A Word from your HOA Board President

Dear Neighbors,

I hope this issue of the Heather Ridge Herald finds your household well in the midst of the spring and in anticipation of the summer.

I would like to first welcome Josh Brown as a new HRE HOA board member. Josh is a relatively new HRE resident who was very interested in getting involved within our community and was elected to the board at our annual meeting in February. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to Brendan Kimbrough who served as a board director for the previous 2 years and as our Communication Committee Chairperson for the last 4 years. Brendan’s contributions on the board and to our community have been greatly appreciated!

I am excited to note that the board has recently appointed several residents that have volunteered their time and talents to serve on our Communication Committee:

**Greg Lockhart – Communication Committee Chairperson & Newsletter Editor**
Schedules and presides over committee meetings as needed. Responsible for gathering information of community interest, publishing and distributing a neighborhood quarterly newsletter which is reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors.

**Angela Brown – Website Sub-Committee Chairperson**
Oversees the development of the HRE web-site to communicate with residents and others about our neighborhood.

**Pam Lockhart – Welcome Wagon Sub-Committee Chairperson**
Greets and welcomes all new HRE residents on behalf of the Association.

With their appointments, we have resumed the issuance of quarterly HOA newsletters, recently developed a new neighborhood website, and will officially begin welcoming new residents into our community again.

The HOA board is currently requesting nominations and/or volunteers to serve on our Social Committee which is responsible for the planning and execution of specific neighborhood social events. Our Social Committee is committed to facilitating interaction among HRE homeowners in order to improve neighborhood camaraderie, fellowship, and sense of community. Therefore, if you are interested in volunteering or nominating a resident, please contact me at charles.migl@sbcglobal.net. Consequently, I am eager to attend our next HRE community event, the annual Spring Fling – Block Party being held on April 16th on Cherry Ct. All in attendance should plan on having a good time!

Regards,
Chuck Migl
HOA Board President
Resident Harry Harrier was recognized at the Annual Board

Meeting on February 16, 2016 for his service and dedication to HRE over the years. Not only does Harry keep HRE beautiful by serving as the Landscape Committee chair, but he’s also been known to mow yards, mend fences, and help out all his HRE neighbors in any way he can. Heather Ridge Estates Homeowners Association celebrates Harry’s unprecedented service and dedication to our community.

Congratulations Harry!

Dear Heather Ridge Board and Neighbors,

Thank you all so very much for awarding me the Distinguished Volunteer Service award at the annual meeting. I am honored and humbled by receiving this recognition but honestly, it is a privilege and pleasure to share a bit of my time and energy to help in our Community.

If I can assist you, my neighbors, in any way, please just call me. I truly love our Heather Ridge neighborhood.

Harry Harrier

Welcome to our Little Free Library!

These have been popping up all over Richardson in some Starbucks®, the YMCA® and now even in our neighborhood! It is completely free and based on the honor system to “Take one, leave one”. This keeps the content of the library ever changing. Or, you can stop by and just read for a while on our bench!

The library currently has a large selection of kids books with a growing selection of romance novels. We gladly accept donations of books and try to rotate out books appearing to be around for a while. If we accumulate too many books to store, they are taken to Half Price Books®, sold and new books are purchased for the Library.

We learned about Little Free Libraries about two years ago. A friend offered to build our library and then we painted it along with the help of our daughter. Now it resides in our front lawn in the shade of our Oak tree at 2704 Northridge Drive.

Keep Reading!
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Have You Heard the Exciting News!?

We Have a Brand New Website!
Join your neighbors at www.HeatherRidgeEstates.net!

There you will find Stories, News, Board Meeting Minutes, Photos of Events, & So Much More!

1. Click on “Register” in the upper right hand corner of your browser.
2. Choose a username and password.
3. Fill out the information under “Tell Us About You and Your Home.” Maybe even include a family photo.
4. Next, you can choose:
   - send me eNewsletters
   - include my contact info in the online directory.
5. After that, check the “agree to terms’ box and click the button titled ‘Register.’

IT’S THAT SIMPLE
And don’t forget to send all of your stories, news, and other ideas to website@heatherridgeestates.net.
Introducing:
Spontaneity Sisters of HRE

Are you looking to have some spontaneous fun? Maybe you need a break from stress. Or, maybe even your dog thinks you’re spending too much time bonding with the DVR. Let’s bond with each other instead!

We recently setup a Facebook group named “Spontaneity Sisters of HRE.” Search and join. If you’re not on Facebook, we’ll send an e-mail list. The key to this club is that there is no structure. Any of us can Facebook or e-mail the rest of us at any time to do anything. We might even be generous on occasions and invite our husbands to join us for bowling, cookouts or Ranger Games.

Here are some possibilities (day or night):
- Downtown McKinney Shopping Days
- Movies
- Dinners/Lunches
- Clyde Warren Park
- Third McKinney trade days
- Unicorn grooming study group (Oh, you read this far!)
- Shops of Legacy
- Walks in Breckinridge Park
- Game night

Or, whatever you’re in the mood for! You Plan it, Post it and Host it! The possibilities can be endless—and of course Spontaneous!!! Let’s just get to know each other.

To join, go to the Facebook page above or e-mail Pam Lockhart at pl91987@aol.com. If you have questions, call her at 972.741.9197.

HRE Safety Alert - Breckinridge Park Closes “Entrance A” Tuesday Nights

For safety purposes, Entrance A at Breckenridge Park will be closed Tuesday nights March 15-Sept. 13 from 5-8:30 p.m. for bike races on the ring road.

Please note that only Entrance A will be closed. The rest of the park, including entrances via Breckenridge Blvd., will be open.

Are You Curious
What Issues the Board is Dealing With?

Go to the website and look for the meeting minutes under the “Homeowners” tab.

Also, feel free to leave suggestions on the website for the board to consider at future meetings by clicking the “Contact Us” tab on our website.

When: July 19, 2016

Four Reasons You Should Not Attend the Upcoming Board Meeting:

4) To be totally honest, you just assumed that they’re boring as heck.
3) Having misplaced your copy of “Roberts Rules of Order,” you don’t want to look foolish.
2) You were never issued the HOA’s official decoder ring.
1) You fear you will be asked to plant flowers next weekend at the neighborhood entry.

Seriously though:
We sincerely want you to attend and see the board in action. There will be an opportunity for “Q & A” with the board toward the end of the meeting. If you have a specific and substantive matter you want to discuss with the board, please ask for it to be included on the agenda for a future meeting.

Get involved. You’ll be glad you did! After all, the decisions being made may directly affect your quality of life and the value of your property. Plus, who knows, maybe you’ll meet some new neighbors that will turn into friends.

So…Mark your calendar! Our next meeting is July 19 at 7pm. It will be located at the Cornerstone Methodist Church, 7502 N Garland Ave. Light refreshments will be provided.
What New Friends Group Would You Like to Start?

Do you remember when you first moved in and couldn’t wait to meet your new neighbors? Then, over time, “life happened” and people moved…and we became more insular. Luckily for us, we have terrific social functions that give us the opportunity to make new friends a few times a year.

That said, is it possible to take it to the next level and rekindle some of that excitement we had when we first moved here?? We used to have informal groups that met frequently such as Monthly Coffees and Book Clubs and Kids Play-groups to name just a few. These groups surely turned many neighbors into lasting friends. Let’s do it again!

Contact Jeanette Acuff at jacuff@sbcglobal.net (or call her at 214.909.9140). Also, be sure to post your new group idea on our forum.

Theme: Heather Ridge Estates

Volunteer

Forum Fun!

Interested in starting a club? Got a cool HRE event idea? Want to get a last minute gathering together?

Then Start Your Own Forum!

We encourage residents to use forums to reach out to their neighbors! All that you have to do is start a new thread or join a thread that has already been created!

If you have any questions or need guidance on this, contact website@HeatherRidgeEstates.net

Let the Forum Fun begin!

Please Join us for the Annual Spring Fling Block Party!

When: Saturday April 16, 2016

Time: 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Where: Cherry Ct. Cul-de-sac

Catered by:

Babe’s

Bring the Whole Family to Enjoy:

Face Painter
Bounce House
Chicken Fingers or Chicken Fried Steak
Green Salad
Mashed Potatoes & Cream Gravy
Grandma’s Corn
Biscuit with Honey & Butter
Banana Pudding or Cherry Cobbler
Cheese Pizza
Assortment of drinks