



Ridge Rambler

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Gate numbers

July	9423
August	8761
September	5041

Annual Meeting

10:30 A.M.
July 15, 2000
East Walland
Baptist Church

Plan to Attend Annual Meeting!!

The annual meeting of the Saddle Ridge Property Owners Association Inc., will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, July 15, at the East Walland Baptist Church, which is the church on the right on East Millers Cove Road on the way to Saddle Ridge.

At its June 3 meeting, the Board of Directors set the agenda for the meeting. Any member of the association having any other matters which need to come before the full membership should contact a board member as soon as possible.

Reports which will be made, include:

- Treasurer's Reports. Ginger Wilson, Treasurer of SRPOA, will report on the dues account. Juanita Davis of DCA Inc. will report on the road maintenance fund.

- Mailbox plans - Richard Way. (see current status elsewhere in this newsletter).

- Road report - Larry Dicus.

- Report on suggestions for contractors - Juanita Davis of DCA.

- Gate problems and solutions - Jim Clinginsmith.

- Election of board members. Five to be elected to replace President Marie Morton, Vice President Danny Carrigan, Marion Madore, Beth Dicus and Les Jewell. A nominating committee of Marie Morton, Juanita Davis and Frank Van Aalst will present a

slate of nominees who have been contacted and have agreed to serve. Nominations will be accepted from the floor, but please check with any person you wish to nominate to make certain they can serve.

If you need an ambulance...

In the past few months several occasions have arisen which have required an ambulance to come to Saddle Ridge.

The Board of Directors at its April meeting formulated some suggestions about transporting sick and injured persons from Saddle Ridge.

The trip from Rural Metro's headquarters on Washington Avenue takes about 25 minutes. If persons needing ambulance are relatively mobile, those transporting them might want to meet the emergency vehicle on the road to the hospital.

Suitable meeting places are the East Walland Baptist Church, the Walland post office and gasoline station complex, the fire department headquarters (both on U.S. 321) or even the garden center near Heritage High School.

Persons calling 911 or the ambulance service directly should inform the dispatcher of their plans to meet the ambulance and give precise details of the meeting location.

SRPOA cancels insurance policy

A total of \$1,130 in insurance policy funds has been returned to SRPOA after its policy was cancelled on a vote of the Board of Directors at the April 1 meeting.

The move came after Director Les Jewell investigated the needs for the policy and found that contingencies which it covered were already covered under the policy which the developer, DCA, carried.

Watch for recycle dates for materials

Homeowners are urged to watch the news media for the date of the collection of hazardous materials, usually held in a parking lot behind the Blount County Courthouse.

Our garbage pickup cannot handle such items as paint, batteries, metal, used oil and many other items which might be considered hazardous.

The date of the collection would be the perfect time to clean property and homes of any such items.

Garbage charges set for coming year

Each homeowner in Saddle Ridge will be billed \$50 as the annual charge for garbage pickup this year.

The bill will be included in the annual billing fees for dues and road maintenance. Please notice the sign, obtained by Les Jewell, which is posted beside the garbage bin which sets forth the regulations for disposal of items. Thanks, Les!

Only household garbage - not construction materials - can be placed in the container. Boxes should be broken down and

placed in plastic bags. All garbage should be in plastic bags. No items should be placed outside the container. They will not be picked up.

And notice the entrance sign to Saddle Ridge, which Les also had made. Hopefully, it will cut down on unauthorized use of the property within Saddle Ridge.

Gate will be replaced soon

The gate leading to Saddle Ridge had finally expired. It had been repaired and repaired, had been struck by lightning and just could not be fixed.

The board at its June 3 meeting, voted to purchase a new gate, which is designed to take the relatively heavy traffic flow. The previous gate was designed to handle about 10 openings per hour.

The board voted to purchase a new operating mechanism, posts on which to install the gate and concrete to steady it. New openers will be required to operate the gate. Each opener will cost \$20. Those wishing to have openers, may obtain them at the DCA Office, when they arrive. There is as yet, no date available for the installation and operation of the new gate. One might be available by the annual meeting. Persons wishing to continue to use the keypad will be able to gain access to Saddle Ridge as before. Note the new numbers in this issue of the newsletter.

Correction!

In the last issue of the newsletter we erroneously attributed the enforcement of suggestions to contractors. As developers, DCA has suggestions and list of approved contractors.

We regret the error.

Board Votes - New Mailboxes

The Board of Directors, at its June Meeting, voted to begin work toward construction of a mailbox facility.

The board authorized up to \$3,000 in construction costs be spent from the road maintenance funds for the facility which has been designed by Richard Way.

Way was authorized to begin working with the U.S. Postal Service and DCA to find a location for the facility. Cost per box for property owners will be \$65.

Persons who are planning to build in Saddle Ridge in the near future and wish to have their mail delivered to this area are asked to purchase the boxes when they are first installed. This will avoid frequent changes in the positioning of each homeowner's box when new residents arrive.

The decision came after Larry Dicus pointed out that the land use restrictions of Saddle Ridge allow for spending for such items from the road maintenance funds.

Way will present a report on the plans at the July 15 meeting. Input about the plans is invited now or at the meeting. However, efforts are being made to keep the annual meeting more on track and shorter. If anyone has questions, they are urged to contact Way before the meeting to see if they can obtain an answer.

The structure will contain metal mail boxes for each property owner and an area for delivery of newspapers - all covered by a roof. There will be parking provided.