



## THE VILLAS OF ROCKY RIDGE RANCH

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### Villa Views

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## What's Happening Around The Villas

### NEW MAILBOXES

By now you have already discovered the location of your personal mailbox in the new community mailbox. If you haven't yet disposed of your old mail keys please be aware that Canada Post does not want them back and the metal in them cannot be recycled in Calgary. According to the 'What Goes Where' website, old keys should be disposed of in the garbage.

### GARBAGE BAGS FOR THE BLACK BIN

According to Calgary Urban Recycling (CUR) all items in your black bin should be placed into plastic (polyethylene) garbage bags before going into your bin. For worker safety, they can then simply grab the bags from your bin and toss them into the truck. Individual garbage items do not have to be touched by their workers.

### GARDEN WASTE SHOULD BE LEFT FOR GREEN ACRES

For those of you who are gardeners, taking care of a flower bed, please be aware that garden waste, such as weeds, leaves, branches and root balls, should not be placed in bags and put out separately beside your other compostables. CUR charges extra for collecting garden waste. Green Acres, on the other hand, will take it away free of charge. So, if your bagged garden waste will not fit in your green bin, leave it for Green Acres. Just pile it at your curb or bring it down to the mailboxes. Pick up will usually be on a Monday when Green Acres normally cuts our grass.

### ALARM GOES OFF IN AN UNOCCUPIED VILLA

A few weeks ago, an alarm went off inside one of our Villas, that had been unoccupied for a long time period. The sound of the alarm could readily be heard on the outside of the unit. This could have been the result of carbon monoxide leaking from the unit's furnace, but it turned out that one of the built-in smoke/carbon monoxide alarms had simply reached the end of its life. These alarms are intended to last only ten years before needing replacement, and this alarm was nearly 10 years beyond its best-before date! These alarms do not have a replaceable battery. The whole alarm needs to be replaced with a new unit and wired into the home's electrical system. Every one of our 56 units has two of these alarms – one located on each level. It is recommended, for safety's sake, that both alarms should be replaced together. If your alarm hasn't been replaced in a long while, or you haven't lived here long enough to know when it was replaced, it is time to arrange for a replacement. An electrical contractor or a handyman can do this for you.

### WHEN YOU'RE AWAY YOUR KEY SHOULD BE AVAILABLE LOCALLY

The smoke alarm going off highlights another shortcoming in our procedure for gaining access to unoccupied units. To investigate the cause of a problem, it can be really important to get in quickly. All

residents should have a 'buddy' within the Villas where their key is available at a moment's notice. By all means, give a key to your family or friends, but ensure that another key to your place is close by. When you are away, please let Ursula know, preferably by email, who has your key.

And don't forget, when you're away someone needs to check your place every 72 hours. This is a requirement of our insurance policy. It is not negotiable. You can arrange to have your 'buddy' do this for you.

## **RUN YOUR EXHAUST FAN REGULARLY**

These fans are usually in a bathroom, but we found one unit with their vent located in a hallway! Regardless of their location, they need to be operated regularly to prevent a build-up of ice inside the pipe. The insulation above your ceiling is meant to keep you warm inside your unit but it also serves to keep any ice, inside the vent pipe, from melting when the temperature warms up. So even in the warmup to Spring your ceiling fan could drip water on you or leave a water stain on your ceiling. Set the fan to run for an hour or so to allow the warm air going through to melt and evaporate some of that ice.

## **THE POTLUCK WAS A GREAT SUCCESS !!!**



Thank you to everyone that attended the potluck on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Eighteen of us showed up to share a potluck lunch with The Rocky Ridge Prime Timers at Rocky Ridge Ranch. We were greeted by such friendly faces as we all arrived at the community center. The shared food was delicious and it was so good to get out and renew pleasantries with each other and meet our surrounding neighbours after such a long winter.

The Prime Timers have invited us to do another potluck in the future and we certainly look forward to getting together again. Again, thank you to the Rocky Ridge Prime Timers for their hospitality and invitation/s.

Our next get together will most likely be a Wine and Cheese by the mailboxes once the snow disappears and Spring has a foothold on the weather.

## **25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY BOOK**

Thank you to the residents who submitted stories for the book. We look forward to receiving more stories in the next month. Some details about the book are found below. 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 or Judy.

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS NOT A BOARD-FUNDED PROJECT.

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....