

FALCON RIDGE NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2015

ANNUAL MEETING

Our Falcon Ridge HOA Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 4th at 7PM. The meeting will take place at the Sports Club. In early July, you will receive all necessary information in the mail.

PAYING QUARTERLY DUES

Many owners use their bank's online bill pay feature to pay routine bills. Banks process and send these payments to larger, well known and frequently used recipients like the power company, cable providers, credit card companies and others ELECTRONICALLY via ACH. These electronic ACH payments are received instantly by the larger groups without delay. Banks do not send payments electronically to smaller, less recognized groups such as Homeowners Associations. Instead, a physical, PAPER CHECK IS PROCESSED and placed in the US mail adding additional time to the process.

For this reason, owners paying dues through their bank's online bill pay feature should allow additional time and be aware that the date the bank shows "paid" or "received" is in most cases the day a check was placed in the US mail and sent off to smaller groups like homeowners associations.

Homeowners can also pay dues online directly via ACH/eCheck, Debit Card or Credit Card at www.hawthornemanagement.com. Similar to most non-profit groups, homeowners associations cannot afford to absorb credit card and other electronic payment processing fees. A third party payment processing group is used and charges the following fees to assist your community with processing payments via ACH/eCheck, Debit Card or Credit Card.

The processing fees are as follows:

ACH or eCheck \$1 Debit Card \$2.95 Credit Card \$7.95

Treasurer's Report:

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Operating Cash Balance at 05/31/2015: \$35,991.59

Capital Cash Balance at 05/31/2015: \$30,940.21

DOG WASTE

If you walk your dog, please be respectful of your neighbors and your community by picking up after your dog. This includes neighbor's lawns, the area around the clubhouse and other common areas. Plastic grocery bags work well. Please help keep our community neat and clean. It's the right thing to do. Thanks.

HOA BOARD RESPONSIBILITY

Our board has been asked on several occasions to get involved in civil and political issues. Please understand that our board has no authority or responsibility to enforce city, county, state or federal laws or codes. For example, if you see an animal running loose, you need to call 911 or animal control since it is a city ordinance. Our board has no ability or authority to enforce or be involved in such civil issues. We are only responsible for specific HOA issues that are enumerated in our covenants.

TAI CHI / YOGA

We are please to let you know that Tai Chi / Yoga classes will begin in July. You will be receiving a flyer in your mail tubes shortly with all the necessary information. The board has received many positive comments from our residents about this opportunity and we hope you will take advantage of these classes. Remember.....it's free !

SIT & STITCH

The board has given board approved status to a new club. Sit & Stitch will meet on Tuesday afternoons at our clubhouse between 1 & 3 PM. All Falcon Ridge residents are invited to attend and participate.

You can contact Amy Higgins at hcknitandstitch@gmail.com or 704-572-5599 for more information.

FALCON RIDGE BOARD MEETING

Falcon Ridge Clubhouse
9525 Kestral Ridge Dr.
June 15, 2015 – 7:00PM

Members in attendance: Chuck Ende, President; Jim Austin, Vice President; Teresa Hutcherson, Treasurer; Andre Renschen, Secretary; Jennifer Foster, Hawthorne Management.

A quorum is established.

May 18 2015 minutes have been approved and published

Open Session – 7:00PM – 7:30PM

Called to order at 7:00 PM

Treasurers Report – Teresa

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Sit & Stitch - The Sit & Stitch request is unanimously approved.

Clubhouse – Teresa All supplies are OK, Theresa reported that clubhouse rentals are increasing.

Clubhouse maintenance - Chuck

- Pergola repair - discussed and will put on hold for this season.
- Trash container location - The board has received several complaints that the trash containers have offensive odors affecting people using the clubhouse. The board approved relocating the trash enclosure.

Landscaping/Ecoscape

- Pine needle application adjustment - Side of houses on corners that face the street, Ecoscape will keep the pine needles current (to equal the front pine needle dressing).
- Removal of dead bushes at clubhouse and tennis courts should occur this week.
- New plantings at the Falcon Ridge Entrance-Ecoscape
Joe Sporre took a look at our front entrance plants that are not looking good. He checked to make sure the irrigation system was not turned off again. It was on, so he increased the amount of watering due to the heat. He said the plants should be OK.

Question to talk to Ecoscape for early renewal of contract in attempt to get a better deal. **Open Item**

New Business

- Welcome basket/information packet. Andre, Jim and Linda Gorby will work together to produce a new welcome packet for new residents. Jennifer said that she could produce a monthly roster of new residents.

Sunset Neighborhood Watch program With the inception of Next Door is suggested to totally move to the new alert procedures using Nextdoor Neighbor. This would sunset the current email cascade of notices. This was discussed and was approved.

Adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted: Andre Renschen, Secretary

FYI

The board will not meet in July.