



THE VILLAS OF ROCKY RIDGE RANCH

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Villa Views

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What's Happening Around The Villas

MAILBOX BREAK-INS

Canada Post has been alerted to the Villa's mailbox break-ins and has decided to provide our community with more secure mailboxes. According to the notice provided to residents, the new mailboxes will be installed in a few weeks. In the meantime, everyone is encouraged to pick up mail daily. If attempted thefts continue, the absence of packages will be a deterrent.

KNITWITS

The Knitwits is a group of Villa residents who knit and crochet squares to make into afghans that are donated to local agencies that support women, children, and older adults. In the last 16 years they have completed 302 afghans. The group is welcoming new members from the Villas or other areas who are interested in knitting, crocheting, or putting together afghans or contacting agencies and dropping-off completed afghans. The current group will be meeting on February 14. If you are interested in more information, please come to this meeting.

Hosts: Kaz and Carol

Where: 113 Rocky Ridge Villas NW

When: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 1:00 pm

RSVP: Carol

Judy or

Pat

BUILDING A COMMUNITY

This year the Villas of Rocky Ridge Ranch will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of the start of their construction. To mark this occasion, we would like to compile a book of pictures and stories about life in the villas as contributed by residents. Stories do not have to be long to serve their purpose. We would ask that stories and pictures be submitted by May 1 to allow time for the book to be printed. If you would prefer taping your story please let us know and we can help you with that.

Our plan would be to have a book launch by the mailboxes in late summer. We would self-publish a book with a minimum of 24 pages at an approximate cost of \$15.00 per book with an additional shipping

charge of \$15.00 or 20 books could be shipped for \$3.00 per book. If you contribute stories to the book there is no obligation to buy a book. In the meantime, in order for us to determine if there is interest in this project, if you are willing to contribute pictures, stories or assist with the compilation of the book please contact one of the following residents:

Carol #113 or
Judy #118

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS NOT A BOARD-FUNDED PROJECT.

Suggestions:

Here are some suggestions to get you started. You can choose one, many or create your own idea:

- Describe the community when you moved in or as you see it today.
- Describe the community as it was being built.
- What characteristics does the Villas have that attracted you to this development?
- Interesting characters in the community
- Describe significant events.
- First impressions: What did you notice the first time you came to the community?
- A scent in the air? The noise? The quiet?
- Describe how you felt when you moved in and how do you feel now about the community.
- Describe the people.
- Humorous incidents
- Frightening incidents
- On one occasion...
- I'll never forget one incident...
- That reminds me of the time...
- Then there was the time....

SAMPLE STORY

Four Legged Creatures in the Villas

Having lived in Silver Springs for many years we rarely saw much wildlife, save for the odd snowshoe hare or skunk. That changed dramatically when we moved to the Villas in 2013. Early one February morning, in our first year here, we turned on the kitchen light and, in the dim morning light, were greeted by two huge moose staring at us as we poured our morning coffee. They even seemed to respond to our voices, as we looked on, spellbound. We felt as if we were nose to nose with them, only two thin panes of glass separating us. They continued exploring our backyard, looking for a way out. The snow on the steep backyard made the hill too slippery to try jumping the fence so they continued eastward in search of a better escape route. A while later we saw them trotting back down our front street, with the hope of, perhaps, stumbling on the footprints they'd made where they entered our property. They eventually made their way back to Rocky Ridge Drive but found it no easier to navigate than our Villas.

There were even more fences to block their movement! Fish and Wildlife officers met them along the Drive, tranquilized them and hauled them away in the first part of a catch-and-release operation. The moose pair gained celebrity status by making it onto the 6 o'clock television news that fateful day. In our time living here we have seen not only moose but bobcats, coyotes, hares, domestic rabbits, a muskrat, and a skunk.

Submitted by Carol and Allan Rix

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