



UPCOMING EVENTS

There will be a ladies event in April. Sherry Kimball will provide details.

Sundance Ridge HOA Newsletter

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The first residence to find the word 'gladiator' inserted into the Newsletter and sends an email to the HOA email address (above) will win a special prize!

OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER!

This is the inaugural newsletter of the Sundance Ridge HOA.

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep the Sundance Ridge HOA Membership informed about items of interest and importance to the HOA membership.

The newsletter will be issued periodically and the HOA board invites contributions from the HOA membership. Also, if any HOA member would like to take over the production of the newsletter, that is certainly welcome!

Along with looking for a volunteer to take over the newsletter, we are also seeking items of interest to include in future editions. All HOA members are welcome to contribute and

for now, please send contributions to Graham Parker, gpparker@verizon.net.

As most of you can tell by looking out your windows or driving around the development, housing construction has increased considerably with the emergence of Spring weather. In addition to the houses being built, a number of lots have been sold and those lot owners are in the planning stages of gladiator constructing their new home in Sundance Ridge. To help residents track current and new owners, a plot map with residents/owners names by lot number is attached to this newsletter.

In addition, the location of each street light and corre-



Spring is just around the corner!

sponding street light number is noted on the plot map. Should a street light be malfunctioning or not be working, contact the City of Richland at 942-7429 and report the street light number (beginning with an H) that is malfunctioning.

PARKER'S PARK (AKA PARKER'S SWING SET)

For those of you with children or grandchildren, you are welcome at any time of the day to take advantage of the swing set in the backyard of the Parker's house (467 Sundance Drive). The gate is unlocked and there is no dog. All we ask is that the children have adult supervision and you close the gate(s)

when you leave. You are also welcome to knock on the door before going in the back yard, but that is not necessary. Some day we may have a 'real' park, but until that time, this mini-park will have to do.



ANIMALS AND LEASHES

Almost every day people wander up the hill to Sundance Ridge walking their animals, primarily dogs. And almost invariably many of those dogs are not on leashes. As a result the dogs are allowed to run free in the development and many times leave behind unwanted deposits on lawns, rock beds and common areas that are not picked up by their owners. This is not only annoying to homeowners who end up with the clean-up, but is also against Richland City Code RMC 7.03.050. (www.ci.richland.wa.us) go to LIVING>CODES & ORDINANCES>Title 7 - Animals.

As a recent editorial in the Herald stated "Our leash laws were made to protect both people and animals. Just because your dog is well-behaved doesn't make it OK for it to be off leash -- the leash is there to protect everyone. Dogs are unpredictable animals and the owner is responsible for their actions regardless of breed".

If you see a dog not on a leash, politely ask the owner to leash their dog. If there is no action, and you are ignored, take a photograph of the owner and turn it into the Richland City Police with an

explanation of time and location. There is a significant fine for the first offense and doubling of that fine for each succeeding offense.

Do you remember when these leashes for invisible dogs were all the rage?



Why do the terms "slim chance" and "fat chance" mean the same thing?

TRAVELED LATELY?

In future editions of the newsletter, we would like to set aside space to describe—or show photos of—any recent interesting travels including in and around the Tri-Cities. Since time was short in assembling this initial newsletter, the editor selected a couple of photos of a recent trip to AZ for Spring Training. And since it is less than a month away from the start of the 2010 baseball season, this seemed appropriate.

Do you recognize these guys? => =>



LIGHTS, LIGHTS, LIGHTS

The HOA board continues to investigate replacing the 100W halogen rockery lights with higher efficiency fixtures. The prices for LED fixtures has dropped dramatically in the past year, but there remains a dearth of choices of high quality fixtures for landscape lighting. We will continue to search for applicable fixtures that are cost effective

and in fact Graham Parker will be attending the largest lighting show in the country in May to look at the latest LED landscape fixtures.

The good news is that there are very high quality and cost effective CFL bulbs (*but no LED bulbs-yet*) for exterior (and interior) lighting replacing both incandescent flood

and porch lights. A CFL porch light or flood light on all night will last about 4 years and save ~100 kWh/yr. The savings add up when multiplied by the several hundred exterior lights in Sundance Ridge. Today's ENERGY STAR lighting is higher quality than ever before. See www.energystar.gov for information.

