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From the Board

New Board Member

The Board of Directors received one resume for the open position on the Board from Arlen Mathies; he is now filling the seat that was vacated when John Sparkman resigned. Anyone interested in running next year may send their resume to MRPOA, 2454 Waynoka Rd., Colorado Springs, CO 80915-1612, at least one month before next spring's General Meeting (usually in May).

Resolution Reminder:

For those who have not yet returned your resolution, please do so at your earliest convenience. They will intermittently be mailed until everyone has been heard from. In the event that anyone has misplaced the one sent in the mail, you may go to www.MidwayRanches.com—click the yellow Resolution button from the menu on the left side of the page, download the PDF file with the Resolution, print it, sign it, and follow the directions for sending it in.

† **The Board would like to wish all MRPOA members as well as Tim Ward, Gary and Hal Smith, Keith DeVore, Becky Bain, and everyone in the Midway Development and Wigwam Mutual Water Offices a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.** †

Prayer Requests:

-Cynthia Aldecocea's Mom and family in New York; Anna's mom and family in Farmington

Common Sense Corner: With the school having Christmas Break soon, please take extra care and watch for children playing while driving in the area.

Prairie Heights School News: (Cynthia Aldecocea)

The Christmas Gift Shop will be open December 9th and 10th for the children to do Christmas shopping for their families for very little money.

December 11th at 6:00 p.m. –
Prairie Heights Christmas Play
Christmas Break—Dec. 19th—
Jan. 6th (early release at 1:55
pm Dec. 19th)

RE: Zip Code Change

Proposed zip code change will only affect those in El Paso County. They will sign the petition and send in their ballots. Those of us who actually live in Pueblo County will not be affected and we will continue to get our mail service from Pueblo P.O.

☺ **Just for Laughs:** While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand-printed sign... "Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust." ☺

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AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

REMINDER—MRPOA residents who allow their animals, including horses and dogs, to leave their property and run loose are in violation of our Protective Covenants as well as Colorado State Laws. If your dogs will not stay on your property, you need to fence so they are not out on other owners' property or chasing cars down the roads. Pueblo County Animal Control will come out and citation and/or remove animals in violation.

Household Tip-Storing Christmas Lights—I found some very helpful information for storing Christmas lights so there is not a tangled mess for next year. 1. Cut small slit in each end of a wrapping paper tube. Thread the end of one set of lights through the slit and wrap the lights along the tube. Thread the other end of the lights through the opposite slit in the tube. 2. Cut a square or rectangle of cardboard. Cut a slit in one side of the square. Thread the end of a set of lights through the slit. Wrap the lights around the cardboard, threading the other end back through the slit. 3. Wrap each set of lights and put them individually into a plastic bag. Box the plastic bags together. Christmas lights are usually only meant to be used for no more than 90 days. Chances are if your lights are more than three seasons old, they may need to be replaced next year anyway. Go ahead and throw out worn out lights, and shop for replacements at after Christmas discounts. ☺ Anna

HELPFUL CONTACTS AND PHONE NUMBERS:

ICE-IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT: 1-866-347-2423 <http://www.ice.gov>

CRIME STOPPERS: 719-544-7867

PUEBLO COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT.: 719-583-6250

KENNY BURKE, BRAND INSPECTOR: 719-382-5016

DENVER BRAND INSPECTOR HQ: 1-800-886-7683

PUEBLO ANIMAL SERVICES: Domestic Animal Control-719-544-3005

—ONLINE-www.puebloanimalservices.com

PUEBLO REGIONAL BUILDING, JD POTTER: 719-543-0002, online permit searches-
<http://www.prbd.com>, enter address

PUEBLO CTY. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT, MERV TERRILL: Illegal land-use-living in campers/shacks, junk vehicles, 719-583-6100

PUEBLO COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.: Dumping/burying trash, etc.-719-583-4300

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