



Spyglass Ridge Viewpoint



THE RIDGELINE COMMUNITY CENTER HAS NO DATES RESERVED FOR PRIVATE PARTIES FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2022!!

ANNUAL PACKETS :

Please remember that all forms sent out in the emailed annual packet are due in no later than 01/10/23 before the start of the meeting. It is very important that you complete and return these forms to ensure we have a quorum.

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- If you are not able to print the forms there are copies of the the pages you need to complete and return available in the RCC on the entryway table.
- Checks received for payment of the 2023 annual dues will not be deposited by the HOA until after January 1, 2023.

EVERYONE IS INVITED....

One of the newer members of the Spyglass Ridge community has asked me to extend an invitation to everyone to join her at her home on Christmas day from 3pm - 6pm for soup, salad, and sandwiches. Everyone is welcome to come eat some wonderful food, meet your new neighbor, and enjoy the holiday together! The details are:

Who is Hosting: Jackie

What: Holiday Gathering Open to Everyone

When: 3pm - 6pm on Christmas Day (This Sunday 12/25/22)

Where: 2675 Bangs Canyon Drive (Corner of Bangs Canyon & Lookout Lane)

A community wide safety reminder: There have been some thefts in the community in the last few weeks so I wanted to remind everyone of a few simple things to keep in mind over the holidays that may help you deter would be thieves...

1. Turn on your outside lights after dark. Criminals rarely want to be seen so brightly lit homes are not their first choice!
2. Shut and lock your windows and doors when you leave and/or prior to going to bed for the night. This one sounds so simple but we all know how easy it can be to overlook. Also, do not forget to put your garage doors all the way down at night or when you are gone! I see this often here!
3. Do not put your empty boxes from gifts outside until trash day. Advertising all the wonderful things that are inside your home is not necessary.
4. Get to know your neighbors. They will be the first ones to notice a vehicle that isn't normally in the area or a person walking around they have never seen before.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday!!

2023 ANNUAL MEETING:

JANUARY 10, 2023 (TUESDAY) @ 7:00PM
AT THE RIDGELINE COMMUNITY CENTER

IT IS IMPORTANT FOR ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE MEETING AND/OR RETURN THE PROXY INFORMATION FORM IN THE ANNUAL PACKET SO WE CAN ENSURE WE HAVE A QUORUM!!

Ridgeline Community Center:

Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 10am-3pm

Phone: (970)424-5600

Email: spyglassridge@gmail.com

Emergency/After Hours Phone Number: (970)270-5441
 Please contact the appropriate emergency services before reporting an incident to the HOA!
 You may text or call the emergency phone number above.

Yellow Brick Road and all it entails!???

What a joy to be seen and heard!. Our very own Parade of Lights on Main Street was an experience like no other and certainly not what I had expected. Added bonus, this was the 40th Annual Parade so, yeah Grand Junction!

First of all, the number of floats in the parade. Holy Moly! Secondly, the length, in time, of the parade. It just kept on going and going and going. Now, that should not be perceived as a negative by any means. However, cool evening temperatures can have you looking down the street and saying 'oh goodness, there's still more to come!!' Two hours later I must confess that those words were teetering on my lips.

Having moved here from the flat state of Kansas (OZ), it was fitting that the theme this year was **THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME**. I think the Yellow Brick Road brought so many wonderful floats, ideas, inspiration, music and children singing & laughing, who could complain? I don't believe that any of the exhibits lacked a **BRAIN**, there was no shortage of **HEART** along the route and **COURAGE** was evident in every regard.

As children back in England, we would religiously listen to the Queen's speech on Christmas Day then settle down with chocolate from our Christmas stockings to watch The Wizard of OZ. I had no idea, until I started to do a little research, that the messages/characters presented in this movie are nothing like the fantasy one conjured up as a child!

'The Wizard of Oz' book, written by L. Frank Baum, was originally published in 1900 and **MAY** have been inspired by real-life economic struggles during the Gold Standard. Many economists and historians insist that the book is a political allegory. The scarecrow represents the suffering of the farmers in the west, most of whom had mortgages and owed money to bankers in the East. The Tin Man represents the industrial workers and the Cowardly Lion a populist leader and the face of the Free Silver movement. (A debate over whether to hold onto the Gold standard of currency or begin using silver). On that note, Dorothy originally wore silver shoes in the book, not the Ruby slippers, which took greater advantage of the color cinematography in the 1939 movie. In the end, it's her **SILVER** shoes that save her - adding silver to the money supply. Toto - the dog - even has a greater meaning. Oh boy! In Latin, Toto means all-encompassing. However, it is also a backronym for **T**otable **T**ornado **O**bservatory. I think I'm ready to go back to my fantastical version, phew!!

When I first moved to Kansas, my only insight into the state was The Wizard of OZ and those pesky Munchkins. When my mom came over to visit in the late 1990's, the TSA agents out at Newark International Airport wanted to know why she was staying in Kansas as it was considered a 'flyover' state. Not fair! Maybe they were being influenced by the flying monkeys!!!

Either way, there are no flying monkeys, at least, not evident during my 23 years there!! I digress. Local businesses from across the Grand Valley were proudly represented together with Search & Rescue, Fire & Police Departments and Park Services joining in the fun and festivities of over 100 floats. I must confess that I truly love the Marching Bands and Dance Troupes that represent their respective organizations as they are the epitome of all that is American. It's hard to explain this phenomenon to anyone who hasn't actually witnessed the experience other than on movies and T.V shows. Capturing this in photographic form is the best I can offer.

As continues to be evident, we live in an area where we are blessed to have so much going on whether it be community driven or a personal adventure. Get out there and have fun.

Wishing you all a **Very Merry Christmas**. May 2023 be kind to you, your family and those near and dear to your heart.

Sarah
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THANK YOU SARAH FOR THE STORIES!!



**Pictures from the festival of lights parade
in downtown
Grand Junction, Colorado!**

If you are interested in contributing to the newsletter, have some story/article ideas, or a suggestion about what you would like to see included in the newsletter please email them to me at spylasridge@gmail.com!

You mean to tell me there's an organization that tells me what I can and cannot do at my own house, and we pay them to do that?

-Jase Robertson



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. ANNUAL PACKET FORMS MUST BE TURNED IN BY 01/10/23 PRIOR TO THE START OF THE MEETING.**
- 2. THE ANNUAL MEETING IS ON TUESDAY JANUARY 10TH @ 7PM!**
- 3. THERE IS NO ADDITIONAL BOARD MEETING IN JANUARY SO THE NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON FEBRUARY 8, 2023.**