

JULY 2022

# MERIDIAN RANCH NEWSLETTER

ISSUE NO. 17



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.

# SPORTS

MERIDIAN RANCH REC CENTER

## BASKETBALL SKILLS CLINIC



JULY 25TH & 26TH

9AM-11AM

COME JOIN US

\$30 RESIDENTS - \$40 NON-RESIDENTS

AGES 7-12

REGISTRATION OPENS JULY 1

## FLAG FOOTBALL

AGES 5-12

REGISTRATION OPENS  
AUGUST 1ST

MORE INFO COMING SOON!

## JUNIOR GOLF CLINICS



GRIP  
AIM  
SETUP  
PUTTING  
CHIPPING  
PITCH  
FULL SWING

5-8 years old

9-14 years old

July 11th & 12th

July 18th, 19th & 20th

10:00am - 11:00am

10:00am - 11:00am

\$50 per child

\$90 per child

For more information or to sign up, please call  
the golf shop at 719-494-1900 ext. 1

## Game N!!

ADULT  
BASKETBALL  
LEAGUE 18+

MORE  
INFO  
COMING  
SOON!



# Falcon Freedom Days

at Meridian Ranch

Saturday, July 2nd, 2022

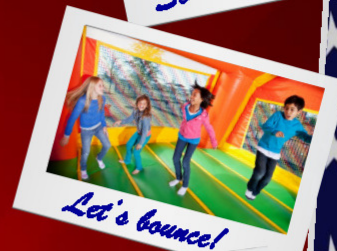
8am 5K Race Start/Finish at Rec Center

1-4pm Vendors, Bounce Houses, Beer Garden & DJ at The Shops at Meridian Ranch

9:20pm Fireworks Show Begins



So many fireworks



Let's bounce!



It's a zoo!



DJ Play music



My heroes

## Activities Include:

5k Run at Rec Center

Beer Garden | DJ |

Bounce Houses | Petting Zoo | Vendors |

Fireworks

This year we are bringing back our in-person activities for Falcon Freedom Days. Meridian Service Metro District, Meridian Ranch, Antler Creek Golf Course and The Shops at Meridian Ranch have teamed up to kick off the 17th annual Falcon Freedom Days on Saturday, July 2nd, 2022. Music, food, family fun activities and the best fireworks show in Colorado are all back and bigger than ever. Bring your chairs, blankets, family, friends and the kids to this **FREE** celebration. This year the fireworks will launch from north of the High School and vendors and festivities will be at The Shops at Meridian Ranch.

# Happy 4th of July



KIDS

MINI

SUMMER

# CAMP

JULY 15 8A-4P  
AGES 5 - 12YRS

\$40 RESIDENTS

\$50 NON-RESIDENTS

\$5 AFTERCARE 4-6P

MERIDIAN RANCH REC CENTER

- Swimming
  - Park Time
  - Crafts
  - Gym Play
  - Organized Games
- \*Pizza Lunch Included\**

Register in Child Care!

Must have enrollment, physical, and shot records/exemption to register!

ChildCare@meridianservice.org (719) 495-7119

## FLY-SWATTER VOLLEYBALL



Played while sitting in a chair, hitting a balloon over a net with a fly-swatter.

Fridays 10AM until Noon.  
Meridian Ranch Recreation Center Gym

Come join in!!  
It is great exercise.

Every Summer Has Stories.  
write yours in Meridian Ranch.



Madera's Grill and Cantina

Featured Drink

Cucumber Gin

Lemonade



# Meridian Ranch Rec Center

## Active Older Adults

# Water Volleyball



Thursdays 1pm - 3pm

lap lanes @ MRRC

## GOLF MEMBERSHIPS

### A-List Prime Membership

- Unlimited Golf any day
- Includes Shared Cart
- 1 Range Token per day
- Receive a 25% discount on logo merchandise
- Invited to participate in A-List only tournaments.

Non-Prime membership level available



A-List PRIME  
 \$200/month (Single)  
 \$275/month (Couple)  
 \$310/month (Family)

A-List NON-PRIME  
 \$155/month (Single)  
 \$215/month (Couple)  
 \$245/month (Family)

MERIDIAN RANCH REC CENTER



ACTIVE OLDER ADULTS

# GAME DAY

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN

Spare Your Time for Fun

Tuesdays  
1pm-2:30pm  
at MRRC Auditorium



Games to Play

BOARD GAMES & CARD GAMES



MERIDIAN RANCH REC CENTER

# DROP-IN

# GYM

# CLASS



AGES: 7-12

SUPERVISED DROP-IN  
OPEN GYM

BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL,  
SOCCER AND MORE!

TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS 12:30PM-2:00PM

# FLICK N' FLOAT



JULY 23RD | 6:00 PM



## 4th Annual Military Appreciation Golf Tournament



Saluting those who serve!

Sunday, September 11th, 2022  
4-Person Scramble format  
Shotgun start at 8am.

Have you signed up for the golf tournament yet? What are you waiting for? If you are a Meridian Ranch resident and active or retired military call 719-494-1900 to secure your spot in this **FREE** day of fun and golf for yourself and spouse or significant other. Don't worry if you aren't good at golf, this is a day of fun with a little dose of competition.

Needing a kid-free date night?

# Parent's Night Out

Meridian Ranch Recreation Center

Friday, July 29th  
5:30p-10:00p  
Ages 5-10

- Laser tag
- Crafts
- Glow Sticks
- Pizza
- Movie
- Popcorn

Residents: \$20  
Additional Children \$15

Non-Residents \$25  
Additional Children \$20



There is some paperwork needed.  
Sign up in Child Care!

[ChildCare@meridianservice.org](mailto:ChildCare@meridianservice.org)

(719) 495-7119

**Trivia night**

Madera's Grill and Cantina

Monday Nights  
6:00 - 8:00 pm



# ATTENTION

## Reward for Information on Vandalism to District Property

**\$1,000 REWARD**

**Report the vandals.  
Stop the vandalism.**



When District-owned property is vandalized, all residents of the community pay the price. We are finding that repair, replacement, and repainting is taking a major toll on our budget and as a reminder, it is our residents that fund our operations. District-owned property that can be damaged by vandalism includes playground equipment, monument signs, the Recreation Center building and grounds, retaining walls and concrete trails, streetlights, and fences.

To assist in putting an end to acts of vandalism, Meridian Service Metropolitan District (MSMD) offers a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone graffitiing, vandalizing, destroying, or stealing MSMD property.

We strongly encourage you to notify the El Paso County Sheriff's Office to file a report when you witness acts of vandalism. Call the Sheriff's Office using their non-emergency phone number at (719) 390-5555.

Because the District is the owner of the community's public property, the District must also submit a police report. To notify the District of damage and report any relevant information, please complete the brief online form at the "Contact Us" link on the District's website, [www.meridianservice.org](http://www.meridianservice.org), or call the District at (719) 195-6567. If possible, please include photos of the damage, and the names and home addresses of suspected perpetrators and their accomplices. Our staff will work with the Sheriff's Office from there.

Whether or not you witness the crime, as you encounter new evidence of vandalism or destruction of MSMD property, please contact us or complete the online form below, so we are aware of new problems and can remedy them.



*Madera's  
Grill  
and  
Cantina*

# HAPPY HOUR

**MON** thru **THURS**  
**3-6pm**

**\$1 off**

**DRAFTS**  
**WELLS**  
**HOUSE MARGARITA**

Inside the  
Antler Creek  
Golf Course  
Clubhouse

719.494.1900 ext. 2      Complimentary chips ad salsa upon request.



## **Get Your Utility Bill Electronically!**

**Sign up to receive your  
monthly utility bill via  
email**

**Help your District save  
money and receive your  
bill on time every month!**

**Use the form on the  
District's website,  
[meridianservice.org](http://meridianservice.org), under  
the "Contact Us" tab, to  
request your utility bill via  
email. You'll save the  
District printing costs and  
postage, and ensure you  
receive your bill timely  
wherever you are.**





# STONEBRIDGE

## Tree Stakes

Trees require tree stakes as extra support for the tree as it stabilizes its root system by establishing new roots and can help the new tree from being uprooted in strong winds. According to the International Society of Arboriculture, trees establish more quickly and develop a stronger trunk and root system if they are not staked at the time of planting (<http://www.treesaregood.org/treeowner/plantingatree>), however, living in the Falcon area means we experience frequent winds and it is normally recommended to stake trees for 1-2 growing seasons to keep them from uprooting.

The stakes need to be removed as soon as the root system is established because the tree will not develop the strength needed to face nature's forces when it is staked. The simplest way to see if a tree requires staking for stability is by grasping the trunk of the tree and gently moving it while watching for movement of the root ball. If the root ball is firmly in the ground, stakes can and should be removed immediately.

Trees that have been staked too long tend to either topple over or simply snap in half in strong winds, rather than swaying as trees are supposed to. Trunk damage can also occur as the tree attempts to grow around the supports that get tighter as the tree increases its girth. Trees which have been staked too long will develop less trunk taper and have weaker tissue and therefore be more prone to breaking and bending (<https://www.finegardening.com/article/to-stake-or-not-to-stake>; <https://edmondok.com/1439/Stake-Trees-Properly-to-Prevent-Damage>)

## Tree Health

Suckers on the bottom of a tree is the tree's last effort trying to survive as they indicate root damage, and this compromises the primary canopy. When suckers have grown it is more effective to remove and replace the tree to keep your minimum requirements.

When you buy a high-quality tree, plant it correctly, and treat it properly, you and your tree will benefit greatly for many years. When you buy a low-quality tree, you and your tree will have many costly problems even if you take great care in planting and maintenance. Consider the following when selecting a tree at the nursery.

- Tree should appear healthy. No discolored bark, wilted leaves, etc.
- Branches should be spaced evenly around the trunk.
- Tree trunk should taper from a solid base, gradually becoming more slender towards the top.
- Tree foliage and branches should be distributed on upper 2/3 of tree.
- Tree should contain a central, dominant leader.
- Tree should be free from mechanical damage.
- Tree should be free from insects and diseases.
- Roots should not be girdling, circling, or pot bound.

If you have not brought your property into compliance with planting trees, NOW is a good time to plant.

Plant the top of the root ball slightly above ground level. The root collar (flare) must be visible one inch above final grade. Set root ball on SOLID ground and not on loose backfill in the hole as this will eliminate settling. Remove at the least top ½ of all wire and baskets from balled and burlapped trees and completely remove containers from containerized stock. Adding peat moss or manure to soil in planting hole is not necessary (too much can cause a potted tree effect and restrict root growth). Backfill hole with original soil. Do not fertilize at planting time.

Portal updates:

<https://portal.warrenmgmt.com/?c=95> ; Amenity Calendar if you would like to have an event at the lodge. Dates are filling up fast for the summer months.



Estelle is onsite Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10-5- pick up key cards, make a reservation for The Lodge, or have any Lodge questions.

Estelle - [estelle@warrenmgmt.com](mailto:estelle@warrenmgmt.com) - p: 719-694-9563

Questions? We are here to help you!

Jamie or Josh at Warren Management Group; Email: [stonebridge@warrenmgmt.com](mailto:stonebridge@warrenmgmt.com)

p: 719-685-8743

# Manager's Message

Happy Fourth of July, Everyone!

With summer now in full swing, we hope that everyone is enjoying our beautiful Colorado weather.

Summer also brings landscape irrigation and we sincerely hope that everyone has by now checked their irrigation systems for leaks and proper head adjustments to prevent wasted water.

Feel like you might be using too much water each month? You have checked your irrigation system for leaks, you have set your irrigation clock for the minimum time for proper cycle and soak applications and your usage is still high? You might have a leak somewhere inside your home.

Average indoor usage for a single-family home should be around 5,000 gallons of water or lower per month. If you find you are higher than this, consider looking for unseen leaks. The most common cause of water leaks is in the toilet. Toilets can leak and not make any sound so it can be difficult to notice the loss of water.

A good source for assistance in determining if you have a toilet leak is <https://www.wikihow.com/Detect-Toilet-Leaks>. This website has complete instructions, with pictures, to show you how to find leaks in your toilet. Even small leaks can add up to huge water losses. The table shows how even a small leak can lead to the loss of over 3,000 gallons of water a month.

## Unrepaired Leaks can be Costly

| Water Loss in Gallons |              |                |
|-----------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Leak this Size        | Loss per Day | Loss per Month |
| •                     | 120          | 3,600          |
| •                     | 360          | 10,800         |
| •                     | 693          | 20,790         |
| •                     | 1,200        | 36,000         |
| •                     | 1,920        | 57,600         |
| •                     | 3,096        | 92,880         |
| •                     | 4,296        | 128,880        |
| •                     | 6,640        | 199,200        |
| •                     | 6,984        | 209,520        |
| •                     | 8,424        | 252,720        |
| •                     | 9,888        | 296,640        |
| •                     | 11,324       | 339,720        |
| •                     | 12,720       | 381,600        |
| •                     | 14,952       | 448,560        |

**HAPPY**  
★ 4TH ★  
**OF JULY**

Jim Nikkel, General Manager

# MERIDIAN RANCH

## DRC 1 & 2



### Who Does What In Meridian Ranch?

There are multiple entities working in Meridian Ranch to keep the community running as smoothly as possible. They are the Design Review Councils, the Service Districts, and El Paso County.

The Design Review Councils or DRCs are the entities that enforce the covenants by doing governance, approving submittals for landscaping and changes to the properties, as well as hosting community events like the Clean-Up Days, the Holiday Lights Contest, Falcon Freedom Days, etc. Residents pay an annual assessment to the DRC. For more information and to see the Governing Documents for your community please visit the Homeowner Portal at <https://portal.warrenmgmt.com/>.

The Meridian Service Metropolitan District and the Meridian Ranch Metropolitan 2018 Sub district are the entities that provide water, sewer, streetlights, etc. for the community. They are also in charge of the running and maintenance of the Recreational Center, the maintenance of the parks and trails, and the maintenance and landscaping of common areas. The Service District is who you pay monthly and for more information of the services provided and the billing breakdown, please visit their website <https://www.meridianservice.org/>.

El Paso County is responsible for the maintenance and repairs of the roads, curbs, and sidewalks in Meridian Ranch. The county is also responsible for the snow removal on the streets. Residents are responsible for clearing the sidewalks abutting their lot. One of the best ways to alert the county to issues with the roads, curbs, and sidewalks is through their website <https://citizenconnect.elpasoco.com/#/homepage>. You can also sign up for email alerts regarding the issues reported.

Black Hills Energy provides gas service to Meridian Ranch and can be reached at 888.890.5554. Electricity is provided by Mountain View Electric, which can be reached at 800.388.9881. For more information, please review the FAQs which can be found on both the Homeowner Portal and the Metro District website.

**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:

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**MERIDIAN RANCH**

DESIGN REVIEW COUNCIL NO. 1



**MERIDIAN RANCH**

DESIGN REVIEW COUNCIL NO. 2



# Personal Training

SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION OR CONNECT!



## PERSONAL TRAINER & WELLNESS COACH

Kiley Draper, BSc, CPT, PN1  
 Email: [Kiley@strengthtofleurish.com](mailto:Kiley@strengthtofleurish.com)  
 Phone: (719)-454-2451



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# 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](http://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.

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# Meridian Ranch Community Directory

MSMD Board of Directors:

President:

Butch Gabrielski

Meridian Ranch Recreation Center

Phone: 719-495-7119

[mrrc@meridianservice.org](mailto:mrrc@meridianservice.org)

Secretary/Treasurer:

Wayne Reorda

MSMD Office:

Phone 719-495-6567

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Bill Gessner

Mike Fenton

Tom Sauer

[www.meridianservice.org](http://www.meridianservice.org)

[www.meridianranch.com](http://www.meridianranch.com)

[www.stonebridgecoloradosprings.com](http://www.stonebridgecoloradosprings.com)

## 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/](http://portal.warrenmgmt.com/) ; **Resources;**  
**Governing Documents**

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**Follow us on**



## 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