MARCH 2022 MERIDIAN RANCH NEWSLETTER

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Meridian Service Metro District Recreation Center Mission:

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. Remember!



Construction underway on new homes in Rolling Hills Ranch.

Reminder!

You may have noticed there is a lot of construction underway in Meridian Ranch's newest neighborhood, Rolling Hills Ranch. Signature Builders Campbell Homes, Century Communities, Reunion Homes and Tralon Homes are building ranch and two-story homes starting in the low \$400's. Surrounded by open space, with Pikes Peak views, Rolling Hills Ranch is the ideal location west of the Falcon Regional Park. For more information go to MeridianRanch.com.



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Things to do Today!

Ongoing Construction through March at the Rec Center. We are making progress, but still have a ways to go.

We thank you for your patience as we make improvements!

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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.



Enjoy the Equity from Your Home with a **Home Equity Line of Credit!** (HELOC)





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HAPPY

St. Patrick's

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INDOOR YOUTH SOCCER

SIGNUPS OPEN MARCH 14TH



Ages: 5-10 years old Wednesday, March 23, 2022 Time: 8:00AM- 4:00P Residents: \$40

Paperwork will need to be provided prior to sign-up

Swimming, Games, Crafts, Snacks, and More!

What will the kids need?

Water bottle Cold Lunch Towel Swim suit Clothes for after Swim Good Running Shoes Please NO Electronics/Phones

If Any Question Contact: Childcare Coordinator Childcare@meridianservice.org (719) 495-7119

JUNIOR GOLF CLINICS

SEASON RUNS

4/18-6/11



5-8 years old June 13th & 14th July 11th & 12th 10:00am - 11:00am \$50 per child 9-14 years old June 20th, 21st & 22nd July 18th, 19th & 20th 10:00am - 11:00am \$90 per child

GRIP

AIM

CHIPPING

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For more information or to sign up, please call the golf shop at 719-494-1900 ext. 1



Meridian Ranch Youth Sports 2022

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Basketball

Indoor Soccer Tball/Baseball

Flag Football



DWAYNE "THE ROCK" JOHNSON

March 26th 6-8PM

Join Us



Parent's Night Out Meridian Ranch Recreation Center

Friday, March 25th Ages 5-10 5:30P-10:00P There is some paperwork needed. Please sign-up at the Front desk! RESIDENTS: \$20 ADDITIONAL CHILD(REN) \$15

NON-RESIDENTS \$25 ADDITIONAL CHILD(REN) \$20



For more information contact: Childcare Coordinator Childcare@meridianservice.org (719) 495-7119

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Stonebridge Owners! The names of the two newly elected board members will be posted on the portal after the reconvened meeting on March 7th. Thank you for voting through ElectionBuddy and making the election a success!

A couple of reminders!

Please communicate with the management company if you have any special circumstances related to parking. Please try to make one of the monthly Board meeting (held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30AM) to discuss your case. Thank you to the owners who have worked through this process. The community members are noticing a difference!

If you are planning on doing any improvements to your lot (including landscaping, ancillary structures such as sheds, greenhouses, etc.), please submit your plans to review prior to installation. Front yards have minimum requirements that must be met at all times; If a tree or shrub die over the winter, please plan on replacing them. All front yards require three (3) trees and fifteen (15) shrubs! Artificial turf is reviewed on a case by case basis.

Remember to stop by and check out the new basement at the Stonebridge Lodge! A wonderful enhancement to a beautiful amenity! Estelle is onsite Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays from 10-5!





What is the Difference Between Stormwater and Wastewater?

If you are like most people, only a small percentage of the treated water that comes to your home is used as drinking water. Most household water is used for things such as watering the lawn or rinsing off the driveway (which ends up in the storm drain system), or for washing clothes, dishes, and flushing toilets (which is delivered back to a wastewater treatment plant).



Basically, stormwater includes rainwater, snowmelt, or water from a garden hose or irrigation system that runs off the surface of the ground (like driveways, parking lots, lawns, or rooftops) and goes into a gutter, ditch, or roadside drain, and ultimately into a storm drain system.

Stormwater doesn't get filtered or treated. It flows directly from your yard or driveway into our creeks, rivers, and lakes, and ultimately into below-ground aquifers. That's why it's so important to avoid washing chemicals, fertilizers, or toxic waste into the storm drain systems. You can learn more by visiting www.OneThingIsClear.org.

Wastewater (sanitary sewer), on the other hand, is the water that leaves your home by being flushed down toilets, rinsed down sinks, and flowing down indoor drains from showers, washing machines and dishwashers. It is piped to the wastewater treatment plant, treated, and released for reuse.

You can find more useful information about the District's stormwater system on the website here: https://meridianranchmetro.org/water_stormwater.php.

Winter is Not Over Yet – Keep Safety in Mind!

•We cannot stress this enough: please keep your children and pets away from frozen ponds; they are not safe.

•Drive carefully around school bus stops, especially during snow and ice conditions. •Do not drive off road when the snow is deep– it damages landscaping and irrigation systems.

Snow Removal on your Sidewalk is your Responsibility

El Paso County Public Works Department does the snow removal on public streets. The District performs snow removal on District-maintained trails in Meridian Ranch and at the Recreation Center parking lot. Residents are responsible for snow removal from sidewalks adjacent to their property. Please watch for neighbors who are away or who have difficulty removing snow – your kindness with extra snow removal will make your neighborhood safer.

Jim Nikkel, General Manager

MERIDIAN RANCH DRC 1 & 2

Welcome Spring! It is time to get out and meet your neighbors while having a staycation for Spring Break! Now is also the time to look at your property and get it ready for spring clean -up and summer plantings in later part of April first part of May! If you have improvements you would like to move forward on come the spring timeframe, please remember you must submit prior to installation. This also pertains to repainting your home.

Painting the exterior of your home? Now is the time to think about applying a new coat of exterior paint to the siding on your home, particularly if you are an original owner or have purchased an older resale home. Lee Wallander wrote an article on the best time to paint the exterior of your home. "Late spring and summer are classic months. With precipitation low and temperatures warm, paint cures at a proper rate. Plus, fall can be the best season to paint because the difference between highs and lows is less than other seasons. The recommended best temperatures for painting is as low as 35 degrees." So, if you have not already submitted for a new exterior painting project, you still have time.

Who Does What in Meridian Ranch?

There are multiple entities working in Meridian Ranch to keep the community running as smoothly as possible. They are the Design Review Councils, the Service Districts, and El Paso County.

The Design Review Councils or DRCs are the entities that enforce the covenants by doing governance, approving submittals for landscaping and changes to the properties, as well as hosting community events like Community Clean-Up Days, Falcon Freedom Days, and the Holiday Lights Contest, etc. Residents pay an annual assessment to the DRC. For more information visit the Homeowner Portal at https://portal.warrenmgmt.com/

Meridian Service Metropolitan District is the entity that provides water, sewer and stormwater services as well as maintaining parks, trails, recreational amenities and streetlights for the community. For more information visit their website www.meridianranchmetro.org.

Governing Documents can be found on the websites: http://portal.warrenmgmt.com/?c=16 (DRC no 1) http://portal.warrenmgmt.com/?c=99 (DRC no 2)

Questions? Please contact your Meridian Ranch DRC Management Team: Jamie Adams, CMCA, AMS, PCAM – Managing Agent – Jamie@warrenmgmt.com Julie Sampson, Governance Director – DRC1governance@meridianranchdrc.org Hannah Shea, Governance Administrator-DRC2governance@meridianranchdrc.org Chaylyn Petrik, DRC Director- DRC@meridianranchdrc.org









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.

Meridian Ranch Community Directory

MSMD Board of Directors: President: Butch Gabrielski

Secretary/Treasurer: Wayne Reorda

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Bill Gessner Mike Fenton Tom Sauer Meridian Ranch Recreation Center Phone: 719-495-7119 mrrc@meridianservice.org MSMD Office: Phone 719-495-6567

www.meridianranchmetro.org www.meridianranch.com www.stonebridgecoloradosprings.com

Meridian Ranch DRC Management Team: Jamie Adams, CMCA, AMS, PCAM – Managing Agent – Jamie@warrenmgmt.com Julie Sampson, Governance Director – meridianranch@warrenmgmt.com Chaylyn Petrik, DRC Administrator- meridianranch2@warrenmgmt.com

Governing Documents can be found on the website: DRC No. 1 & DRC No. 2 - portal.warrenmgmt.com/; Resources; Governing Documents



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