


SADDLE RIDGE



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# The Ridge Rambler

SUMMER/FALL 2013

## Passing the Torch

by Roxanne Clapp

Hello Everyone! It has been awhile, and with time comes change. First, Melba Harmon is passing the torch with this issue of the *Ridge Rambler*. After many years of dedication, bringing Saddle Ridge residents and property owners the news of the neighborhood, Melba becomes Editor Emeritus and Theresa Schehr takes over as our roving reporter providing articles and photos of Saddle Ridge happenings, and me continuing with the design and layout of the Rambler.

I started working with Melba a few years ago. I was reading my first issue of the *Ridge Rambler* and saw that Melba was in search of someone to help her out. That was just after we bought our property in Saddle Ridge, and I thought that would be a great way to be connected to the neighborhood. Thank you Melba for helping me make that connection and introducing me to some of the stories of Saddle Ridge. Melba has a special, unique way, of sharing the Ridge news. The *Rambler* readers will miss your musings Melba!

Another change with this issue is that the *Rambler* is going digital! Hope you enjoy



this colorful issue. A special thank you to Ken LaValley for sharing his backyard photo of this cute little ruby-throated hummingbird. Just one small reminder that Saddle Ridge is a great place to be with all the nature that surrounds us.

### Upcoming Dates to Remember:

July 20th, Saturday  
9:30 a.m.  
Annual Meeting  
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**OCTOBER**  
East Miller's Cove  
Road Clean Up

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**October 12**  
Annual  
Saddle Ridge  
Wiener Roast

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**December 2**  
Townsend Christmas  
Parade

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**July 2014**  
Annual Meeting

# President's Message

by Scott Schehr

Hello to our property owners! I hope that you are enjoying the summer. Our record cool spring, combined with record rainfall, has brought us a lush, beautiful landscape here in Saddle Ridge. It has also brought out the wildlife, with reports of bears with cubs, does with fawns, and many little turkeys. Many of us have also seen an unusual number of copperheads and rattlesnakes. The feral pig population is booming as well. As with so many things, we get the good with the bad.

As you are aware, we have several local activities taking place that will benefit Saddle Ridge directly. Alcoa Electric has had tree crews in and around Saddle Ridge for several months now. Their efforts seem to have lessened the number and duration of power outages.



ABC Tree Service, contracted by Alcoa Electric, trimmed trees and limbs from power line areas in April.

Blount County is in the process of replacing the one-lane bridges on East Millers Cove Road. While we have had to make more use of Loop Road than most of us would like, the end result should be worth the temporary inconvenience. The first bridge is now open, with the second bridge due to be started at the end of July.

Recent community activities included the annual Saddle Ridge Ladies Potluck and Gabfest, which was hosted at the home of Judy Pearson and proved to be a fabulous get-together. We had our spring cleanup of East Millers Cove



The Ladies Potluck was held at Judy Pearson's home on March 8. Judy did a wonderful job of welcoming the ladies with festive St. Patrick's Day decorations. There were about twenty ladies that attended. All enjoyed the food and camaraderie.

From left: Mary Glarner, Sue Foster, Debra James, Ann Tedford, Judy Pearson, and Theresa Schehr



Above: Picture of the new bridge on East Miller's Cove Road. Right: Construction of the bridge taken on May 11. Residents had to use Loop Road as detour.

Road, which garnered our volunteers praise from "Keep Blount Beautiful" for the large amount of trash picked up. We had our flag raising and dedication, with refreshments hosted by the Welcome and Hospitality Committee. In spite of inclement weather, we had an excellent turnout to honor those who have fallen to preserve our freedom. We followed with an excellent community clean-up effort lead by Hugh Pearson with his new chainsaw, and Jim Clinansmith with his mobile chipper. Many thanks to all who participated in helping make our community more beautiful and our roadsides safer.



Newly dedicated flag

The SRPOA board has commissioned a committee to provide recommendations to control the activities of our beaver population. The goal of the committee is to find ways to safely protect the integrity of our drainage of the large lake, and prevent further encroachment by the beavers toward the barn area, while preserving the outstanding wetland ecosystem. The committee has made excellent progress to date, and we can look forward to seeing the fruits of their labors soon.

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# Saddle Ridge Goes Green

## Recycling

by Theresa Schehr

As of April, 2013, recycling is now available at Saddle Ridge. Six large recycling containers were placed in the green trash shed near the gate. The system is "single stream", which means that no sorting is necessary. The bins will be emptied weekly on Wednesday afternoon.



Materials currently accepted (subject to change by regulation or available with recycling receiver):

- Broken down cardboard, newspaper, magazines and other bulk paper
- Metal cans and small scrap metal items
- Plastic bottles and containers
- Unbroken glass containers
- Styrofoam

Please ensure that materials are as clean as possible to control vermin.

The recycling is serviced through Woodby Recycling. Josh Woodby also offered to pick up large metal items from your home, such as grills, lawnmowers, or appliances by appointment (865-360-0356). 🌿

## Ridge Rambler Goes Electronic

by Theresa Schehr

The Ridge Rambler has always been a greatly informative and entertaining way to provide information on community activities and stories of the history and happenings in Saddle Ridge and the surrounding communities. Many residents have looked forward to receiving them in the mail. Melba Harmon and Roxanne Clapp have done a wonderful job producing the Rambler these past years. We appreciate all of their hard work and dedication to keep our community connected and informed. A lot of hard work goes into not only getting the information together and producing each edition, but also processing it and preparing the hard copies of the Ridge Rambler. Distributing the Ridge Rambler in hard copy takes time and money. Since we now have the SRPOA website to keep us connected, the Ridge Rambler will be posted at the website only, in color.

Thank you for your understanding as we try to provide the best information as economically as possible.



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## Keep In Touch with Saddle Ridge

by Theresa Schehr

There are two ways you can keep in touch with Saddle Ridge. First, the Saddle Ridge Properties Owners Association website, [www.saddleridgepoa.com](http://www.saddleridgepoa.com), is up and functional again. Also, Saddle Ridge POA has a private group you can join on Facebook.

The website is a helpful tool for new residents, as well as old, with access to the SRPOA By Laws, Covenants and Restrictions (C&R's), Before You Build Guidelines, and a

listing of board members and committee chairpersons. You will also find SRPOA notices and announcements, and board meeting minutes, to keep current on what is happening in the SR community. The website has a gallery of photos that include nature and events that have been captured by our local residents of Saddle Ridge and our surrounding community. Additionally, there is a Bulletin Board to list articles you want to bring to our attention. The

website is a work in progress and there is much more content to be added. Future additions to the website will include past copies of the Ridge Rambler. If you have any suggestions, articles, or photos that you would like posted on the SRPOA website, please send the information to Theresa Schehr at [teschehr@gmail.com](mailto:teschehr@gmail.com) or call her at 865-983-1871.

As well as having the website to  
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# Supporting Walland Elementary School Teachers and Students

Last fall the people of Saddle Ridge responded amazingly to my plea for help for the teachers and children of Walland Elementary School. School supplies for the children and the teachers were given in abundance. Money was given also – enough that provided an I-Pad for the teachers to share. It is used to pull up materials that the teachers use in lesson planning.

As many of you know, many children of the school come from rural, economically-challenged families. Many of them receive “little or no” encouragement and support to succeed at their studies. Parents don’t make sure their children even have basic supplies – notebooks, dividers, paper, pencils, or erasers. The school district provides some and teachers provide the rest. Year after year, the teachers continue to supply out of their own pockets. So as a volunteer, I have decided to see if I can help. “With no guarantees,” I asked the teachers to give me a wish list to work on over the summer months. Some of the wishes are very simple – boxes of Kleenex and hand sanitizer, to a rolling cart with storage shelves. When I’m shopping for things, I use “Dollar Tree” near Lowes. When Hugh and I hit an antique shop, we look for old test tubes, graduated cylinders and other chemical apparatus. As August moves in, many stores run major specials that I watch for. So I’ve decided to ask for additional help. If anyone is interested in helping, they can take one of the following paths – shop with the list in hand, make a donation to Walland school, or give me money to shop and I’ll provide you with a receipt for your tax records. If you shop for things, I will be glad to pick them up and store them until the start of school.

One of the most important things needed are warm bodies. As a volunteer for over 5 years, I pass out more smiles, pats on the back and hugs of support. They really make a difference with some of the children. Please see the wish list below:

- Two sets of speakers for lap top computers
- Dry erase pens and erasers (gobs)
- #2 pencils and Colored pencils, crayons (lots)
- Multi colored file folders – red, blue, green, yellow
- Folders with 3 prongs to hold note book paper
- One 3 hole punch
- Electric pencil sharpener
- Erasers that slide on the end of a pencil
- Books for silent reading – grade levels 1, 2, and 3
- Spiral “wide ruled” notebooks (Not college)
- One dry erase board 7 ft. by 5 ft.
- Small items to be used as reading awards
- Construction paper, craft materials, and poster boards – different colors
- (25) packs of 3 by 5 index cards
- Beakers 1 – 250 ml, 1- 600 ml, and Graduated cylinders
- Pipettes, test tubes, Petri dishes, pre-made slides, and one pair safety goggles
- Rolling cart with storage shelves
- Large storage containers
- CD players or boom boxes
- (20) Thesauruses, a world and a U. S. atlas

Many of the teachers asked for bottles of hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, and Kleenex. I find these at the Dollar Store – 1 box of 175 Kleenexes for a \$1 and they can never have too many. So I’m hoping some of you can help me make a difference for the teachers and children at Walland. If you have any questions, please call me. Judy Pearson • Quail Hollow Rd. • Tel: 865-982 5729.

## ANNUAL MEETING

**Saturday, July 20, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.**

**Potluck breakfast hosted by our Welcome and Hospitality Committee,  
followed by the meeting at 10 a.m.**

**Walland United Methodist Church • East Millers Cove Road**

**It is a great opportunity to enjoy a fantastic meal and connect with your neighbors, old and new.  
(Bring a covered dish!)**

## News from the Beautification Committee

Debra James

SPRING CLEAN UP..... really, was it Spring? Winter just wouldn't let go this year! On March 23, 2013, a group of 17 volunteers donned heavy jackets, rain gear and boots to head out for the annual spring clean-up of the stream and roadsides on E. Miller's Cove Road. Thankfully, the rain ended early that morning, but many of us were wet up to our knees from prowling through the brush. Seven miles of roads were covered with 29 bags of trash collected!

I invite everyone to join us for the next clean-up day. I guarantee you will be amazed by the volunteers that climb up and down a hill on their hands and knees to retrieve a champaign bottle or a faux Christmas tree. Just as amazing are some of the items people discard along the road.

The Hospitality Committee provided refreshments to warm the workers before and after the clean-up.



Photo: L-R 1st row: Ann Tedford, Theresa Schehr, Martha Frink, Judy Pearson. 2nd row: Bob Frink, Debra James, Scott Schehr, Lynn Hopps, Hugh Pearson. Not shown were Lorraine Smith, Betsy & Robert Smith, Jim Tedford, Barb & Jim Clinansmith, Bob & Sally Spista

# Welcome!

## new Saddle Ridge residents and future residents and their families!

### **Welcome New Home Owners:**

*Phillip Bergman – 2005 Oakwood Drive*

*Nat & Gale Flinchum – 1905 Fox Trail*

*Bob Morrison – 1908 Walnut Flats Road*

*Randy Odom – 1968 Oakwood Drive*

*Gunby & Diane Rule – 2131 Sky Top Road*

*Fred Stanley – Saddle Ridge Road*

### **Welcome New Property Owners:**

*Richard Bownlie*

*Claybrook Investments, Inc.*

*Terrance Glarner*

*Patrick Gruetzmacher*

*Mostofa & Anjuman Howlader*

*Randy and Kecia Jones*

*Carl & Mary Koella*

*Paul Lohr*

*John & Glenda Luther*

*MRA Enterprises, Inc.*

*Three Sisters One Associates, LLC*

*Drop us a line and let us know how you found  
Saddle Ridge and why you chose to live here.  
Send your story to Roxanne Clapp, Co-Editor.*

*Rox@rox-c.com*



# May 18 Flag Raising Dedication

by Scott Schehr

It was a rainy morning, but the clouds parted to allow the Saddle Ridge flag raising dedication to take place on May 18th. A new flagpole, which includes a solar light installed at the top for nighttime illumination, was installed near the flowerbed located by the lake. Refreshments were served at the kiosk prior to the ceremony. Scott Schehr, president of SRPOA, presided over the flag raising dedication with the assistance of Bob Spista and Darin Suggs, who raised the flag. Occurring the week before Memorial Day, this dedication gave the Saddle Ridge community an opportunity to honor America, especially the brave souls who made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives to preserve our liberty and way of life. We recognized the men and women who serve, and have served, us in our military. We celebrated and dedicated the acquisition of the lake property by SRPOA, which will be an excellent recreational and environmental asset for our property owners to enjoy for many years to come.

Many thanks to the Welcome and Hospitality Committee members present - Ann Tedford, Barbara Clinansmith, Martha Frink, and Theresa Schehr - for the refreshments served during this event.

Much appreciation to the many folks who joined us to make the dedication a success. 🍷



*The flag is raised with the help of Darin Suggs and Bob Spista. Scott Schehr looks on.*



*Many residents braved the rainy weather to enjoy some refreshment prior to the Flag Raising Dedication.*

**SADDLE  
RIDGE**

**RESIDENTS-  
ONLY**

**FACEBOOK  
PAGE**

Share news with your neighbors. Ask questions, get answers! Keep in touch.

To get signed up, contact Bob Hood, Page Administrator  
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**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**October 12th**  
**Saddle Ridge Wiener Roast**  
More details to be announced.



# SADDLE RIDGE GATE PROCEDURES

These procedures describe the operation of the Saddle Ridge entry gate system.

The gate system consists of a keypad system (housed in a stone pedestal on the left at the gate), a motor driven system to open and close the gate, a battery back-up system to allow the gate to function during power failures and a series of sensors (loops) buried in the ground to detect vehicles.

There are three ways to open the gate:

1. A person wishing entry may use the keypad to enter a four (4) digit code, **preceded by the # sign**. The code must be previously programmed into the system. (Example: #1234)
2. You may use a garage door opener (available at Sears, Home Depot, Lowes, etc.) programmed to work with the gate system. As the person desiring entry approaches the gate, he/she depresses the key on the opener while aiming the opener toward the right gatepost. (To obtain brand of opener and program settings, refer to the contact information below.)
3. At the keypad pedestal there is a screen that will display the residents of Saddle Ridge. Scroll to the person you wish to visit and depress the send button. That person will be called on the telephone. When they answer, the person desiring entry talks to them in a normal voice speaking toward the speaker/microphone located on the face of the display. If the resident called wishes to grant the caller entry, the resident depresses the number 9 key on their touch tone phone. The phone will hang up and the gate will open.

## **! CAUTION !**

To avoid damage to your vehicle, DO NOT try to beat the gate. Be patient and let the gate do its normal cycle.

The sensors buried in the roadway prevent the gate from closing while a vehicle is passing through the gate opening. To exit Saddle Ridge, stop your vehicle at the figure of a bird perched on the split rail fence to the right of the road at the gate as you depart. This is the indicator of where the exit sensor is located.

In the event of a power failure, the gate will continue to function normally for (50) cycles. After (50) cycles or so, it will open and remain open until the power is restored. Once the power is restored, the gate will return to normal operation.

Property owners may request their own personal gate code. This code is for the use of the property owner, family members, close friends, etc. This code should not be given to vendor's contractors, realtors, etc. There are monthly codes designed for those purposes. Monthly codes are generally created quarterly and expire at approximately midnight on the last day of the month of which they are assigned. The monthly gate codes are distributed to property owners with the annual SRPOA invoice of maintenance fees. To obtain the current gate code or assign your own personal gate code, refer to the contact information below. (NOTE: The personal (4) digit gate code is also **preceded by the # sign**.)

Residents have their names and phone numbers programmed into the system so that they may be called from the entry pedestal. Only names are displayed, phone numbers and entry codes do not display at the keypad.

In the event of a gate malfunction, an alarm will sound and the gate will open about half way and stop. Wait a minute or so and re-enter your personal code or call the party you wish to visit and ask them to activate the gate again from their phone. The gate should recycle and resume normal operation.

For any problems with the gate operation, questions, or concerns, please contact Bob Frink at 865-984-4873.

- Bob Frink

# Saddle Ridge Clean Up May 18



*Judy Pearson feeds branches to Jim Clinansmith for mulching. Thanks to Jim Clinansmith for bringing his homemade chipper for disposing the branches from the cut down trees and beaver debris.*



*Frank Aldridge carries away the dead tree that Hugh Pearson cut down. Judy Pearson assisted with the tree removal.*



*Bob Frink and Nancy Cain add mulch to the lake flowerbed.*

*by Debra James – Beautification Committee*

Following the flag raising ceremony on May 18, time was dedicated to cleaning up the roadsides and flowerbeds within Saddle Ridge. Many volunteers worked hard at cleaning, mulching, cutting and hauling away downed and dead trees - making Saddle Ridge a more beautiful place to live. Here is just a sampling of all the hard work that was done....

Hugh Pearson, with the assistance of Frank Aldridge, Scott Schehr and Judy Pearson, cut down and hauled away the dead trees that were in the flowerbed at the gate.

Hugh and Judy Pearson, Jim Clinansmith, Frank Aldridge and Debra James chipped up the debris collected from the lake culverts due to our industrious beavers. Thanks to Hugh and Judy, who so faithfully clean the culverts each week. The beavers had been very busy - the stack was huge. Jim Clinansmith brought his homemade mobile chipper, which helped make short work of the debris.

Thanks to Martha and Bob Frink for picking up and distributing the mulch for the flowerbeds. The flowerbeds at the gate were weeded and mulched by Debra James, Theresa Schehr, Martha Frink, and Judy Pearson, while Nancy Cain, Liz Domingue, and Lorraine Smith weeded and mulched the lake flowerbed. Additionally, Martha, Bob, Liz and Lorraine put mulch in flowerbeds at Grouse Top and Waters End, Bear Paw, Fox Trail, and Journey's End.

The beautiful spring flowers and flowering trees left pollen everywhere, including the mailboxes at the kiosk. Barb Clinansmith and Theresa Schehr took on the task of cleaning the mailboxes and newspaper bins.

Scott and Nick Schehr sawed and cleared away downed trees from the roadsides on Waters End Road and Grouse Top Road.

There were many groups of volunteers working throughout Saddle Ridge. To the workers that were not mentioned, we certainly appreciate your hard work. 🌱



# Critter Corner

Stories and accounts of the various animals, birds, and insects in Saddle Ridge.

## Outsmarting a Beaver

by Scott Schehr

The beaver is North America's largest rodent. It is nature's greatest hydrological engineer, building dams to contain running water and maintaining large pond areas. It is native to many parts of the country where there is running water, particularly here in East Tennessee.

Unfortunately, the beaver's creations often run afoul of human habitation, as has happened here at Saddle Ridge on our lower lake property. The beavers have built several dams and the ponds are encroaching on the barn area. Of more immediate concern, the beavers make a daily attempt to block the culverts in the dam at the front of the lake, which can cause the lake level to rise dangerously close to overtopping the dam and threatening Waters End and Saddle Ridge roads. We faced a dilemma---what to do to control the beaver's activities to minimize the threat to the dam and stop the encroachment on the barn? How do you outsmart a beaver?

As the SRPOA board discussed the issue, it became apparent that the majority of board members, as well as our residents and property owners, wanted to find a solution that would allow us to protect the safety of our community,

while preserving the quality wetland ecosystem that the beaver dams have promoted. There was much spirited and passionate discussion, which lead to the discovery of our secret weapon. Hugh Pearson.

Hugh Pearson volunteered to lead a committee to study the issue and provide recommended solutions for our beaver problem. Following a lot of research, several meetings, on-site head scratching at the lake and wetland, and many email threads, Hugh provided a diagram designed to outsmart the beavers at the culvert area.

For those of you who don't know Hugh well, a little background is in order. Hugh is our resident informal scientist and mechanical engineer. He teaches wildly popular science classes at Walland Elementary School, during which he demonstrates a number of science experiments and wonders that amaze and entertain the children. Hugh also has an extensive wood working shop at his home producing many beautiful and innovative wooden creations. Hugh and Judy keep a huge garden on their property, with many raised beds, trellises and overhead structures. A tall fence that is electrified encloses the garden. The garden is so secure that many



*Hugh Pearson reviews the plans with the group.*



*The group begins to assemble the sides.*



*Martha Frink (left inside cage) and Judy Pearson work on the last piece of the floor. Scott Schehr (left), Hugh Pearson, Alex Wyss, and Debra James attach the floor to the sides.*



*Cage is flipped.*



*Floats are affixed to the sides and floor.*



*The Launch!*



*Alex Wyss (left) and Hugh Pearson excavate around the drainpipe. Judy Pearson gets a closer look at their work.*



*The project is complete! A job well-done by the "Beaver Deceivers" - Alex Wyss (back row from left), Hugh Pearson, Theresa and Scott Schehr, Debra James, and Scott Schehr. Front row sitting: Judy Pearson and Martha Frink*

jails and prisons would be envious. But now, we go back to the beavers.

Hugh designed a floating fence to attach to the primary culvert. The theory was that if the primary culvert could be kept unobstructed by the beavers, the water flow would remain unabated. The beavers only block the culverts that water is constantly flowing through, so keeping the lowest, primary culvert open should solve our problem. Hugh's calculations were so exhaustive, we will share an excerpt from his last email to demonstrate in his own words:

"My calculations show that the fence will weigh about 169 lbs. Its buoyancy is about 15 lbs. for a net weigh of 154 lbs. The floats will provide about 190 lbs. of lift. The PVC pipe buoyancy fully under water is about 60 lbs. If we assume 3/4 submerged that gives us about 235 lbs. of lift. This will give us about 65 lbs. of extra lift. I believe my calculations are close. Does anyone think we need extra floats for more lift? Also I bought 3/4 inch by 10 ft. (about 1 inch OD) black iron pipe for post. Larger pipe got very expensive and heavy. I got extra pipe and couplings so that we can even out the post. If we drive the post 4 ft. in the lake bottom and have 6 ft. of water, we would need 2 to 6 ft. above water depending on what we decide on how high we let the fence float. There will be 7 posts. I have

no idea of the force of the water on the fence and if the pipe will be strong or stiff enough. It seemed adequate in the store but I do not really know. If anyone has an opinion please email me."

On Saturday, June 15, 2013, the "Beaver Deceivers" (Hugh and Judy Pearson, Martha Frink, Debra James, Alex Wyss, Theresa and Scott Schehr) met at the lake to put Hugh's plan into action. Hugh and Judy had already done extensive prep work, so we were able to hit the ground running. We first constructed the frame for the fence, which is trapezoidal in shape with the narrow end fitting over the culvert, the sides widening out at the rear end to twelve feet wide. The bottom of the fence was enclosed, with the sides being four feet high. Floats were attached to the sides, rear and bottom of the fence. We then carried/dragged the whole apparatus into the lake. We were overjoyed that the fence floated just as designed. Hugh and Alex braved the waters to make the attachment to the culvert. Four steel poles were driven into the lake bottom and the fence attached to the culvert.

The whole construction and installation took just over three hours. We had a lot of fun and laughs doing this project. Look for the next installment of the "Beaver Deceivers" team again soon. Hopefully the beavers will not get the last laugh! 🍷

Send in your photos and stories of critter sightings in Saddle Ridge to appear in a future issue! [Rox@rox-c.com](mailto:Rox@rox-c.com)

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## President's Message



A new flagpole was installed near the lake flowerbed. Darin Suggs (on the ladder), with the assistance of Bob Spista and Scott Schehr, put the flagpole in place.

We have also started a recycling program at our green trash building. We have had a lot of positive feedback from residents. We also received rave reviews from the vendors for the special care our residents use in properly bagging our trash and placing clean recyclables in the bins. The highest praise was given for the excellent job Martha Frink does in keeping the building clean and tidy.

I hope that all of you will be able to attend the annual meeting on Saturday, July 20, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. We will have a potluck breakfast hosted by our Welcome and

Hospitality Committee, followed by the meeting at 10 a.m. We will meet at the Walland United Methodist Church on East Millers Cove Road as we have for the past several years. It is a great opportunity to enjoy a fantastic meal and connect with your neighbors, old and new.

We also are accepting nominations for the SRPOA board, with three positions open at the annual meeting, each with an incumbent willing to serve another three-year term. You can let any board member know of your interest in running in advance, or nominations can be submitted "from the floor" by notifying Secretary Lynn Hopps, prior to the start of the meeting. We are always in need of good committed people to serve on the board, and encourage all property owners in good standing to participate. The rewards are many, especially the continued healthy growth of our community.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the *Ridge Rambler* as much as the many editions in the past, which were produced under the leadership of Melba Harmon. I cannot say enough in praise of the hard work, dedication, concern and caring that Melba has shown for a number of years in producing the *Rambler*. The quality of the *Rambler* has long been a source of pride for our community. Melba remains our editor emeritus, but has passed the day-to-day production to Roxanne Clapp and Theresa Schehr. Please let Melba know your appreciation when you see her.

Have a great summer!  
Hope to see you July 20th!

Scott Schehr – SRPOA President



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## Keep in Touch

obtain and spread Saddle Ridge information, we also have a private Saddle Ridge POA group on Facebook. To be a member of the Saddle Ridge POA group, in your Facebook account, send a friend request to Bobby L. Hood. Bob Hood is the administrator of the private group and will be happy to enroll you into the Saddle Ridge POA group. Facebook allows residents to post real-time happenings, such as road or weather conditions, fallen tree reports, or just residents needing help, assistance, or advice.

These communication tools allow the Saddle Ridge community to be closer and to keep in touch with our neighbors.



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## Resident Services

The *Ridge Rambler* lists those services that are offered by Saddle Ridge homeowners. Please submit a brief description of services you have to offer; such as electrical, handyman, etc., to Roxanne Clapp at [Rox@rox-c.com](mailto:Rox@rox-c.com). Notices are subject to space limitations. There is no charge to Saddle Ridge property/homeowners.

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