



# RIDGE RAMBLER

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## Elk appeal nets funds for food

The appeal which was mailed with the previous newsletter touched the hearts and pocketbooks of several residents of Saddle Ridge.

Because of their generosity, Bo, his ladies and his baby now have sufficient funds in their bank account to keep them in feed for the remainder of the year.

By the way, the baby has been identified as a male. The two males will have to be kept separated, and plans are being discussed by the elk's owners about the next step.

## Annual meeting will be Saturday, July 21

The Saddle Ridge Property Owners Association Inc. will hold its annual meeting at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, July 21, at the East Walland Baptist Church, the small church on the right on the way to Saddle Ridge on East Miller's Cove Road.

All members in good standing (those who have paid their \$20 voluntary dues) are urged to attend with one person for each lot designated to vote.

There will be an election for board of directors' members. Members of the board whose terms are ending include Juanita Davis, Nancy Cain, Charlyse Kerr and Frank van Aalst. The fifth member of the board whose term was scheduled to expire was Ginger Wilson, who indicated she was resigning at the January board meeting.

At its April quarterly meeting, the board voted to amend the by-laws to decrease the number of board members over the next three years so that by 2004 there will be nine. Therefore, the nominating committee consisting of Frank van Aalst, Rob Carroll and

Beverly Carrigan will be presenting members on July 21 with a slate of four.

Other matters which will be brought before the membership include reports from the newly elected treasurer of the dues account, Charlyse Kerr, and the treasurer of the road maintenance fund, Juanita Davis, from the road committee and from Richard Way, who has been handling the construction of the postal kiosk.

There is also scheduled to be a report on the numbers of houses currently under construction and the number of lots which have been sold during the past year.

The executive committee of the board is scheduled to meet just prior to the annual meeting to finalize the agenda.

The board hopes to utilize the time spent at the annual meeting in bringing members of the association up to date on happening at Saddle Ridge during the past year.

Anyone having questions is urged to contact members of the board prior to

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## Board votes to raise road maintenance fees

At its April meeting, the SRPOA board of directors voted to raise the road maintenance fees by \$50 for those lots which contain a house and by \$25 for those which remain empty.

This brings the total for lots with houses to \$440 a year and those lots without such improvements to \$220.

This move was made after referring to the land use restrictions which states that road maintenance fees can only be raised every five years. Such an increase can

only be as much as the cost of living increase over those five years. The cost of living increase has been modified over the years and is now called the Consumer Price Index. According to figures obtained from the U. S. Government statistics chart on the Internet, CPI increase from August 1996 to August 2000 was 12.7 percent. Since road maintenance fees are due July 1, the board used the 1996 through 2000 figures.

The vote of the board of directors came after much discussion centering

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## Saddle Ridge Roads Receive New Names

Three roads have been renamed in coordination with 911 Emergency Services.

A previously unnamed road located approximately three-fourths of a mile from the gate which branches left off Waters End has been named Gobbler Ridge.

A spur off Walnut Flats that runs toward the barn and pasture previously also called Walnut Flats, has been renamed Hawk Hollow.

About a mile to the right off Oakwood Road, a road previously named Oakwood Rd and then Elks Point is now Eagle Pass. Elks Point runs from the end of Chilhowee Loop to the right and intersects Eagle Pass about half way around what many refer to as the "back loop".

These changes were necessary to avoid any confusion for responding emergency vehicles.

## Road Committee May Be Expanded

At its Jan. 18 meeting, the board of directors of SRPOA voted to expand the membership of the road committee to five members and to pay those working on the roadways.

Current active members are Bob Frink, Jim Clinansmith and Larry Dicus.

Clinansmith will act as chairman of the committee and will oversee the road committee members' work

on the roads. He will provide Treasurer Rob Carroll with monthly reports so that members can be paid promptly and accurately.

The system will go into effect in July after the current system of allowing those working on the roads to be exempt from paying road maintenance fees.

Pay will be \$10 an hour, not to exceed \$149 per year per committee member.

## Beautification Plans Include New Trees

The beautification committee with Kathy Wilbanks as chairman has made plans for two new beds at the intersection of Oakwood and Fox Trail to be planted in the spring.

Beds already in existence at var-

ious intersections, thanks to the committee, will be cleaned.

In addition, trees will be planted at the lake and there is discussion about placing a bench there.

A trash pickup will be scheduled soon on East Millers Cove Road.

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## Board Meets Jan. 18,

### Has Varied Agenda

The Saddle Ridge Property Owners Association board of directors met Jan. 18 at the home of Richard and Debbie Way.

Minutes of the Sept. 13 meeting were approved.

Rob Carroll, SRPOA treasurer, presented a new format for that report. Directors complimented him on the form.

Jim Clinansmith presented the report of the road committee.

The need for rock on several roads was discussed. The problem is the weather during the winter months. With the freezing and thawing intervals, rock placed on roads often simply disappears into the mud.

Committee members also have been discussing ditching within Saddle Ridge, something which has not been done in recent memory.

The committee will identify which roads need ditching, then talk with at least two businesses which provide that type of service. Two competitive bids for the work should be obtained by February. If the cost of the work is less than \$30,000, the committee can authorize the work. If more than that amount, directors will be polled for their votes.

The by-laws committee of Phil Spaminato, Debbie Way, and Beth Dicus discussed various sections of the by-laws which are under consideration for changes.

Next meeting was set for 9:30 a.m., April 3, at the Spaminato residence. Another board meeting has been set for June 26, just prior to the annual membership meeting.