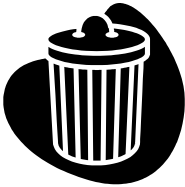


RED ROCK RANCH NEWS

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SPRING CLEAN WRAPUP

REVIEWED BY CRAIG KETLELS



By all accounts the RRR residents took full advantage of the spring cleaning opportunity held at the park in early June. The event filled the 2 dumpsters in short order. All those who stopped by loved the idea and suggested it be repeated annually. The board decided to eliminate any confusion by ordering one dumpster for each of the three days at the next clean event. Please remember to send in your annual \$35.00 donation as this is how this event as well as continued park improvements are funded. As many as six residents who dropped off refuse during the clean up weekend hadn't bothered to send in their donation.

So please donate to a better community in the Ranch. Also, please take time to read the news letter. It contains contributions from our RRRHOA board members. I am always amazed with their civic/community commitment to all of the ranch residents. Please take time to thank them when you have the chance. See you all at the picnic on the 6th of September.

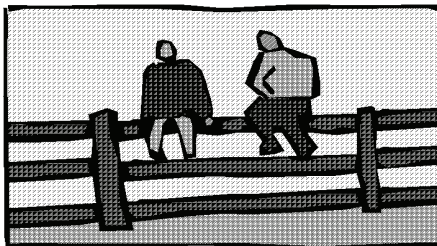
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THE NEIGHBORHOOD

PENNED BY FRANK CHUBA

RRR is an outstanding neighborhood in which to live. This is largely due to the fact that it is populated by industrious, independent, concerned, compassionate folks possessing a healthy dose of that most uncommon attribute, common sense. But even in the best of communities disputes and misunderstandings can arise. When that happens what is the best approach to take?

It all starts with the covenants of our association. This is the basic contract between neighbors specifying minimum standards governing the relationships between residents. Since the covenants are a written contract between the residents they are enforceable in civil court, but the intent of the covenants is not court enforcement but self-compliance on the part of the residents. If the disagreement relates to the covenants remember the old adage we learned as kids. Clean up your own back yard before complaining about someone else's. It behooves each of us to look at ourselves



first in any disagreement to make sure that we are complying with the covenants prior to pointing any fingers at others.

What if the disagreement has nothing to do with the covenants? The solution usually resolves itself through communication. Your neighbor probably didn't move into RRR to personally antagonize you. More likely he is pursuing his own self-interest and in many cases may be unaware that this is causing a problem with his neighbor. A good conversation can usually resolve the matter.

Sometimes the situation is more complicated or communication is stifled by the emotions of the moment. Often a third party can help both sides see the situation in a different light and help to get positive communication going. Your RRRHOA board of directors stands ready to assist neighbors in working out issues by facilitating communication and offering alternatives.

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THE NEIGHBORHOOD (CONT)

PENNED BY FRANK CHUBA

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Remember your board is not a police force or a tax collector. The primary interests of the RRRHOA board are to manage the common assets of the residents, provide a contact point between external parties and our residents to address issues of concern and to facilitate the flow of information both to and from the residents.

The responsibility of being a good neighbor belongs to each of us individually. Remember the “Three Cs” of being a good neighbor:

Covenants – Personally uphold the covenants as regards your own conduct.

Communication – Dialog with your neighbors so that each of you understands what is important to the other and can work together to accommodate each other.

Collaboration – Work with your board and others to address issues of concern.

TENNIS COURT NEWS

IMPLEMENTED BY KELLY MCGUIRE

We didn't receive a large response to our survey regarding the upgrade or repair of the tennis court. Several homeowners made very generous donations to the cause but we only collected enough money to do the repairs necessary to protect our investment. Perhaps we'll try again next year.

Several new parts have been ordered or purchased to repair the net. The pulling winch is on hand now so we'll get it mounted to tighten up the net until the new one arrives. We inventoried the supplies needed to repair the west fence and will purchase them at Home Depot soon. Two homeowners volunteered to do that repair with help from some of us. We are setting that up now and expect to finish the repair by mid August.

We will repair the surface cracks in the slab and get it painted as soon as the contractor can get here. It is a small job (to him) so we will have to wait our turn. It shouldn't be too long.

Please send us your thoughts and desires regarding the tennis court. In the meantime, stop and play a set or two. If tennis isn't your thing, bring a book and hang out at the pavilion. It's mighty peaceful there and the plants are so pretty. See you at the picnic.



ANNUAL PICNIC

We will meet at the park pavilion at 1 pm on Saturday September 6th. The HOA will provide meat, buns, condiments, drinks, paper plates and plastic eating utensils. We ask that everyone bring a side dish such as salad, dessert etc, with a serving utensil. Our seating is limited so we would also suggest you bring your own chairs.

Our annual business meeting will follow the picnic. We are always interested in your concerns and/or suggestions to make the area a more pleasant environment in which to live. Please plan to attend and bring neighbors who are new to the area. Former residents are always welcome...the more the merrier.

FIRE DANGER ON RED ROCK RANCH

SCRIPTED BY PHYLLIS MOORE

The danger of fire in our area is growing with the increasing dryness of the grasses and shrubs along roads and around homes. This danger, added to the fact that we are being asked to conserve water and the likelihood of water shutoffs for repairs to water lines and installation of regulating valves makes it imperative that we all work at preventing fires.

Homeowners can help protect property by clearing away all dry grass, pine needles and clippings next to our houses. We can also trim shrubs and oak brush around our homes. We should be sure to have water hoses connected to our outside faucets and ready for quick use in putting out small grass fires. We all have shovels and hoes on hand, I'm sure, to help keep a fire from spreading. Keep buckets handy, also.

A worrisome problem is the tall, dry grass along the roads on

the ranch. One spark in the wrong place, with a breeze, could start a grass fire which can spread out from the side of the road faster than we think.

Please be sure, when driving, to keep any matches, cigarettes, cigarette butts and any other hot material inside your car. Please use car ashtrays while in the car and empty ash trays in your garbage at home, not on the pavement or by the road.

We are fortunate to have a fine stand of pines and spruce on the slopes around us and around our homes. Let's all work to keep those trees green and growing. Look at the terrible loss of trees and shrubs on the side of Mount Herman from the fire in 1989 and don't let that happen here in our area or anywhere in our communities.

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