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Ranches**
Property Owners Association



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Please Drive Carefully

We sometimes forget that our roads are gravel and how slippery they can be when conditions are dry and visibility is good. The fact is even though a gravel road is even and smooth, the traction of even a four wheel drive vehicle is much less than that of a paved road. This is the reason the Board has posted a maximum speed limit of 35 miles per hour. Traveling on the roads at a faster speed places the driver and the other occupants in the vehicle in danger.

The Board is sad to inform the community that on Friday, February 6, we had a single vehicle accident on one of our roads which robbed a thirty five year old of his life. The accident is assumed to have been caused by several factors, driving too fast, the lack of familiarity of the road, and perhaps alcohol were contributing factors.

Sometimes, drivers of all ages think it is fun to turn a corner a little fast and feel the car slide. While such actions may raise the adrenalin level and give you a rush, it is very dangerous. Please make sure you provide an example by driving safely and never exceed the 35 mph limit on the straight sections of our roadways and slow down to 20 mph on the sharp curves. Tell visitors to please be mindful of the safe speeds and the dangers of going too fast. The Board wants you to see another day.

Water Line Break

On Friday February 6, we had a water main break. Don and Debbie Seip spotted the break on the roadway and promptly alerted the right folks to come and repair it. Keith and Lloyd were quick to come and repair the break. They were here with all the equipment and materials required to fix the leak within a half hour of being contacted. Thank you Keith and Lloyd for your quick action and freely giving up a cold and blustery Friday night to maintain the water service.

Fire Department News

The Board is in the process of filing a petition with the District Court in Pueblo to create the Midway Ranches Fire Protection District. The first step is to sign a petition supporting the creation of the District to the Court. We will keep you informed of the progress. The Board will be sponsoring a voter registration campaign to give everyone an opportunity to vote for the District in November. At the November election we will have the opportunity to vote for the creation of the District, elect a District Fire Board, and bring to reality the long term fire protection of our properties.

St. Patrick's Day

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School News

At the February 24th Hanover School District 28 Board of Education special meeting, the Board voted to close the Hanover Elementary School Building for at least the 2010-2011 school year. Also the decision was made to expand the grade level offerings of Prairie Heights Elementary from its current K-3 to Pre K – 4th grade. Fifth and Sixth grades will be moved to the high school, the grades will still be taught in the traditional method where the students will have a single teacher.

There will be another special School Board meeting on Wednesday, March 8 at the Prairie Heights Elementary School. The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm. The meeting is a community forum and the public is invited to attend and participate. The meeting will cover the additional budget items and will be discussed by the Board. Some of the topics are as follows: Curtailing bus routes, Activity bus schedules, Fees for athletics, Fees to participate in the athletic program, Field trips, etc.

If you would like to speak to the Board, please call Terry at (719) 683-2247 extension 200 and sign up to speak. You may also register before the meeting begins with Terry on March 8th.



May Landowner Meeting

We have secured the Prairie Heights Elementary School for our yearly meeting. The meeting will be held on May 21, 2010 at 6:30 pm. Please make plans to attend.



We will be having an election of new Board member(s). Please be sure to send your resume to the Board no later than April 15, 2010 so it can be included in the May newsletter for all to see and vote. Resumes may be sent electronically to MRPOAboard@midwayranches.com or mailed to Midway Ranches Property Owners' Association, Inc. 2454 Waynoka Rd. Colorado Springs, CO 80915.

The Board welcomes the submission of resumes. The Board will be publishing goals for the next year, as well as roles and responsibilities for Board members, required time commitments, etc. so prospective landowners have an up front understanding of the required commitment for the various positions of the Board.

Control of Your Dogs

Dogs Running Loose

Pueblo County Resolution No. 92-396, Providing for the Control and Licensing of Dogs in the Unincorporated Area of Pueblo County, states it is "illegal to permit any dog to run at large in the unincorporated areas of Pueblo County unless the dog is accompanied by and under the immediate control and restraint of the owner." Uncontrolled dogs can present a serious risk to livestock and wildlife. Dog owners are responsible for their dog's actions, and may be held liable and fined for damages their dogs cause to livestock, wildlife and other property owner's rights.

Please insure you maintain control of your pets at all times and not allow them to run free.

Dogs Consistent Barking

It is important to pay attention to your dog's barking habits. The Pueblo county laws will apply even when your dog is home alone.

County Law: 6.04.040E. It is unlawful for the owner or any person having custody of a dog to keep or permit upon any premises, lot or parcel of land in the unincorporated areas of Pueblo County which by any sound disturbs the peace & comfort of any neighborhood, or in any manner present a nuisance or menace to the public. For the purposes of this section, it shall be presumed that barking, whining, howling, baying or crying of any dog continuously for a period of time in excess of 5 minutes or intermittently for a period of time in excess of 1 hour, which is plainly audible from neighboring properties, constitutes a nuisance.

Incessant barking can be very disturbing to the peace & quiet of a neighborhood. In addition, it violates City & County ordinances to harbor such a disturbance. If your neighbor's noisy pet is habitually disturbing you, please call pueblo Animal Services at 544-3005 extension 4, to learn about possible courses of action.

