**JULY 2024** 

#### MERIDIAN RANCH NEWSLETTER

ISSUE NO. 41



Meridian Service Metro District Recreation Center Mission:

To offer a healthy lifestyle for the residents of Meridian Ranch through facilities and programs for personal fitness, group exercise, organized sports, aquatics, and special community events.

#### MERIDIAN RANCH RECREATION CENTER



RATE: \$50 RESIDENTS \$70 NON-RESIDENTS

**CAMP SHIRTS INCLUDED!** 



AGES 7-12 \$50 PER RESIDENT \$70 PER NONRESIDENT

JULY 9-JULY 11 9:00AM-1:00PM

#### MERIDIAN RANCH REC CENTER

### BASKETBALL CAMP SCHEDULE

| 8:50AM-9:00AM   | DROP-OFF   |  |  |  |
|-----------------|--|--|--|--|
| 9:00AM-9:15AM   | STRETCH/WARMUP   |  |  |  |
| 10:20AM-11:00   | STATIONS   6 STATIONS 7 MINUTES                          |  |  |  |
| 11:00-11:15AM   | CAMP WIDE KNOCKOUT                                       |  |  |  |
| 11:15-11:30AM   | BIG GROUP BALL HANDLING                                  |  |  |  |
| 11:30-11:50PM   | 20 MINUTE SNACK/BREAK                                    |  |  |  |
| 11:50AM-12:30PM | COMPETITIONS  DRIBBLE KNOCKOUT  HOTSHOT  SHOT OF THE DAY |  |  |  |
| 12:30PM-1:00PM  | SCRIMMAGE  |  |  |  |
| 1:00PM          | PICKUP   |  |  |  |







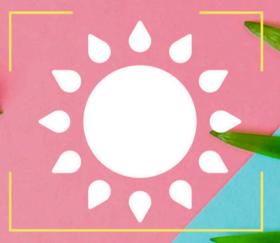
12 Teams Total

Cost: \$400 per team \$50 per FA

Registration Opens July 15

# PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

FRIDAY JULY 12TH AND 26TH AGES 5 - 12 | 5:30 - 10PM



RESIDENTS \$25 ADDTL. KIDS \$20

> NON-RESIDENTS \$30 ADDTL. KIDS \$25

POOL

MOVIE

PIZZA

GAMES

CALL OR EMAIL CHILD WATCH TO REGISTER CHILDCARE@MERIDIANSERVICE.ORG

SHOT DECORDS AND PHYSICAL RECLLIDED FOR PARTICIPATION



We will be walking to Fairway Heights Park

#### **PLEASE BRING:**

- Sack lunch
- Swim suit
- Towel
- Sunscreen

#### **ACTIVITIES:**

- SWIMMING
- PARK
- CRAFTS
- GAMES

REGISTER IN THE CHILD WATCH

\*Registration paperwork required in advance.\*



### WATER RESTRICTIONS

Effective June 28, 2024 Meridian Ranch is in **Stage 1** Water Restrictions

- Voluntary no watering between 10:00am-6:00pm
- Voluntary no watering on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays

Please refer to our website at www.meridianservice.org for additional information and updates

#### CYCLE AND SOAK

The best way to water your lawn is to use the "cycle and soak" method. This method breaks up your watering time into smaller cycles, allowing the water to soak into the soil.

If an area is watered too fast for too long, many soils can't absorb it, resulting in runoff.

#### HOW TO CYCLE AND SOAK

- Divide the zone's watering time into two or three cycles.
- Water the first cycle and wait one hour.
- Water the second cycle and wait one hour before running a third cycle if necessary.
- For more information on how long a zone should run, check out the sample schedule on the back.
- Don't water for short periods in both the morning and the evening. The water doesn't soak deeply into the soil, leading to shallow roots and unhealthy grass.

#### BENEFITS

- The cycle and soak watering method not only saves water, but also improves your lawn's health.
- Moisture deep in the soil promotes deeper roots, which contributes to a thicker, healthier, greener lawn.

Learn how easy it is to use the cycle and soak method by watching a short how-to-video at youtube.com/springsutilities.









#### WATERING SCHEDULE

#### Fixed spray heads



#### Rotor heads

#### Manual sprinklers



3 cycles x 7 min.

(2 days per week)

3 cycles x 7 min.

(I day per week)





2 cycles x 23 min.

(2 days per week)

2 cycles x 23 min.

(I day per week)



20-30 min.

(2 days per week)

20-30 min.

(I day per week)

| January               | Water 1 to 2 times per month with hose-end sprinkler when persistent dry weather dictates. |                    |                    |                   |  |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--|
| through <b>M</b> arch | Make sure temperature is above 40F when watering.  |                    |                    |                   |  |
| April                 | 3 cycles x 7 min.  | 2 cycles x 30 min. | 2 cycles x 23 min. | 20-30 min.        |  |
|                       | (1 day per week)   | (1 day per week)   | (1 day per week)   | (1 day per week)  |  |
| <b>M</b> ay           | 3 cycles x 7 min.  | 2 cycles x 30 min. | 2 cycles x 23 min. | 20-30 min.        |  |
|                       | (2 days per week)  | (2 days per week)  | (2 days per week)  | (2 days per week) |  |
| June - August         | 3 cycles x 7 min.  | 2 cycles x 30 min. | 2 cycles x 23 min. | 20-30 min.        |  |
|                       | (3 days per week)  | (3 days per week)  | (3 days per week)  | (3 days per week) |  |

2 cycles x 30 min.

(2 days per week)

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(I day per week)

November through December

September

October

Water 1 to 2 times per month with hose-end sprinkler when persistent dry weather dictates.

Make sure temperature is above 40F when watering.

#### STEP 1

Check the type of sprinkler and program your irrigation controller for the recommended number of cycles, minutes and watering days each week.

#### STEP 2

Adjust for site-specific needs or to compensate for weather changes.

Visit csu.org for more water-wise information, including irrigation rebates and instructional videos.

#### FIVE TIPS FOR WISE LANDSCAPE WATER USE

- Check your sprinkler system monthly for leaks, misalignment and breaks.
   Make necessary repairs.
- Add a rain sensor to prevent your sprinklers from running during rain,
- Replace fixed spray nozzles with multi-stream nozzles for better coverage and less runoff.
- Swap old sprinkler heads with pressure-regulating heads to minimize misting.
- Eliminate low-head drainage with sprinkler bodies with check valves.



#### St. Jude Dream Home Giveaway



On behalf of all the children and families at St. Jude, we would like to thank you for supporting the 11th Annual St. Jude Dream Home Giveaway in Colorado Springs. All 12,000 tickets sold out, raising \$1,200,000 dollars for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The house was built by Covington Homes located in Meridian Ranch. We are overwhelmed by the community support for the mission of St. Jude! This will help ensure that St. Jude continues its life-saving research and treatment of childhood diseases.

St. Jude is leading the way the world understands, treats, and defeats childhood cancer and other deadly diseases. Families never receive a bill from St. Jude for treatment, travel, housing, or food, so they can focus on helping their child live.

Treatments invented at St. Jude have helped push the overall childhood cancer survival rate from 20% to more than 80% since it opened 60 years ago. St. Jude is working to drive the overall survival rate for childhood cancer to 90%, and we won't stop until no child dies from cancer. St. Jude freely shares the discoveries we make, and every child saved at St. Jude means doctors and scientists can use that knowledge to save thousands more children around the world.

We continue to make great strides, and it is now possible for more and more children to grow up healthy and strong. And we won't stop until no child dies from cancer. Your support is truly appreciated. Thank you for thinking about the children of St. Jude.





#### Social Media vs. the Homeowner Portal

Social media platforms like Facebook and NextDoor are great places to get gardening tips from your neighbors, exchange recipes with your friends, and post about your child's graduation, but this is not where any residents should be going to obtain information about their community's governing documents, ask questions about a submittal or about a letter received in the mail. Social media can be beneficial in bringing people together and creating a sense of community, but it is never where you should be going to ask the DRC questions. The DRC is not on Facebook or NextDoor to answer your questions and to provide the information you are looking for. When someone brings an issue being discussed on a social media platform to our attention, we will reach out to the owner to correct any misinformation that is being spread.

The Meridian Ranch Design Review Councils each have a website, email addresses, and phone numbers. If you have questions about anything related to the DRC, contact them directly using the information below. When you go to social media, you are getting someone's opinion, but this does not mean you are necessarily getting correct information. Some residents are well-informed and give out great information, while others are well-intentioned but incorrect. Similarly, complaining about a constantly barking dog or a yard full of weeds on social media does not inform the DRC of an issue. We are happy to follow up with these types of issues, but if you don't tell us what is going on, we cannot help!

If you live in DRC 1, your Homeowner Portal can be accessed by going to the website, <a href="http://portal.warrenmgmt.com/?c=16">http://portal.warrenmgmt.com/?c=16</a>. The contact information for DRC 1 is as follows: General Questions: <a href="MeridianRanch@MeridianRanchDRC.org">MeridianRanchDRC.org</a> and 719.685.8727 Governance Questions: <a href="GovernanceDRC1@MeridianRanchDRC.org">GovernanceDRC1@MeridianRanchDRC.org</a> and 719.653.3009 Submittals: <a href="DRC@MeridianRanchDRC.org">DRC@MeridianRanchDRC.org</a> or 719.653.3011

If you live in DRC 2, your Homeowner Portal can be accessed by going to the website, <a href="http://portal.warrenmgmt.com/?c=99">http://portal.warrenmgmt.com/?c=99</a>. The contact information for DRC 2 is as follows: General Questions: <a href="mailto:MeridianRanchDRC.org">MeridianRanchDRC.org</a> or 719.685.8728 Governance Questions: <a href="mailto:GovernanceDRC2@MeridianRanchDRC.org">GovernanceDRC2@MeridianRanchDRC.org</a> or 719.653.3010 Submittals: <a href="mailto:DRC@MeridianRanchDRC.org">DRC@MeridianRanchDRC.org</a> or 719.653.3011

If you are unsure of where your question should be sent, just send it to the general inbox. The team is happy to direct you to the appropriate party within the DRC Management Team and we will let you know if this is something you will need to reach out to the Metro District or the County to get answered. You can see the Governing Documents including the CC&Rs and the Design Guidelines on the website without logging in. Only homeowners have access to the full Portal, but anyone can access the public documents. If you are a new resident or have never accessed the Portal, use the Sign Up option at the bottom of the page and after receiving and reviewing your request, the team will approve your login.

The DRC is looking for an open line of communication with residents and we want you to always have access to the correct information. One of the issues the DRC is experiencing is a lack of up-to-date contact information for residents. If we don't have a current email address or a good phone number for you, you may not be getting important information and communications from the DRC. If you have a neighbor or a friend who seems to not be receiving newsletters from the DRC when they're sent out or the Broadcast Emails about upcoming events, please tell them to reach out to the DRC! We can update the information in a matter of minutes and many miscommunications could be avoided.

#### Governing Documents can be found on the websites:

http://portal.warrenmgmt.com/?c=16 (DRC no 1) http://portal.warrenmgmt.com/?c=99 (DRC no 2)

#### Questions? Please contact your Meridian Ranch DRC Management Team:

Jamie Adams, CMCA, AMS, PCAM - Managing Agent - Jamie@warrenmgmt.com

Chaylyn Petrik, DRC Coordinator - DRC@meridianranchdrc.org

Julie Sampson, Governance Coordinator DRC 2 - GovernanceDRC2@meridianranchdrc.org

Hannah Shea, Governance Coordinator DRC 1 - GovernanceDRC1@meridianranchdrc.org







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Stonebridge Lodge Summer Happenings!

Red, White, and Blue Happy Hour on **Thursday**, **July 11**<sup>th</sup> from 4 a.m. to 7 p.m. Event is for ages 21+. Have fun, meet your neighbors and maybe even win some door prizes!

Annual BBQ for all ages and families on Saturday, August 17th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Please check the bulletin board at Stonebridge Lodge for more details. All events have been posted on the community calendar on the homeowner portal!

The next Blood Drives are scheduled for August 26<sup>th</sup> and October 21<sup>st</sup>. More information to follow.

#### Community Clean Up in June was a huge success!

Volunteers from Liberty Tree Academy participated in cleaning up the trails. Over 60 bags of trash were collected! The trails which received much needed trash pickup were Stonebridge, WindingWalk, Eastridge and Rolling Hills Ranch! Thank you, thank you, Thank you!





Huge thank you to SOCO Waste for continuing to give top notch customer service to our community! Over 70 tons of trash was picked up in the three days the event was held.

Goodwill and Blue Star Recycling also filled their trucks with electronics, clothing, bikes and household items! Thank you to everyone who participated!

#### Portal updates:

Visit <a href="https://portal.warrenmgmt.com/?c=95">https://portal.warrenmgmt.com/?c=95</a> to review the latest reserve study, master certificate of insurance, and the board meeting minutes.

Monthly Assessment payments can be completed through the portal. For any questions regarding Assessment payments, please email Maura at <a href="mailto:Stonebridge@warrenmgmt.com">Stonebridge@warrenmgmt.com</a>.

Questions about property improvements, governance, or buying or selling a home in Stonebridge? Please contact Maura or Jamie at Warren Management Group via email at <a href="mailto:Stonebridge@warrenmgmt.com">Stonebridge@warrenmgmt.com</a> or by calling 719-685-8743.

Stonebridge Lodge has a hostess onsite Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Visit the Stonebridge Lodge to drop off site improvement plans, pick up key cards, play a game of pickleball, and more! The pickleball courts are reserved on a first come, first serve basis for one-hour increments. Please visit the Amenity Calendar to reserve your time.

# FLICK N'FLONT

#### **Featuring:**

Horton Hears a Who

JULY 13TH

6-8PM



Meridian Ranch Recreation Center

Pre-Swim to qualify for class dates are: August 23rd 3-7pm & August 24th 12-5pm October 17th 12-5pm, Oct. 18th 12-5pm, & Oct 19th 12-5pm

#### What is the Pre-Swim?

The Pre-swim is to insure that lifeguard candidates are adequate swimmers and comfortable in the water.

#### Must be at least 15 years old

Lifeguard Class Dates: August 30th-September 1st October 21st-24th

Please contact Aquatics aquatics@meridianservice.org for more details!

#### **Pre-swim Requires:**

- "Swim-Tread-Swim Sequence"
- 150 Freestyle or
  Breaststroke --> 2
  minute tread with no
  hands --> 50 Freestyle
  or Breaststroke
  (No Breaks)
- Retrieving object timed event



Cost for the class is \$300. Employment at the Meridian Ranch Recreation Center can be discussed after successfully passing the pre-swim. Certification will be covered for those who are hired at the MRRC.

# Instructor Spotlight



MEET

Michelle is a retired Army Lieutenant Colonel. Her family moved to Colorado in 2005 when Meridian Ranch was a lot smaller.

Michelle worked as contractor, but realized she didn't want to constantly pursue new contracts every 3 years, so she decided to teach at the gym.

Michelle was a Master Fitness Trainer in the Army, so moving into teaching at the gym was easy. She's been teaching Pilates, Water Aerobics Classes and Silver Sneakers (AOA) classes since 2013. I'm Silver Sneakers qualified in all of their class formats.

When Michelle is not teaching classes, she volunteers at Wild Blue Cats.

#### Join Michelle for class!

#### Monday

#### Friday

8:00am AOA Pilates 9:00am Water Ex HIIT

#### Wednesday

8:00am AOA Pilates 9:00am Water Aerobics 9:00am AOA Splash 11:00am Senior Strength

#### MERIDIAN RANCH **Rec Center**

10301 Angeles Rd, Peyton, CO 80831 (719) 495-7119

## MERIDIAN RANCH Rec Center

We strive to bring you a variety of high quality classes at MRRC.

Our trained and certified staff will do everything possible to meet your needs and exceed your expectations.

We ask that you carefully read this information and follow all guidelines.

- We value our members and instructors time; therefore we ask all members to arrive on time for class to ensure proper set up and limit disruptions once class has begun.
  - If you are more than 10 minutes late, we ask that you please attend the next available class, as entry will not be permitted.
- Participants must register either online, or check-in at the front desk for classes.
- Appropriate clothing and footwear is required for class.
- In an effort to extend the life of our studios, we ask that no food or drink other than bottled water be brought into the studios.
- In order to prolong the life of our equipment and for sanitation purposes, we require all class participants to clean and disinfect equipment after use. Paper towels and sanitizing wipes are provided in each studio.
- The studios are specifically for scheduled classes and/or programs; any other use of the studios must be approved by and scheduled through the group fitness director/rec center manager.
- Children ages 13 and up may participate in group fitness classes with a parent/guardian 18 or older. Ages 15 and up may participate without adult supervision.

These policies are meant to ensure that classes run on schedule and in a safe manner. We value your safety as well as the classes safety!

If you have something to report to Meridian Service Metro District, you can use our website any time – just click the "Contact Us" link on the top right of our homepage at www.meridianservice.org. District staff do not regularly monitor social media accounts, and they can provide better service if residents report directly to them via the website. And always remember, if it's a life-threatening emergency, call 911.



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QUICKLINKS

S PAY YOUR BILL

# Still need to set up your Meridian Ranch Recreation Center online portal?

Stop by the Meridian Ranch Recreation Center front desk to make sure your account is up to date and your email is on file.

THEN, go to meridianranch.clubautomation.com

Scroll down to the section labeled "First time here?" and click on the "Access My Account" icon.

This will then prompt you to fill out your first name, last name, and email. Once this is done and Club Automation was able to locate you in the system, an email will be sent to you to prompt you to complete your online portal set up.

Questions or issues? Call 719-495-7119 or stop by MRRC front desk.

#### Meridian Ranch Community Directory

MSMD Board of Directors:

President: Meridian Ranch Recreation Center

Butch Gabrielski Phone: 719-495-7119

mrrc@meridianservice.org

MSMD Office:

Secretary/Treasurer:

Wayne Reorda Phone 719-495-6567

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#### Meridian Ranch DRC Management Team:

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Governing Documents can be found on the website: DRC No. 1 & DRC No. 2 - portal.warrenmgmt.com/; Resources; **Governing Documents** 







#### **Hours of Operation**

Meridian Ranch Recreation Center

Mon-Fri 5:30 AM - 8:30 PM

Saturday: 8 AM - 6 PM Sunday: 9 AM - 5 PM

MSMD Office Mon-Fri 8 AM - 4:30 PM