A Word from your HOA Board President

Dear neighbors,

I hope this newsletter finds your household in anticipation of cooler weather and looking forward to the fall season. There have been many positive changes and events within our community thus far this year. Here are a few of the highlights:

The HOA board has remained committed to enhancing and maintaining open lines of communication for our residents, and has thus made a few modifications to the composition of the Communications Committee. Brendan Kimbrough has accepted the responsibility of Communication Committee Chairperson and Newsletter Editor. As such, we anticipate the *Heather Ridge Herald* being issued on a quarterly basis again. In April, we released the 2013-2014 HRE Information Directories which contain general information regarding our community and a listing of HOA members with their contact information. I would like to thank Jeanette Acuff, Information Directory liaison, for her contributions in making this possible. We resurrected the Welcome Wagon sub-committee, headed by Kari Barrett, to welcome all new residents to our community on behalf of the Association. Each new homeowner will be presented a community resident Information Directory and information regarding HOA committee activities and upcoming events by the Welcome Wagon team. We also assigned the Block Captain sub-committee, headed by Jeanette Acuff and Stacy Schreiner, to the Communication Committee. The sub-committee consists of 12 Block Captain resident representatives who direct and coordinate communication on behalf of the Board of Directors and the Communication Chairperson. The sub-committee is also committed to making Heather Ridge Estates a safer, place to live. Steve Enty, HRE Webmaster, has also made enhancements to our HRE website in order that our residents stay informed about of Association news and activities.

The HOA board has also been working closely with our Social Committee Chairperson, Becky Schucany, in order to facilitate interaction among HRE homeowners through a variety of planned social events. The Social Committee is currently accepting volunteers willing to donate some of their time and talents to our community in the upcoming year. Even if you are unable to volunteer as a committee member, please consider volunteering to assist with one of the community events. Your service would be greatly appreciated!

Although this letter primarily highlights a few of the ongoing HOA initiatives specifically pertaining to the HRE Communications and Social committees, I plan on highlighting other initiatives and activities regarding the other HRE committees in future releases of the *Heather Ridge Herald*. In conclusion, I am very proud of our neighborhood association and I am looking forward to our continued growth together as a community.

Warm Regards,
Chuck Migli, HOA Board President
Please join us for **National Night Out - HRE Block Party!**

**When:** Tuesday, Oct 1, 2013  
**Where:** 6:00 - 8:00 pm on Northridge Drive  
**What is it:** Annual national crime awareness campaign. Event will include bounce houses, food & fun.  
**Bring canned food to support**  
**Network Ministries Food Bank**  
**Thank you Northridge for letting us block-off your street!**  
*This event is for HRE HOA members only – thanks for understanding!*

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**Yard of the Month Winners!**

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**Lawn Looking Stressed?**

With water restrictions, it's no wonder! But now is the time to fertilize and apply pre-emergent. As the weather cools, cooler nights, morning dew and more rainfall (hopefully) are just about as good as it gets for grass. Now your lawn is ready to grow again, and it's looking for the nutrients it needs to recover from the summer. Some experts say this is the single most important lawn feeding of the year. Apply your final feeding right before the winter months, when grass is prepping for winter dormancy. This will strengthen roots and increase nitrogen storage for an early spring green up and a healthier lawn next year.

October is also a great month to plant shrubs & container trees so they can become established before the winter.


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**Did you know...**

There is an active **Pet Registry** on the Heather Ridge HOA website. Under the sidebar menu at the bottom is a Pet Registry link. Take a quick picture of your pet and post it to the registry. Often, if a pet escapes, it's a neighbor who sees it first and holds it until the owner can be located. The pet registry is a great way to reconnect the pet with their owner.
Nextdoor
There's a pretty useful website and app called Nextdoor that you can download for free. It's kind of like Facebook, but for neighborhoods. You can post neighborhood events, send invites, alerts and post helpful information about school news, lost pets, info from other adjacent HOAs, crime stats from the city, etc. A lot of Heather Ridge residents are already on it. Check it out!

Welcome to the neighborhood!
We want to welcome our new neighbors that have joined the Heather Ridge Estates over the last year. If you have not met these families, please make a special visit, introduce yourself and welcome them to our community!
The Hegwood Family on Copper Mtn.
The Krishnamurthy Family on Copper Mtn.
The Cangialosi Family on Appleridge
The Hendi Family on Edge View
The See Family on Crested Butte
The Heimes Family on Copper Mtn.
The Lunn Family on Ravendale
The Born Family on Brookridge
The Baker Family on Ravendale
The Takieddine Family on Millwood

Please help us welcome our new neighbors to the Heather Ridge Estates Community!

Tips for Logging into HOA Website
Please visit the HRE HOA website for the latest news and information about our community and to connect with your neighbors on-line. Below are a few quick tips to help you get started:

Step 1: Go to www.heatherridgeestates.org
Step 2: Log In with your pre-set UserID
For privacy protection, you must log in to the website before you see the bulk of the content. Your login is your street address in the following format: home’s street # + address. For example, 4500 Copper Mountain Lane UserID is "4500Copper" (CaSe Sensitive). Please read the directions carefully.

Please contact Webmaster Steve Enty (webmaster@heatherridgeestates.org) with any questions.

Home Foundation Care
Even though summer heat has ended, dry soil conditions may continue to persist. With Stage 3 water restrictions still in effect, taking care of your home’s foundation in the fall is important. Periodically check the perimeter of your foundation. Cracks in the soil near the foundation indicate a need for moisture. Purchasing soaker hoses that will slowly release water along a length of your home’s foundation will help. Water should slope away from the house. If the slope allows for good flow of water away from the house, place the hoses 12-18 inches away from the foundation. Moderate to poor sloping is cause to move the hoses 18-24 inches from the foundation. Sprinklers can be used similarly but with an eye to preserving water and not wasting it.

Upcoming Community Festivals
With cooler weather on the way, fall is the best time in Texas to get out and enjoy the State Fair or a local festival!

- The State Fair of Texas, September 27 –October 20 bigtex.com
- Murphy Maize Days, September 28 murphymaizedays.com
- Cotton Wood Art Festival, October 5 & 6 cottonwoodartfestival.com
- Huffhines Art Trails Festival, October 26-27 huffhinesarttrails.com
Are you prepared in the case of fire?
As most of you probably know, a home in the block of Copper Mountain recently suffered substantial damage from a fire and the family was displaced. Please take time to complete a few simple steps that could save your life or the life of a loved one:

Change the batteries in your smoke detectors when you set your clocks back to standard time this fall. Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 3rd. Take a moment to put a reminder on your calendar and make sure you know what type of batteries your detectors take – most use a 9V battery. Repeat this in the spring of 2014. (Sunday, March 9th) Doing this twice a year is not overkill. A working smoke alarm reduces the risks from fire in your home by nearly half. And although 92% of American homes have detectors, one third don’t work because of old or missing batteries!

Check Your Smoke Alarms
After inserting a fresh battery in your smoke alarm, check to make sure the smoke alarm itself is working by pushing the safety test button.

Change Your Flashlight Batteries
To help make sure your emergency flashlights work when you need them, consider using high-quality alkaline batteries. NOTE: Keep a working flashlight near your bed, in the kitchen, and family room. It may be used to signal for help in the event of a fire.

Vacuum Your Smoke Alarms
Each month, clean your smoke alarm of dust and cobwebs to ensure optimal sensitivity.

Install Fire Extinguishers
Install a fire extinguisher in or near your kitchen and know how to use it. Should you need to purchase one, the International Association of Fire Chiefs recommends a multi- or all-purpose fire extinguisher that is listed by an accredited testing laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratory.

Electronics Recycling
You can take old electronics for recycling, as well as documents that you would like shredded, to the Richardson City Hall at 411 S. Arapaho Rd. south parking lot on Saturday, October 12 from 9am-1pm. Contact the city for more information.

Newsletter
Want to publish an announcement in the next newsletter for the holidays? Contact Brendan Kimbrough at kimbrough@swbell.net. The next quarterly newsletter will be published in time for the holiday season.