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The Ridges Annual

Gingerbread House Decorating Holiday Party

Large, totally edible houses • One house for every two children

Saturday, December 5, 2009

1st Shift 10:00am. 2nd Shift 11:30am.

Spring Ridge Elementary School Cafeteria • 17830 Shadow Ridge Drive

This event is open to all children and grandchildren of dues-paying members of the Ridges Homeowners Association. Register by sending an e-mail to ridgeshoa@cox.net or call Sam Baratta at 402-672-0233.

RSVP by December 2nd

We also need lots of helpers on the day of the event.
Please sign up at your earliest convenience.



Happy Holidays!

Winter Pond Safety

As the winter months approach, it is important to be reminded of the dangers cold weather presents. For the safety of the homeowners **please do not walk, skate or participate in any activity on the ponds** regardless of how thick the ice may seem.

Exterior Lighting

Exterior lighting installed on any Residential Lot shall not disturb the residents of adjacent Residential Lots.

This includes temporary holiday lights.

Lost Dog? Maybe Not

The Ridges private security officers would like to make everyone aware there are some daytime burglaries occurring in West Omaha. Authorities have said that there is a male, early 20's, ringing doorbells and checking for open doors to residences. If someone comes to the door, the individual tells the homeowner that he was in the area looking for his lost dog. If no one answers the door, the individual breaks into the residence. This individual has been targeting guns and jewelry. If you encounter a similar situation, please contact 911 immediately.

Yard Signs

Remember pursuant to Article I Sec 4 of the Restrictions and Covenants "No advertising signs, (contractor, political, etc) billboards, unsightly objects or nuisances shall be erected, placed or permitted to remain on any Residential Lot except one sign per Residential Lot consisting of not more than eight (8) square feet, advertising the lot as "For Sale."

Boat & RV Storage

Boats and RV's are not allowed to be stored on any part of a residential lot for more than three (3) days in any given month.

Garbage

Garbage cans are to always be screened from view and are only allowed to be put out on the day of garbage collection.

Have a dog?

Clean up after your dogs. Do not let them roam free on your neighbors' lawns.

Open Garage Doors

The RHOA wants to remind everyone again that open garage doors are an invitation for theft. If you notice your neighbor's garage door is open at a time it normally isn't or for a longer period of time than you would normally expect please call them to let them know. Make sure your neighbors have your phone number and a way to reach you if they see unusual activity.

Neighborhood Info

Please visit The Ridges official website at ridgeshoa.com to review our covenants, by-laws, rules, Board meeting minutes, back issues of The Ridges Review newsletters and other useful information about our neighborhood.

Tree Pruning

FYI! Eden Tree Pros will be in the Ridges neighborhood between December 1st & March 31st, pruning all HOA trees located in the common areas and interior right of way areas.



Homeowners' Association Design Review Board Reminder

Homeowners are you planning an outdoor renovation? Remember that **all** improvements made to the exterior of your property need approval by the Homeowners' Association Design Review Board (DRB) before the project begins. The DRB needs to review and approve all home renovating (including siding, roofing materials, paint colors, etc), home additions, decks, fences, swimming pools, spas and major landscaping projects to ensure an aesthetic design and compliance with the neighborhood covenants. All plans should include a letter detailing the work to be done, including materials to be used.

Once the plans have been submitted you will receive a letter from the DRB letting you know if your plans have been approved or declined.

Projects that begin in advance of DRB approval may be subject to removal or alteration at your expense. Avoid these headaches by getting proper DRB approval before you start your outdoor projects.

These guidelines are in place to preserve the beauty, quality and value of the neighborhood. Thank you for your cooperation.


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December 31

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THURSDAY

November 26th
Thanksgiving

THURSDAY

November 26th
Holiday Lights Festival in Downtown Omaha

SATURDAY

December 5th
Ridges Gingerbread House Decorating Holiday Party

At the Spring Ridge Elementary School Cafeteria

FRIDAY

December 11th
Hanukkah Begins at sundown

FRIDAY

December 25th
Christmas

WEDNESDAY

December 31st
New Year's Eve

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Most walks take place Sundays at 2 pm. A few happen on Wednesday evenings as well. If the walk is a bit out of town, we sometimes car pool. We also take special trips from time to time. For instance, we have floated down the Niobrara river and visited the bridges of Madison county.

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