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Community Events Update

The annual Green Valley Ranch HOA annual ice cream social and inaugural community yard sale were both great successes. There was an excellent turn out for the yard sale with approximately 20 homes participating. Thanks to everyone that participated. The next community yard sale is scheduled for the 2nd Saturday of July next year.



Between 60 and 70 neighbors participated in the annual ice cream social that took place on June 24th. A big thanks to Amber Perry and Laura Penney for helping to make the event such a success. A special thanks to Dan and Cheri for volunteering their smoker to make pulled pork and brisket for everyone. The next ice cream social will take place in the same location in June of next year.

Living with Wildlife

Bears have been very active this year with several sightings in areas around the neighborhood. Most recently a large bear was seen on Pemberton Way on July 10th. There've also been sightings in Pinon Valley Park and Ute Valley Park. They're attracted to trash left out overnight and bird feeders. Please wait until the morning of trash pick up to put out your cans.

Several deer have been hit on Centennial and Vindicator in recent months. There are several blind spots on Centennial and the deer like to run straight out in the road. Please drive slow and pay close attention when driving on these roads.

Mountain lions have been sighted in and around the Rockrimmon and Ute Valley Park area recently. Please be careful when walking/hiking these areas.

Yard of the Month

Winner of the Yard of the Month for June 2017 goes to David and Cynthia Fitzkee at 5715 Flag Way. Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Fitzkee on an outstanding job.



What can run but never walks, has a mouth but never talks, has a bed but never sleeps, has a head but never weeps?



COVENANT CORNER

Green Valley Ranch Homeowners Association (GVRHOA) would like to say thank you to all homeowners within the community for your attention and cooperation in complying with our covenants. This cooperation assists the Board in limiting assessed fines for continued violations. Although residents periodically violate sections of the covenant rules, the vast majority elect to comply.

Currently the most common violations within our community are as follows:

1. Section 129, Trash containers are to be placed and stored from site so as not to be visible from any neighboring property except during refuse collection days.
2. Section 132, Yards and open spaces to be kept free from plants and weeds that are unsightly to the community and neighboring properties. Trees along the sidewalk common areas are to be properly trimmed.
3. Section 135, Vehicle Parking, or trailers shall not be parked overnight on any street within the subdivision. Overnight Parking Permits for occasional street use is granted by the HOA on a limited basis.

If you plan to change the paint color or roof color at your residence you will need to get approval from the HOA prior to work commencing. The HOA Board continues to keep paint schemes in harmony with colors that currently exist within the community. Please have your colors reviewed before painting your home.

Should you have any questions pertaining to our covenants, or if an additional copy of the covenants are needed please feel free to contact Jeff Voltattorni, GVRHOACC member at (719) 528-6248.

Need to file an animal complaint? Click [HERE](#) to find out how.

How to Achieve a Healthy Lawn



When it comes to sharing lawn secrets, the first one on many garden experts' lips is mowing height. Mowing your lawn too short stresses the grass and leads to a shallow root system. Allowing grass to grow taller promotes better root development as well as shading the ground so it doesn't dry out as fast and keeps weeds from getting the sun they need to germinate. Raise the mower deck to the highest position so you're mowing only the top third of the grass when you cut.

Most modern lawn mowers come with a mulching option. This feature cuts grass clippings into pieces small enough to benefit the lawn. Mulching instead of bagging helps grass retain moisture and puts valuable nutrients back into the soil — up to 25% of your lawn's fertilizer needs. This works best with lawns that are mowed frequently and when only one-third of the grass blade length has been removed. *(continued on page 4)*

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're currently looking for volunteers for our neighborhood watch. If you'd like to learn more about what's needed and volunteer to be part of the watch, please contact Weldon Shaver at (719) 491-0044 or wshaver42@gmail.com.



UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

Click on event name to visit website

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Jun 10 - Oct 28	Old Colorado City Farmer's Market	Bancroft Park, Old Colorado City
Jun 2 - Dec 1	Art Walk in Old Colorado City	Old Colorado City
August 5	Paws in the Park (5K Trail Run/Walk)	Teller County Regional Animal Shelter
August 5	Back to School SummerFest	Southeast & Armed Services YMCA
August 10	Colorado Classic (cycling event)	Colorado Springs
August 12	Broadmoor Pikes Peak Cycling Hill Climb	Pikes Peak
August 18-20	Rocky Mountain Rampage (skateboarding event)	Memorial Park, Colorado Springs
August 18-20	Salute to Veterans Rally	Woodland Park to Cripple Creek
August 20	Customs & Classics Car Show	Bancroft Park, Old Colorado City
August 26	COS International Dragon Boat Festival	Memorial Park, Colorado Springs
September 2-4	Colorado Springs Labor Day Lift Off	Memorial Park, Colorado Springs
September 2-4	Commonwheel Artists Weekend Art Festival	Memorial Park, Colorado Springs
September 2-4	Victor Celebrates the Arts	Victor, CO
September 4	American Discovery Trail Races (5K, 10K)	Palmer Lake & America the Beautiful Park
September 4	Labor Day Vintage Baseball Game	Rock Ledge Ranch
September 9	Pikes Peak Challenge (fundraising event)	Pikes Peak
September 9	What If...Festival of Innovation and Imagination	Downtown Colorado Springs
September 23	Manitou Springs Heritage Brew Festival	Memorial Park, Manitou Springs
September 23	9th Annual Rock Ledge Ranch Powwow	Rock Ledge Ranch Historic Site
Sept 23-24	Pikes Peak Regional Air Show	Colorado Springs Airport
October 1-31	Arts Month	Colorado Springs
October 1-31	Scarecrow Days	Old Colorado City Historic District
October 7	Harvest Festival	Rock Ledge Ranch Historic Site
October 7-8	Reynolds Ranch Harvest Festival	Western Museum of Mining & Industry
October 20-31	Boo at the Zoo	Cheyenne Mountain Zoo
October 21	Giant Pumpkin Festival	Old Colorado City Historic District
October 21	Giant Spirit Tour (craft beer & wine tasting)	Old Colorado City
October 21	The Waldo Waldo 5K	Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum
October 28	Emma Crawford Coffin Race	Manitou Springs
October 29	Howl-O-Ween	Colorado Wolf & Wildlife Center
October 31	Safe Treats and Haunted House	Old Colorado City Welcome Center

Autumn Neighborhood Potluck

September 23, 2017 @ 5:30pm
Pinon Valley Park

Potluck style event—bring a side dish or dessert
HOA will bring the burgers and buns
(additional info will be provided by email prior to the event)



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Even the healthiest lawn gets hungry and needs a solid meal. Twice a year, spring and fall, is the bare minimum most experts recommend for fertilization, though some add a feeding in the middle of the summer.

When grass gets too compacted, nutrients can't penetrate to the root system where they're most needed. That's where aeration - poking holes in your lawn to improve oxygen circulation - comes in. You can aerate your lawn yourself with a simple tool that looks like two hollow tubes attached to the end of a long handle, just be careful around sprinkler lines.



Keep your mower blade sharp to get the best results from each mowing. A sharp blade cuts grass cleanly, while a dull blade tears grass, creating a jagged, uneven edge. A lawn that has been cut with a dull blade develops a whitish or brown hue as the tips of individual grass blades die back. *(Source: HGTV.com)*

Fireworks are illegal in Colorado Springs

The Colorado Springs Fire Department would like to remind our community that fireworks are always illegal in the city limits. All types of fireworks with a fuse and/or requiring a flame for ignition are illegal. Only novelty items (snappers and poppers) are allowed.

A fire started by fireworks that threatens or damages property is a crime of arson. Possession, use and/or the sale of fireworks is subject to a fine up to \$2,500 and/or up to 189 days in jail. All citations will demand a mandatory court appearance in municipal court. Professional public firework displays are regulated and permitted upon approval from the Division of the Fire Marshal under the city code. *(Source: coloradosprings.gov)*

Suggestions? Ideas? Let us know!

If you have a suggestion or idea you'd like to see included in the next newsletter, please email us at greenvalleyranchhoa@gmail.com

Welcome Neighbor!

Please join us in giving a warm welcome to the newest members of our community:

⇒ Tori Prohoda and Andrew DeMoss, 5630 Astoria Way



Did you know there's a "Little Free Library" in your neighborhood?

Little Free Library is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that inspires love of reading, builds community, and sparks creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges around the world. There's a beautiful book exchange on the south-side of Pinon Valley Park near the entrance to Ute Valley Park. It's stocked with plenty of adult reading-level books but they can use more kid-friendly books if you have some you'd like to donate/trade.