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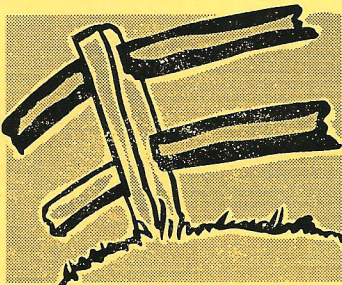
Please bag it

Residents are reminded to place their garbage in bags before placing the refuse in the recently installed garbage container near the gate.

Garbage not placed inside bags can - and has - emit a foul odor after a time.



Work Day



Our fall work day is scheduled for September 25, beginning at 9 a.m. One of the major jobs will be replanting the beds at the gate with the bulbs we extracted late this spring after the blooming season.

Fall picnic October 10

Fall is the prettiest season, at least unless it's spring, summer or winter.

Come and enjoy the color, the crisp air (we hope) and each other at a special fall picnic of Saddle Ridge Property Owners (Association, Inc.).

Bring chairs, tables and a covered dish to the stable area beginning at 2 p.m., October 10.

We hope to make this get-together an annual event. Come meet some

Remember to bring tools, include weed whackers, clippers and work gloves!

Wasn't the summer, however dry up here, wonderful!! The rhododendron did themselves proud. By the way, if you look on the bushes this fall, you will have some idea of how plentiful the blooms will be next summer. The bushes set their buds in the fall.

And this winter, you can help tell the temperature by rhododendron leaves. When it's 32, they begin curling up and when it is frigid, they will be tightly bound and almost a thin line.

of our new residents and get re-acquainted with us old-timers.

We can also wade in the creek and talk to the elk, if conversation lags among us Saddle Riders.



Board has new members

At the annual meeting on July 17, Larry Dicus, Bob Frink, Ed Tipps, Richard Way and John Wilbanks were elected to serve three-year terms on the board of directors.

Charlyse Kerry was elected to

serve the two years remaining on Peggy McCracken's term. Peggy resigned because she was unable to attend most board meetings since she lives out of town.

Congratulations to those elected.

Board meets, discusses contractors, road pact

At its August 21 meeting the newly constituted board of directors discussed at length possible guidelines for contractors since construction is proceeding apace in Saddle Ridge.

There was much discussion about whether or not there is a need to establish such guidelines. Chief reason, the board decided, was to maintain the quality of life known at Saddle Ridge because of the type of development maintained through Jack and Juanita Davis and DCA Inc.

Among the guidelines discussed were having licensed contractors,

have contractors regulate all subcontractors, requiring general liability insurance, having a \$500 road repair deposit for possible damages (as determined by the road committee), requiring silt fencing around construction areas, having a portapotty on site, prohibiting open fires and clear cutting, requiring short loads on concrete trucks (due to the steep terrain), and having all excess concrete on property. Work is still continuing about finalizing and implementation of these guidelines.

Directors also discussed the expiration of the agreement with

DCA on road maintenance. Further discussion will be held on this.

Mailboxes - a subject which also occupied the annual meeting - was another topic. Now, all the mailboxes are standardized and the Knoxville News-Sentinel has placed the newspaper boxes beneath the mailboxes and apologized for the earlier placement which hampered, in some cases, raising the red flag.

Such consideration has been given this area because it is one of the first sights which visitors and prospective owners have of Saddle Ridge.

Tips for winter

Only a few in Saddle Ridge remember the blizzard of 1993. But you can be sure that they are replenishing their pantries right about now.

When the leaves begin to change, we at Saddle Ridge should begin to prepare for days of no electricity, hence (for those of us without generators) no blowers for the heat, no refrigeration (except outside) and no toilet flush.

We up here deal each winter with the troubles foreseen by Y2K.

Here are some tips: Have covered firewood or kerosene heaters. Have plenty of water available in containers. Buying new about now is a good idea if you have had those stored since last winter. (Remember 8 gallons of snow melts to only one gallon of water. And do you know how long it takes to collect eight gallons of the white stuff?). Have lots of canned foods which require no water to fix. (You'll be very frugal with your water). Have a can opener that does not require electricity. (You'd be amazed at how few of us thought about THAT in the past.)

And think about your pets and never get low on their food sup-

plies. And remember, they need water too. Having lots of bird seed around makes the hours without electricity go faster because "our feathered friends" can be very entertaining.

Wrap exposed pipes. When the frigid weather comes, pipes can freeze from the spigot inward.

Try to keep your vehicles topped off with gasoline, especially when snow is forecast. Those trapped up here in the blizzard often sat in their autos to keep warm and listen to the news.

Have a weather radio and plenty of batteries for portable radios or radios that can run off batteries. Have flashlights, lanterns and/or oil lamps. And batteries for those that need them. Remember that without electricity, cordless phones don't work.

When snow is forecast, fill bathtubs with water. You can use that water for the pets and to flush.

Keep in touch with each other if the phones are working to check on your Saddle Ridge neighbors.

All this may sound like lots of work. But those of us who've been up here know what a joy a gorgeous snowfall can be at Saddle Ridge. Bring on the white stuff!!

Elk update

The saga of Elk at Saddle Ridge continues.

The last newsletter had one male and one female inside the pen, one new female roaming free and the older female just taking it all in stride.

The latest: The prodigal returned home. In fact, after being spotted in Saddle Ridge and before the posse could form, she wandered back to the pen's gate by the stable and just walked in when it was opened.

Those involved in the Elk at Saddle Ridge are now discussing the possibility of enlarging the enclosure (since originally we thought we could eventually set them free after a few weeks. That, of course, was before the break-outs). Such a move would give them a larger grazing area.

Go down and visit. Be aware, though, of the male's sharp, hard antlers.

