

Section 1: Next Board meeting & Annual HOA meeting

- Next Annual SRHOA meeting: July 2024 at Journey Church (Day & Time to be Circulated Prior to July)
- HOA & ACC Board Positions: If you are a resident who would like to get more involved in our neighborhood and are interested in joining either the HOA Board or the ACC, please plan to attend the annual SRHOA meeting. At each annual SRHOA meeting, we discuss any available Board and ACC positions and vote to elect resident volunteers for those positions for the next HOA Fiscal Year. Feel free to reach out to the SRHOA email if you have any questions.
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Section 2: 2024 Annual Dues

- Thank you to everyone who paid dues for the 2023-24 fiscal year! For more information on how to pay your dues (including the option to pay through Zelle) or what your contributions help support, hop over to check out the Surrey Ridge HOA website! www.surreyridge.co

Section 3: Surrey Ridge Trail Signs

- New trail signs will be installed on various Surrey Ridge trails. The install date is planned for **Saturday, April 27th** throughout the neighborhood. We hope everyone is ready to enjoy the new signage and our beautiful neighborhood once the trails dry out from our spring storms!

Section 4: Springtime in Surrey Ridge

- Greenery is starting to show throughout Surrey Ridge and signaling the beginning of spring and the gardening season! In preparation for summertime yardwork and gardening, see below some of the available Colorado resources:
 - Castle Rock's Garden in a Box Program**: This is a great program for Castle Rock residents to purchase a pre-designed "garden-in-a-box" for planting in their yards. The boxes include options for both sunny and shady areas as well as options for native plants and plants that attract pollinators. All plant options are specific to Colorado's climate and come with a handy plant-by-number design and care guide. March preorders are now open at ResourceCentral.org/Gardens for any interested residents!
 - Douglas County Slash Mulch Program**: Another great free summertime program is the Slash Mulch program, which is expected to open on April 6th through October 26th (weather permitting) on Saturdays only from 8am to 5pm. You can bring your yard waste to either of the drop-off locations to be mulched (check the Douglas County website for a list of acceptable yard waste items). You can also pick up loads of mulch for free to use for your own projects. This program is great for summertime scrub oak trimming!
 - Colorado Master Gardener – Douglas County Extension**: Douglas County residents can contact a Master Gardener through phone or email for any gardening questions! Master Gardeners are trained volunteers available to answer horticulture questions, including topics such as vegetable gardening, flowers, trees, lawns, pruning, watering, plant disease and diagnosis, and insect problems. Email: dcmgardener@gmail.com or Phone: **720-733-6930**
 - Request-A-Bug Program**: Contrary to this program's name, it's an interesting offering through the Colorado Department of Agriculture for residents to request biological control agents for invasive plant species. Included amongst these offerings are mites for field bindweed control and gall flies for Canada thistle control. The availability of biocontrol agents through this program varies year to year. Check out the Request-a-Bug Program on the Department of Agriculture's website for more information on how to order.

Section 5: Surrey Ridge History (Part 3 of 7) – Visit <http://www.surreyridge.co> for the full story:

Way Back When Part III

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In the last installment we learned that Arthur Ceresa owned all of today's Surrey Ridge and Estates and most of Oak Hills. What happened to Art?

Art Ceresa and his wife Mary, a gracious woman, owned and operated the Happy Canyon Ranch headquartered west of today's decaying Happy Canyon Ranch sign. The Ceresas lost their only child, a son, in his early 20s due to an untreated illness because Mary withheld medical attention due to being skeptical of doctors. This left Art a bitter man.

The Ceresas sold the ranch in 1965 to the Medima developers and the Alsum brothers. They received \$1,100 per acre and became even wealthier. Following this sale, Ceresa got nervous about perspective neighbors being too close, so he bought back the lots on each side of his ranch house for a tremendous amount of money.

In the 1960s, the Ceresas had a live-in Swiss/German maid named Luzi. Luzi spoke limited English and was vocally disappointed in the outcome of WWII! When Mary Ceresa passed away about 1970, Luzi continued to live with Arthur and married him in ~1975.

During these years, Art’s cousin, Herman, ranching on the eastern side of Exit 190, financially supported family members in Austria/Switzerland. These relatives were slated to inherit Herman’s land. During this period in the mid-70s, Herman was found in his yard, dead from a gunshot wound. It was suspected, but never proven, that Luzi killed him. Property taxes became due on Herman’s estate. The Swiss relatives were unable to pay or were unaware of these taxes. Art paid the back taxes and as a result, took ownership of all Herman’s land.

Art was around 90 years old when he died in 1985. Luzi inherited all Ceresa’s money except for 10 acres which he bequeathed to a loyal ranch worker. Luzi was furious about these 10 acres. She took the entire estate, provided nothing to other Ceresa family members, and moved back to Europe.

Section 6: Annual Calendar of Events

- There is now a large whiteboard sign posted at our Surrey Ridge Park, where we will post reminders of all upcoming events.

SURREY RIDGE HOA EVENT CALENDAR – 2024

NO	EVENT NAME	EVENT DETAILS	LOCATION	EVENT CONTACT
1	Easter Egg Hunt	Saturday, March 30 th @ 11:00am	Surrey Ridge Park	Megan at 303-548-2651
2	Spring Neighborhood Cleanup	Saturday, April 20 th Refreshments @ 8:30am & Cleanup starts @ 9am	Surrey Ridge Park	Jamie at 720-384-5309
3	Spring Annual Trail Cleanup	TBD	Surrey Ridge Park	Jerry at 360-420-0478
4	Summer Stampede & Barn Dance	Sunday, June 9 th : Stampede & BBQ @ 1:00pm – 5:00pm	Stampede: Upper Coral	TBD
5	Annual HOA Meeting	July 2024: Meeting Date & Time TBD	Journey Church	Amber at 213-200-2051
6	Fall Neighborhood Cleanup	TBD	Surrey Ridge Park	Jamie at 720-384-5309
7	Fall Annual Trail Cleanup	TBD	Surrey Ridge Park	Jerry at 360-420-0478
8	Annual Car Show	Saturday, October 5 th : Hamburgers & Hot Dogs provided by SRHOA; Neighbors to provide Potluck Sides @ 4pm	Surrey Ridge Park	Ed at 626-688-8484
9	Halloween Hayride Trick or Treat	Thursday – October 31 st : Meet @ 5pm	Cul-de-sac at the south end of Corral	Stephanie at 720-300-6552