

Riva Chase HOA Annual Meeting

June 21, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President, Joy Lawrance.

Fifteen homeowners attended: Joy Lawrance, Bob Lawrance, Michele Pearson, Ann Nutt, Barbara Oakley, Mike Jacoby, BC Jacoby, Steven Harms, Gary Sohrweid, Mahesh Jha, Sandy Lawson, Yvett Green, Craig Weinberg, Barry Brisben and Charlene Polino. Four guest presenters were in attendance: Brian Zoril (Fire Chief of Foothills Fire Protection District), Melanie Garlin and Erica Diplan (Animal Control Officers) and Janie Gonda (Deputy – Crime Prevention).

Minutes from the last annual meeting on June 22, 2016 were approved by the board.

Copies of the financials prepared by John Carpenter on June 7, 2017 were handed out.

Gary Sohrweid reported that the clean-up day effort was extensive due to the late winter storms and hail damage. There were great volunteers who picked up over 500 bags and filled four 30-yard roll offs. The community looks great. Special thanks to Gary Sohrweid and Winston Nutt for organizing the clean-up, Barbara Oakley and Betsey Christensen for organizing the picnic where 88 meals were served and Dick Shaw and Dana Christensen for organizing the fire mitigation volunteers.

Future activities include the Riva Chase chili cookoff on 9/16/17, decorating the guardhouse on 11/15/17 and the winter cocktail party in the first quarter of 2018.

Elections were held. Congratulations to the new Riva Chase directors: Joy Lawrance, Gary Sohrweid, Barbara Oakley, Yvett Green and Michele Pearson.

The meeting was adjourned by Joy Lawrance.

A summary of the presentations by invited guests:

Fire Chief, Brian Zoril, is part of the Foothills Fire Protection District. He can be reached at (303) 526-0707. His e-mail is Zoril@comcast.net.

Foothills Fire Protection is an ISO rating Class III (I is best and X is worst). This is a positive rating that may reduce your homeowners insurance rates if shared with your insurance company.

Foothills Fire Protection District has the highest rating given for a volunteer fire department in Colorado.

Riva Chase and Mount Vernon neighborhoods are the most active/effective in their fire mitigation efforts. Thank you to all who participated in clean-up day and to the Riva Chase fire mitigation volunteers.

Please keep thinning trees, keep a 30-50 foot open circle around your home, keep tree limbs 6-8 feet off the ground & keep limbs near your home above roof line.

Grass fires spread very fast, especially with wind. Fires typically burn 3-4x the height of your grass, so maintaining your grass is an important part of fire mitigation and containment.

Fire Chief Zoril is willing to arrange free fire mitigation inspections for Riva Chase homeowners. If interested, please contact him directly.

Jeffco Animal Control Officer, Melanie Garlin, is part of the Jeffco Sheriff's Office. She can be reached at (303) 271-5070. The website is <http://animalcontrol.jeffco.us>.

This office deals with domestic animals with issues such as leash laws, dog licensing, lost and found, cruelty/neglect, barking dogs, dogs in heat and bites.

All dogs must be on a leash or confined to the owner's premises at all times. Dogs in violation of the leash law may be detained by a citizen, turned over to Animal Control, and impounded at the Table Mountain Animal Center. Impound and board fees must be paid by the owner before the dog can be released.

Deputy of Crime Prevention, Janie Gonda, is part of the Jeffco Sheriff's Office. She can be reached at (303) 271-5807. Her e-mail is JMGonda@jeffco.us.

Home security is important, even though we live in a relatively low crime area. Riva Chase homeowners can request a vacation patrol for up to 30 days. If requested, the Jeffco Sheriff's office will patrol your street at least once every 72 hours. They recommend that you always remember to stop the mail when away.

Please subscribe to CodeRED Mobile Alerts, if interested: Thousands of public safety organizations across the United States and Canada use the CodeRED community notification system to initiate emergency notifications. The CodeRED Mobile Alert app enables subscribers to receive notifications directly to their cell phone whether at home, on the road, or traveling around the country.

Please subscribe to <https://nextdoor.com/neighborhood/genesee--golden--co/> for the Jeffco Sheriff's updates. You can opt out of all except government notifications if you are not interested in the rest.

8/1/17 is the National Night Out & is held in conjunction with the Foothills Fire Department: National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. Please see <http://jeffco.us/sheriff/community/national-night-out/>

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