 1 www.meridianranchdrc.nabrnetwork.com DRC No. 2 www.meridianranchdrc2.nabrnetwork.com; Resources; **Governing Documents**

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Hours of Operation

Meridian Ranch Recreation Center

Mon-Fri 5:30 AM - 8:30 PM

Saturday: 8 AM - 6 PM Sunday: 9 AM - 5 PM

MSMD Office Mon-Fri 8 AM - 4:30 PM