



Midway Ranches Property Owners Association News

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Trash on Roadways

The Board has noticed an increase of trash being thrown on the Midway Ranches roadways. All landowners should make sure that when transporting garbage, the loads are covered to keep garbage enclosed and not fall out on the roadways.

There have been some occasions where trash has been dumped on the roadways on purpose. This action is unacceptable and unfair to other MRPOA landowners.

In view of the increase in trash on the roadways, the Board has established fines of up to \$1,000.00 if the persons dumping trash are observed or if the trash can be traced to an individual landowner.

Please help keep our community clean.

MRPOA Financial Issues

For the first time in many years MRPOA has existed, the Board is in the process of reviewing expenses to keep our Association viable. An analysis of expenses has been distributed into four categories, Water Operations, Office Overhead, Road Maintenance, and Fire Protection Coverage.

The current monthly dues adequately cover water Operations, Road Maintenance, and Fire Protection Coverage; However, Office Overhead is severely under funded.

Office overhead includes the following costs: insurance, accounting, postage, printing costs, envelopes, computer and equipment rental, office equipment maintenance and supplies, PO Box rental, and other costs.

Currently, MRPOA landowners pay \$2.00 office dues per month. These dues have been in effect since the original organization of MRPOA in 1987, and have never been adjusted to the current cost. The Board will be reviewing actual costs and may change the monthly office dues to reflect increases that have occurred during the last twenty-four years of operation.

Safety Corner

The two rain days that the area has received will go a long way towards helping reduce the fire danger. Please be aware that fire bans imposed by Pueblo County are still in effect. There are no open fires allowed, including charcoal barbecues. Bottled gas barbecues are allowed but must be under constant adult supervision. Please check with the Pueblo County Sheriff's office before starting any outdoor burning activity.

Some landowners have contacted the Board regarding loose cattle within the development. Please be aware that MRPOA lands are not "free range" and any damage from loose livestock is the responsibility of the owner. Please be kind to your livestock, free roaming animals are exposed to being injured.

Start of New School Year

The new school year is almost upon us. School starts on August 10. Please be on the lookout for children walking to and from school on the roadways. Please remember also to slow down to 20 mph between the signs at Prairie Heights Elementary – it's the law.