



The Metro



A community newsletter coordinated by the GVR Metropolitan District

November/December 2013

*****IMPORTANT COMMUNITY NEWS*****

If you notice graffiti in your neighborhood, please call our Graffiti Hotline at 303-307-3247 & report it!.



**Green Valley Ranch Hotline
303-307-3248**



Do you have any questions about Green Valley Ranch that you need answered? Just log onto our website at www.gvrmetrodistrict.com, click on the Contact Us tab and ask away! Your answer will be on it's way within 24 hours.

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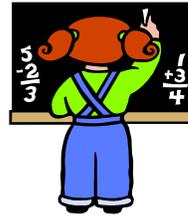
If you need information or have ideas, suggestions or thoughts on classes, activities, or adult trips, please give us a call at 303-307-3243, 720-641-4801 or email: lmurray@gvrmetrodistrict.com
(Disclaimer: Meeting dates & times subject to change or be canceled. Please call to confirm.)

Join the Lunch Bunch

- October:** Cinzetti's (Italian Buffet) \$3.00 per person- includes transportation. Lunch is on you
- November:** Hacienda Colorado (Authentic Mexican Food) \$3.00 per person- includes transportation. Lunch is on you
- December:** Combined with the Get off Your Buns Active Adult Trip on the 14th (For more information see Get Off Your Buns Active Adult Trips below)

Departs every second Wednesday of the month at 11:30 am from the GVR Metro District Office (18650 E. 45th Avenue)

GVR Metropolitan District BEYOND THE RAINBOW After School Camp



August 12, 2013 to June 6, 2014

Cost: \$45 per week per child
Cost includes transportation from school to after school site; homework assistance; afternoon snacks and activities.

For information call 720-641-4801 or 303-307-3243. Or visit us online at www.gvrmetrodistrict.com.

GET OFF YOUR BUNS ACTIVE ADULT TRIPS



Nov. 8th - 10th Annual Colorado Country Christmas Show

Departing Admin Bldg at 10am - \$14.00 per person- includes admission & transportation- lunch is on you

Nov. 30th - The Nutcracker

Departing Admin Bldg at 12pm - \$28.00 per person- includes admission (balcony seating) & transportation

Dec. 14th - 53rd Georgetown European Outdoor Christmas Mart & Alpine Restaurant

Departing Admin Bldg at 10am - \$5.00 per person- includes transportation- admission is free- lunch is on you

Need help with Basic Computer Concepts, Word, PowerPoint or Outlook?

These are just a few of the computer classes that are now being offered through the GVR Metro District.

*Reasonable prices:
Classes starting at \$56.00
Senior discounts starting at \$35.00*



For more information, pricing or class schedule, please call La Vetta at 303-307-3243, cell 720-641-4801 or visit our website www.gvrmetrodistrict.com.



Hot off the Press...



Hot off the Press will be a new series of highlighted articles that will be pertinent to the Green Valley Ranch and Far North East Denver Community... by sharing these articles we hope to help get the word out on issues that will impact all of us in this community.

What is the Office of the Independent Monitor?

The Office of the Independent Monitor (OIM) is the City and County of Denver’s independent civilian oversight agency of the Denver Police and Sheriff Departments. Led by Independent Monitor Nicholas E. Mitchell, the OIM accepts officer/deputy complaints and commendations, monitors investigations of alleged officer and deputy misconduct and recommends discipline to the Chief of Police, Director of Corrections and the Manager of Safety, when appropriate. In addition, the Independent Monitor makes recommendations on policy, procedure and training to better help the Police and Sheriff Departments improve their service to the public.

For more information about OIM, please visit our web site at www.Denvergov.org/OIM or on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/DenverOIM. If you have had contact with sworn law enforcement personnel, good or bad, and would like to talk about it, please contact us at OIM@denvergov.org, 720-913-3306 or drop by our office in the Wellington Webb Building, 201 W. Colfax Avenue, 12th Floor, Denver, CO 80202. We always welcome invitations to talk about our work and the services we offer from any organization interested in understanding the importance of independent civilian oversight for Denver.

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Metro District & HOA offices will be closed for the following holidays:

- Nov: 11th Veterans Day*
- Nov. 28th: Thanksgiving*
- Dec. 25th: Christmas*
- Jan. 1, 2014: New Year’s*

If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, please call Dee at 303-307-3242 or email her at dmares@gvrmetrodistrict.com with your address. We post the newsletter on our website at www.gvrmetrodistrict.com bi-monthly as well as email it to anyone who prefers to receive it electronically.



Letter from a Board Member

WHERE IS OUR “SPROUTS, WHOLE FOODS, TARGET” OR EVEN BETTER, WHERE IS OUR MALL IN GREEN VALLEY RANCH?

By Fenna Tanner, GVR Metro District Board Member and Resident

How many times have we all heard this phrase and/or even asked it? We know we can buy tires, auto parts and *now* our mattresses here, but where are the “real” shops? I know Dairy Queen is in progress and they will soon find out if they picked a great location.

Believe it or not, it all starts with us. Instead of talking about it, let’s do something about it. I strongly believe in making sure to let these stores know we exist. *There is a Green Valley Ranch!*

So let’s start by all of us working together and start writing letters to these stores. They all have a web site and a “contact us” somewhere on that website. Go there, start writing your letters about how much you want their stores in our community, and let them know *we will* go to that store and they will be surprised of how many customers they are going to have. If you do not have access to a computer, go to the service desk at the store and ask for the address of the corporate office and write a note.

However, all of us need to do this, not just a couple of hundred; it has to be more than that. So let’s get going and make sure the stores on our wish list all know we are here and want them in our community! I am sure you have heard the expression, “the squeaky wheel that makes the most noise gets the attention”? Well, it is true. I am sure you have done it in some way or another and received the service you believed you deserved.

Not only will we get the stores we want, but we also will have the opportunity for jobs in our community. Think about it, all together it is a WIN - WIN situation. The money we will save on gas... I can go on and on. The economic impact for Green Valley Ranch will be great.

So let’s start today, all of us in Green Valley Ranch start writing. Get the store we would like to have here and feel proud that all of us were a part of this process. Do not be discouraged when you do not hear anything back, write again and again.

Thank you and to all of us good luck.

**DO YOU NEED A
HANDYMAN?**



**Are you a Handyman?
Want to volunteer?**

***For more information please call La Vetta at
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District Manager's Message

By Micaela Duffy, District Manager

2013 - What a year it has been

I have to say that I am really excited about all the changes that have or will be taking place in 2013. I have been given the amazing opportunity to be the District Manager for the GVR Metropolitan District. I am really excited about this opportunity since I also live in the community and have for almost 20 years. I have seen changes in not only our community aesthetically, but also in some of the attitudes of the people who live here.

I noticed a gentleman walking his beautiful white dog one day across from our office, carrying a trash bag and was stopping to pick up trash when he saw it. THANK YOU! It is nice to see those that care enough about our community to help keep it clean. Another homeowner is working with us to get the "Stay Green, Keep it Clean" program off the ground. Then we will have even more community members involved in helping keep the community beautiful.

How about the changes in aesthetics? Did you notice the change in the monument at GVR Blvd and Malaya Street? Or, how about the new trail going in near the gas line easement between 42nd and 47th towards the east end of the District? (This improvement will complete that trail.) We are working hard to identify the areas that could use some "sprucing up" and finding ways to help us stand out from the crowd.

What changes have happened in your life this year? With the holidays coming up, it is a great time to reflect on what we have done this year and what we still would like to do. Make sure that includes spending lots of time with family and friends. That is so important and helps keep us positive and focused.

Enjoy your holiday season and I look forward to seeing all of my neighbors out and about during the rest of 2013!



The annual public hearing for the GVR Metro District budget will occur at 7 PM on Wednesday, November 20, 2013. Please come to the District office to voice your comments on the 2013 budget. If you can't make the meeting, you can always come by or call the office to get more clarification or review the proposed budget. It can also be reviewed online at

www.gvrmetrodistrict.com.

Hope to see you at the meeting!



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 Green Valley Ranch "Hotline"303-307-3248
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 DSST303-320-5570
 SOAR720-287-5100
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 GVR Girl Scouts.....303-371-2072
 GVR Golf Club.....303-371-3131
 GVR Pool.....303-373-8713
 GVR Rec Center.....303-375-3857
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The Metro District Board meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm, with a few exceptions... one being December's, which will be held on the 11th.

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GREEN VALLEY RANCH NEWS

A Covenant-Protected Community

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Tips for Protecting Your Identity during the Holidays

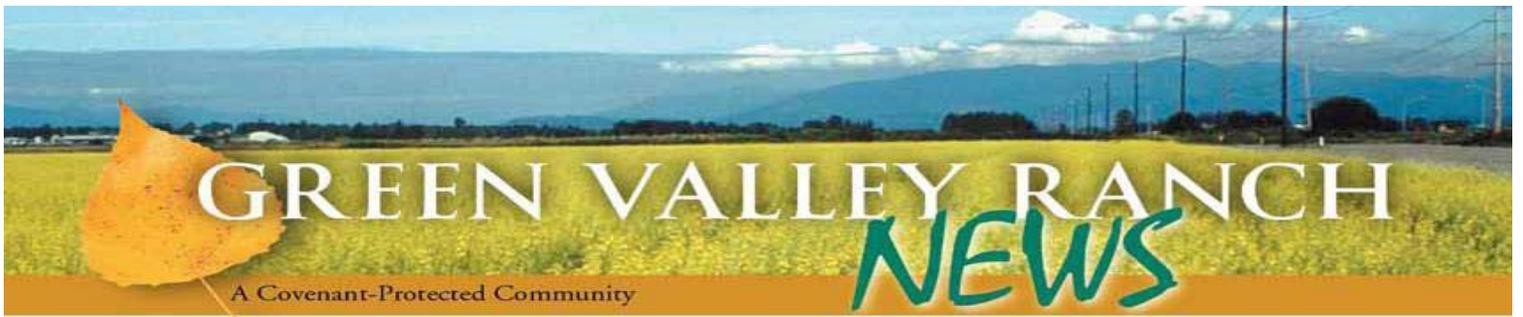
Source: CAI (Community Association Institute)

Identity theft is a problem any time of the year. But, while consumers are focused on giving during the holidays, crooks are focused on taking. If there's one thing consumers don't need, it is dealing with identity theft during the holidays. The National Foundation for Credit Counseling (NFCC) offers the following tips to help consumers protect themselves during the busy holiday season:

- Be aware of your surroundings. Sidewalks and malls will be crowded and shoppers will be distracted—the perfect combination for a pick-pocket. If someone bumps into you, don't assume it was an accident. Women should clutch purses closely at their side or in front of them with the wallet hidden at the bottom. Men should stow wallets in an inside coat pocket.
- Don't carry large sums of cash. Charge your purchases or use a debit card. Just remember that credit cards offer some protections that debit cards don't. When you use a credit card, you can dispute a purchase before paying for it. With a debit card, the money is removed from your account at the time of the purchase. A thief can wipe out your checking or savings account before you ever realize the theft has taken place

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Peggy Ponders

By Peggy Ripko, HOA Supervisor



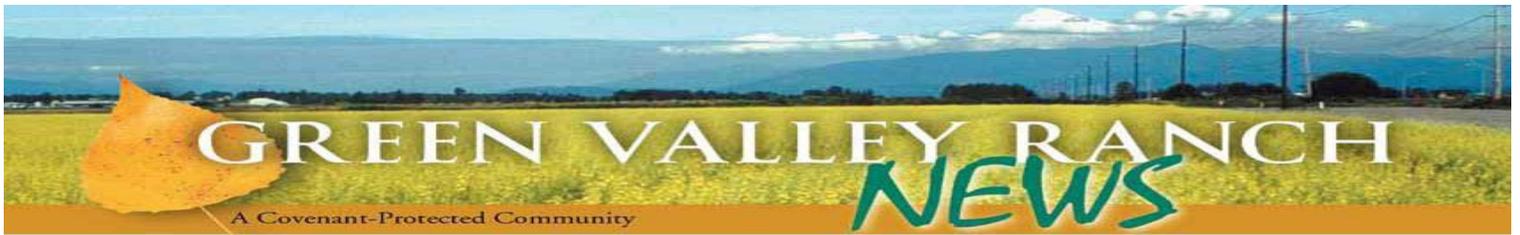
As I write this, the hot temperatures are finally over (we hope!) and we are looking forward to fall. And according to the Farmer's Almanac, we are going to experience a snowier than normal winter. Many people, Denver Water included, are watching the forecast anxiously in the hopes that the drought conditions are lifted the summer of 2014!

Due to the drought conditions over the past two summers, landscaping enforcement has been challenging. In order to be in compliance with state law, we were unable to enforce any landscape violations that would require water to cure. Unfortunately, this means that the only landscape violations we could enforce were weeds. While there were many homeowners whose yards looked amazing this summer, in spite of the drought, there were also many homeowners who took the watering restrictions to mean they didn't have to do anything to their yard.

The fact that Denver Water moved the drought from a Stage 2 to a Stage 1 in June is hopeful, in that we are moving in the right direction. The predictions that the winter will be snowier than normal also gives us hope that the drought conditions will be lifted next year!

We will be waiting until early spring to hear from Denver Water to see if they'll be declaring a drought for next summer, or if the watering restrictions have been lifted.

Once the watering restrictions have been lifted, state law says the Board must give homeowners a 'reasonable amount of time' to bring their yards into compliance, but does not define how long that would be. The Board of Directors will be reviewing this at their March 2014 Board meeting and will let the community know how long they have to bring their yards into compliance. So keep your eyes on our website next spring to know what the plan is!



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Teri's Tidbits

By Teri Cordova, HOA Assistant

Letters are sent out from your Master Homeowners Association of Green Valley Ranch all the time. Yes, most do pertain to a violation for your property, but not all. Please do not hesitate to open your mail from us thinking you know what it is about. It could just be some helpful hints sent to offsite homeowners, recommendations on how to take care of weeds in your yard, reminder of the annual meeting to elect your district delegate, or something else that could benefit you as a homeowner.

Violation Letters - If it is a First Notice violation letter, there is no need to panic. First off, please read the bold print on your violation letter which will inform you of what it is that incurred this particular violation. We no longer send the pictures, which are taken of your property at the time of the violation, however, with a request by email (info@gvrhoa.com) or phone call (303 307-3240) a picture can be sent to you.

The next paragraph stipulating the rule number and description will inform you what rule you are being charged. If you correct this specific violation, and you incur another violation of this same rule number within a six months time period you will go straight to Hearing.

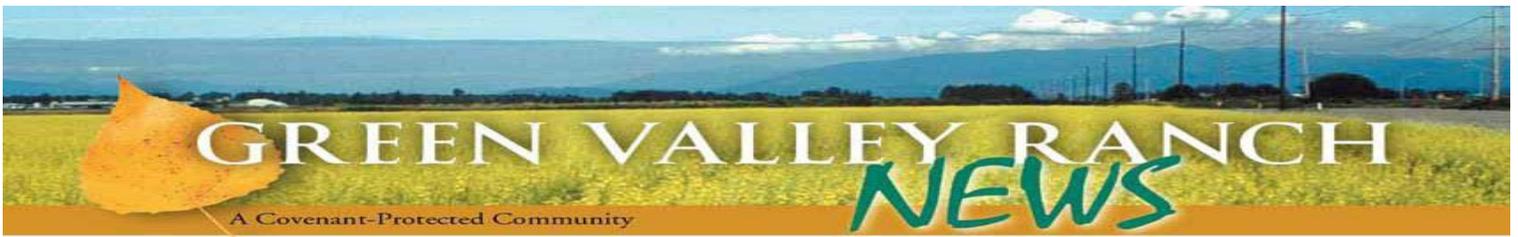
This leads me to the next letter! If the violation is not corrected within 15 days of the date on the First Notice letter, a call was not made to the HOA office asking for an extension, or it is a re-occurrence you will receive a Hearing letter and face a possible fine. The first letter does mention you could face a possible fine of \$1,000, this is for those property owners who have been sent several letters, a lien was put on their home and they still have not complied. The \$1000 fine is the max you could face and does not include attorney's fees. The different rule violations range in amounts from \$50 to \$200 for first time offenders.

So please read your mail from the HOA to avoid furthering a First Notice violation letter, any possible fee you would not be aware of if you did not open your mail or some helpful and beneficial issues for you as a homeowner.



District 5
Denver Police Department

Summer may be over for students but not for criminals! Please remember to never leave items of value inside of your car, lock your vehicles and your homes and call the Denver Police non-emergency number, 720-913-2000, to report any suspicious persons or behavior. Remember, "If you see something, say something." We want everyone to be safe and we rely on you to help make that happen.



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Snow, Ice and everything not so Nice...

Yes sir, it is that time of year again! The time of snowmen, snowball fights, hot chocolate and curling up next to the fire. It is also the time to break those shovels free from the garage and put them to use. Of course I understand that shoveling is backbreaking work and no one seriously enjoys it, but all that work pays off in the end. Why, you ask? The truth is that with snow and bad weather, comes the

increased chance of accidents. Whether car accidents, slips on ice, or trips on snow mounds, the snow can create quite a health hazard.

The chance of injuring yourself while strolling down the snow covered street isn't usually our main concern. Generally we walk slowly to avoid tripping or slipping on that sneaky black ice. But the minute we let our guard down, **BAM** we're down on the ground with a twisted ankle, bruised hip or worse, a broken bone. This is where my concern, and the reason for this article, comes in to play.

Because the walkways in front of your home are your personal responsibility, the person that slips and falls on your sidewalk, is also your responsibility. A serious injury could spell the word that no one wants to hear...**Lawsuit**. And no one wants a lawsuit on their hands! All joking aside, it really could happen. I did some research and this is what I found...

Premise liability: Whether a claim can be filed against the owner, renter, or manager of a property or premises for a slip and fall accident.

The key rule for premise liability (referring to single family homes) for an owner/possessor to be charged with premise liability in a slip and fall accident case is as follows;

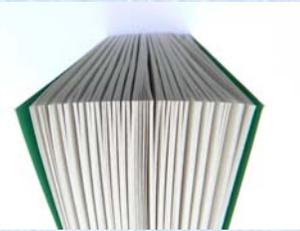
The owner, renter, or property manager knew about the dangerous condition that resulted in a slip and fall accident and left it uncorrected, thereby providing grounds for an injury lawyer to file for premise liability

The 24 hour Snow Removal regulation is in place for this reason. We do not want you or anyone else to fall and inherit an injury. We do not want you to be caught in a lawsuit. My hope is that everyone will be safe this winter and do their duty to reduce the snow and ice hazards around the community. Shovel your walkways for not only your safety but the safety of your fellow neighbors.

Can't wait to get out there and see all the wonderful "Frosty" look-a-likes, epic snowball fights and of course, clear walkways.



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Green Book has been updated!

By Peggy Ripko, HOA Supervisor

Last fall the Board of Directors reconvened the Green Book Committee to review the Green Book and make recommendations regarding necessary changes to the Board of Directors. The Board approved the changes at their meeting on August 28, 2013. The books are available on our website, www.gvrhoa.com, or can be picked up at our office.

A lot of the changes were done just to clarify the wording or make sure the grammar was correct. However, there were several substantial changes that homeowners need to be aware of!

1. Animal Runs- Homeowner with split rail fences can now have animal runs if they use vegetation to shield from view.
2. Banners/Decorative Flags must be displayed on a pole or bracket.
3. Commercial Vehicles- Re-defined to be more specific.
4. Garage Door Replacement- ARC approval is not needed if the color, material or style of the door is not changed.
5. Vehicle Repairs- Added a section to allow for this as long as the repairs don't exceed 72 consecutive hours.
6. Landscaping- Separated out weeds to its own section. This made it more fair to homeowners who previously could get two violations, and therefore two fines, for weeds in different areas of the yard. This change was approved at the March 2013 Board meeting.
7. All references to trees are in one section, instead of several different sections. This change was also approved at the March 2013 Board meeting.
8. Artificial Turf is now permitted, and is considered a xeriscaping material. If you want to install artificial turf you will have to ensure you have one piece of plant material for every 50-square feet.
9. Noise violation- Noise violations are difficult for the Association to enforce, as it cannot be documented in any other way than homeowner complaints. What tends to happen with this is that homeowners use noise complaints to the Associations as a way to 'get back' at their neighbor. Noise violations will now be referred to the City of Denver.
10. Painting of the House- brick cannot be painted.
11. Congratulatory signs are now permitted. These are signs that celebrate a good student or successful athlete in the household.
12. Specified size of oil stains that are a violation, which is approximately 6-inches in diameter.
13. Interior window coverings (blinds, etc) which are in need of repair and can be seen from the exterior of the house can now be sent a violation..

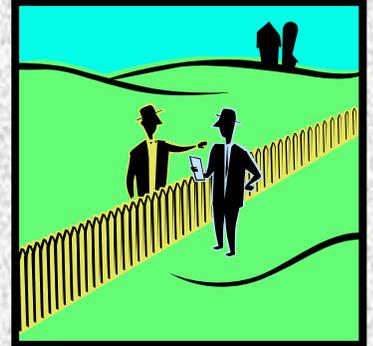
If you have any questions regarding the updated rules, please give our office a call at 303-307-3240!

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Avoiding Conflict with the Neighbors

Source: CAI (Community Association Institute)

We all *can* just get along. The key? Communication. It's often the best way to prevent and resolve conflict before it reaches the legal system. You don't have to be friends or spend time together to achieve a peaceful coexistence, but you should try to be a good neighbor and follow these tips:



Say hello. At the mailbox, while walking the dog or when you see a moving van arrive, introduce yourself. Learn your neighbors' names and regularly offer a friendly greeting.

Provide a heads up. If you're planning a construction project, altering your landscaping or hosting a big party, contact your neighbors beforehand.

Do unto others. Treat neighbors as you would like to be treated. Be considerate about noise from vehicles, stereos, pets, etc.

Know your differences. Make an effort to understand each other. Differences in age, ethnic background and years in the neighborhood can lead to different expectations or misunderstandings.

Consider the view. Keep areas of your property that others can see presentable.

Appreciate them. If the neighbors do something you like, let them know. They'll be pleased you noticed, and it'll be easier to talk later if they do something you don't like.

Stay positive. Most people don't try to create problems. If a neighbor does something that irritates you, don't assume it was deliberate.

Talk honestly. Tolerance is important, but don't let a real irritation go because it seems unimportant or hard to discuss. Let your neighbors know if something they do annoys.

Be respectful. Talk directly to your neighbors if there's a problem. Gossiping with others can damage relationships and create trouble.

Remain calm. If a neighbor mentions a problem they have with you, thank them for the input. You don't have to agree or justify any behavior. Wait for any anger to subside before responding.

Listen carefully. When discussing a problem, try to understand your neighbor's position and why he or she feels that way.

Take your time. Take a break to think about what you and your neighbor have discussed. Arrange to finish the conversation at another time.



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Covenant Corner

From the Residential Improvement Guidelines Book

3.75 Seasonal Decorations. ARC approval is not required if the seasonal decorations and their fasteners are installed not more than six (6) weeks prior and removed within six (6) weeks after such season.

The Association's Fine Waiving Policy

By Peggy Ripko, HOA Supervisor

Over the past several years, the Board of Directors has been very good about waiving fines that were assessed if the homeowner cured the violation. However, we are now noticing a trend that some homeowners are using the fine waiving process to avoid curing violations until they want to, and then the Board has been removing the fine. As a result, the Board of Directors has implemented a new policy that will take effect January 1, 2014.

Once a homeowner receives a Fine Decision letter from the Board of Directors, they will always have to pay at least 10% of that fine. If the homeowner appeals within the first thirty days after the date of the letter, they will pay the 10%. The percentage the homeowner must pay will increase of 5% every 30 days.

Any fines that were assessed prior to January 1, 2014 will fall under the same policy, using January 1, 2014 as the 'start date' for their process. For instance, if someone had a fine assessed in August 2013, if they appeal in the first thirty days of 2014 they will have to pay 10%. If they appeal in the first sixty days, they will have to pay 15%. Again, the percentage a homeowner has to pay will increase by 5% each 30 days.

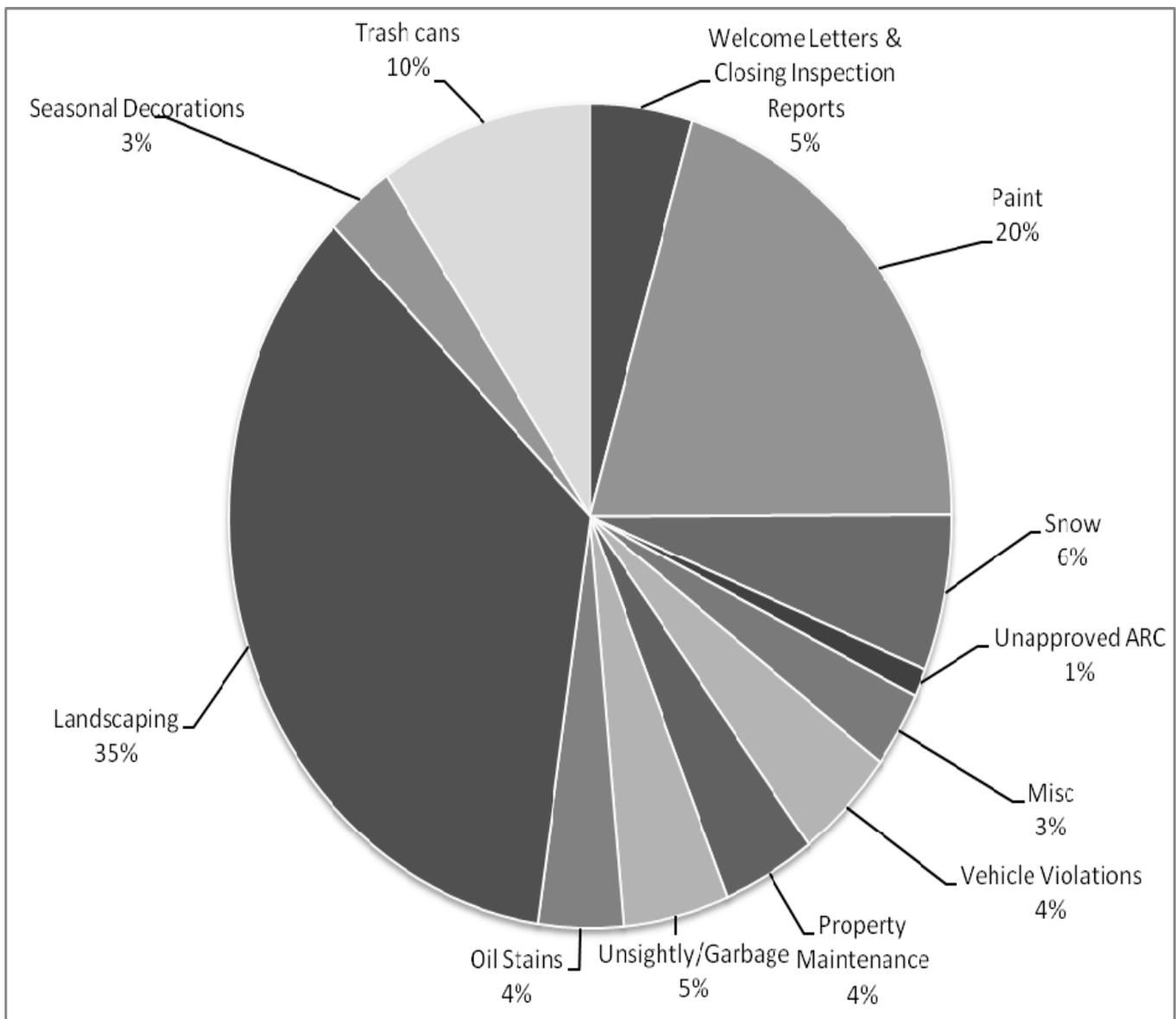
The best way to ensure that there is no fine on your account is to cure the violation or contact the office! We will always work with you regarding extensions and information with how to be in compliance!

If you would like a copy of the *Residential Improvement Guidelines and Site Restrictions (the Green Book)*, please stop by the GVR Metro District office located at 18650 E. 45th Ave. to pick one up. Or call the HOA office at 303-307-3240 or send an email to info@gvrhoa.com to have one mailed to you.

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VIOLATION STATISTICS

Below you will find the breakdown of letters sent year to date.



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Continued from the front page, Tips for Protecting your Identity during the Holidays

- Guard your PIN number at the ATM. Be aware of anyone lurking around the ATM, and if someone is standing too close, simply ask him or her to step back. Thieves can also install devices that read your information at the ATM without you knowing it. If you notice anything unusual about the ATM, use a different one, and report what you've seen to the bank.
- Don't let your credit card out of your sight. Unscrupulous clerks or waiters can copy your card information or swipe your card into a second card reader and later make a new credit card for themselves. Worse yet, they can sell your information to an organized crime ring.
- Lighten your wallet. Remove anything from your wallet that you don't absolutely need to have with you. That way, if someone is successful in stealing it, they won't get as much. Never carry your Social Security card with you, but check other cards that might use your SS# as an identifier. If you're not going to be using your checkbook, leave it at home.
- Make copies of your credit cards. Copy both sides of all your cards. If you lose your wallet, you'll have easy access to all of your account numbers and phone numbers, allowing you to alert your bank immediately.
- Keep up with all receipts. Not only will you need them to make returns easily, but also crooks are very interested in stealing the information they contain. Never stuff the receipts into your car visor or leave them exposed in any way.
- Open your credit card statements as soon as they arrive. Check the bill for any unauthorized purchases. Even better, keep a watchful eye on your accounts by going online and reviewing your accounts each week. If you notice anything out of the ordinary, report it immediately to your bank. Doing so will likely remove any payment responsibility you might have for fraudulent purchases.
- Secure all personal information even while at home. Unfortunately, many times an ID thief is someone we know. During the holidays, you may have guests in your home. Remove temptation by putting personal information out of sight.
- Consider signing up for a credit monitoring service. Such services alert you via email anytime there is an inquiry or other activity to your credit report. In other words, if someone tries to open an account in your name, you'll know about it. Such services are offered by all of the major credit reporting bureaus, and could be money well-spent.
- Order your credit report. Consumers are allowed one free credit report every 12 months from each of the three bureaus. Order a report now from one bureau, and order another one in January from a different bureau. This will give you a good snapshot of activity and will alert you to anything unusual.

In spite of all your efforts, if you are victimized by ID theft, contact an NFCC Member Agency for help. Their certified counselors can walk you through the steps to recovery. To find the agency closest to you, dial (800) 388-2227, or go online www.DebtAdvice.org. To locate a Spanish-speaking counselor, call (800) 682-9832.

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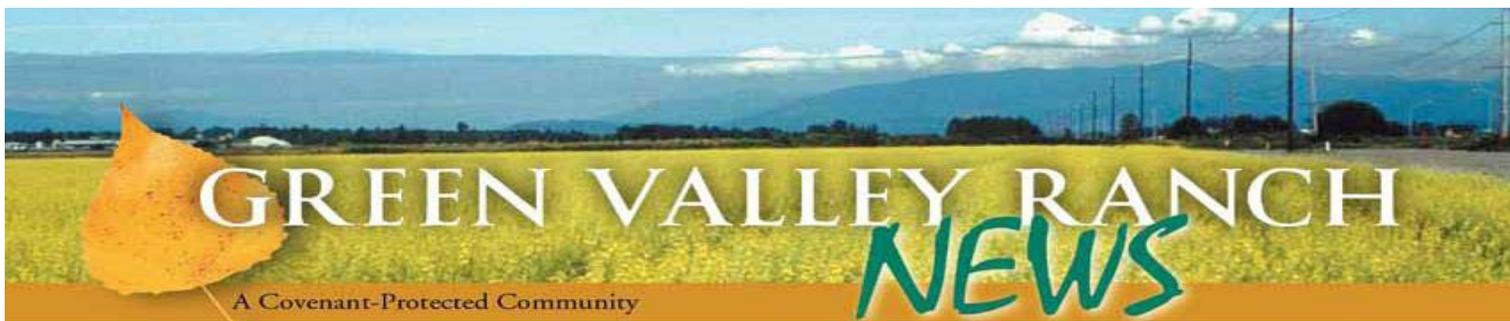
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Advertising deadline is the 1st of the "printing month" for the next bi-monthly newsletter. Camera ready ads must be submitted as either digital (submitted via email/CD in a compatible format) or original black and white laser print. Formats accepted: .pdf, .eps, .tif, .jpeg "in high resolution & fit to sizes above". Ads MUST be formatted to fit sizes above. Classified ads do not apply.

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District 18: Vacancy.....No Representation
District 19: Vacancy.....No Representation
 District 20: Vacancy.....No Representation
 District 21: Stephanie Brack.....www.gvrhoa.com
District 22: Vacancy.....No Representation
District 23: Vacancy.....No Representation
 District 24: Rueben Espinosareubemesp@yahoo.com
District 25: Vacancy.....No Representation
District 26: Vacancy.....No Representation

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Please submit “Letters to the Editor” & articles of interest (300 words or less preferably) to the newsletter coordinator by 5:00 P.M. the 1st of the current month. All submissions must be signed and include a daytime phone number in case the coordinator needs to clarify information. When the letter is printed, names will be withheld upon request. GVR HOA reserves the right to edit for clarity and/or space.

Thank you.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p><i>Disclaimer: Meeting dates & times subject to change. Please call the office to confirm.</i></p>		<p><i>Keep an eye on our websites www.gvrmetrodistrict.com & www.gvrhoa.com for up to date calendar information.</i></p>				1	2 FIFTY PLUS CLUB - 9 am @ GVR Golf Club (4900 Himalaya)
3 Daylight Savings Time ends	4 Computer Class: Excel Level 1– Part 1- 6 pm-8 pm @ Ad Bldg	5 Computer Class: Excel Level 1– Part 2- 6 pm-8 pm @ Ad Bldg	6	7 Arc forms due Computer Class: Excel Level 1– Part 3- 6 pm-8 pm @ Ad Bldg	8 Get Off Your Buns day trip: 10th Annual Colorado Christmas Gift Show departing @ 10am Ad Bldg	9 Computer Class: Basic Computer Concepts-9 am-1 pm @ Ad Bldg	
10	11 <i>The District & HOA offices will be CLOSED for Veterans Day</i>	12	13 Lunch Bunch for Seniors/ Active Adults departs 11:30 a.m. @ Ad Bldg HOA Hearing Committee mtg. - 6 pm @ Ad Bldg	14 ARC Committee mtg. - 6 pm @ Ad Bldg	15	16 Computer Class: Windows 7– Part 1 9 am-1 pm @ Ad Bldg	
17	18 Computer Class: Word-Level 1-Part 1- 6 pm-8 pm @ Ad Bldg	19 Computer Class: Word-Level 1-Part 2- 6 pm-8 pm @ Ad Bldg	20 GVR Metro Board Mtg. - 6:30 pm @ Ad Bldg	21 Computer Class: Word-Level 1-Part 3- 6 pm-8 pm @ Ad Bldg	22	23 Gobble Wobble- 5k Walk/Run 8:30 am check-in- 9:00 am race start @ Green Valley Ranch Golf Course	
24	25	26	27	28 <i>The District & HOA offices will be CLOSED for Thanksgiving</i>	29	30 Get Off Your Buns day trip: The Nutcracker departing @ 12 pm Ad Bldg	

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29	30	31				

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