



The Metro



A community newsletter coordinated by the GVR Metropolitan District

September/October 2013

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

New District Manager

Hello, I would like to introduce myself to my fellow neighbors who may not already know me. My name is Micaela Duffy and I have been selected to be the new District Manager for the Metro District. I have actually been with the District for eight years as the accountant. My husband and I have lived in the Green Valley Ranch Community for almost twenty years. We have two children that have grown up here and call GVR home. My daughter will be a senior this year at GW High School and my son will be a freshman at DSST GVR. He has been there since the school opened.

I am excited to be a leader and a voice for our community and I look forward to working with homeowners to make our community an even better place to live, work and play. Please feel free to stop in and share your ideas with me. My door is always open!

Are you creative? Can you come up with a "slogan"? If so, we need your help!

The Metro District is thinking about erecting a couple of signs along Tower Road as you enter Green Valley Ranch, welcoming commuters to our area. Have you seen the signs that some cities have on the side of the roads, like this one: "Welcome to Aurora, All America City". This is similar to what we would like to do. If you have an idea, please submit it to Dee at dmares@gvrmetrodistrict.com by noon, Friday, Sept. 13th.

Green Valley Ranch Disc Golf Course

ACE RACE

September 7th @ 10:00 am

check in 9:00 am

Random Draw Doubles - \$25.00 per person

Players Package: 2 disc, 1 mini, 2 reusable score cards 1cozy and 2 tumblers.

Accuracy contest: 3 throws for \$ 5 all cash goes to winner.

Distance contest: 3 throws for \$ 5 all cash goes to winner.

Mulligan \$ 3 each or 2 for \$ 5 (this event is non-sanctioned)

Green Valley Ranch Disc Golf Course
Located @ 42nd and Lisbon

To register go to www.badcodisc.com.
For more info: call 303-808-6776 or email RonnieDRoss@hotmail.com

**Come watch some of the best disc golf players in the state.
Learn how to play disc golf!**



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DISTRICT PROGRAMS

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

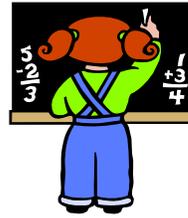


New restaurant every month

Departing location:
GVR Metro District office
(18650 E. 45th Avenue)

Departing every second Wednesday
of the month at 11:30 am

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



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 pricing.

Classes starting at \$56.00

Senior discounts starting at \$35.00

FREE COMPUTER CLASS SEMINAR:

Saturday, October 12, 2013

9:00 am - 11:30 am

Topic: SkyDrive - Cloud Computing

(Please call to register at least 3 business days prior to class)

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.

ACTIVE ADULT TRIP

September 8th

Brunch at the

Mt. Vernon Country Club

Departing Admin Building (18650 E. 45 Ave.) at 10:00 am - \$26.00 per person

Oct. 19th

Shelby American Museum (Boulder)

Departing Admin Bldg at 10am

\$8.00 per person



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.

Computer Corner - Storage Media...how times have changed!

By Wanda Woods, Computer Instructor, Green Valley Ranch Metropolitan District

Before we get into data storage, let me first introduce binary codes. It is the basis of computer data. Without getting too technical, the computer is a digital machine that reads characters in 0s and 1s. They are used in a line to give a command to the computer. For each character, there will be 8 variations of the 0 and 1. Each 0 and 1 is called a "bit" of data. It takes Eight (8) bits to create one byte of data or one character. Each character you type is translated into a binary code. An example would be if you type the word "Cat", the binary code would look like this: 01000011 01100001 01110100

C = 01000011; **a** = 01100001; and **t** = 01110100. The word Cat consists of 24 bits or 3 bytes (characters) of data.

Note: there are binary codes for both upper and lower case letters. For example, lower case "c" would have a different binary code than upper case "C". If you want to see how your name would look like in binary code, go to <http://www.binarytranslator.com/index.php>. Type your name in lower case in the "Translate Text to Binary/Binary to Text" box, and then click the Translate button. Notice how the code will change if you type your name in upper case.

So, you now know that it takes 8 bits of data to make one byte (character) of data. A Kilobyte (KB) is 1000 bytes or characters of data. A Megabyte (MB) is 1 million bytes or characters of data. A Gigabyte (GB) is 1 billion bytes of data and Terabytes are 1 trillion bytes of data. I mention this to help understand the evolution of data storage. The timeline below will show as time progressed, so does the storage capacity of the devices.

Data storage devices are a critical piece of hardware that you will need for your computer. Types of storage devices are the hard drive, zip drive, CD-ROM, floppy disks, flash drives, and now the newest and latest technology is Cloud storage.

Storage devices have progressed over the years. The Punch Cards or punched paper tape (remember those?) were used in the mid 1930s and throughout the 20th century. Actually in 1725 it was first used in textile factories to control looms. With the holes that were punched in specific spots, the machine was told what patterns to create.

Later came the introduction of magnetic memory, which consisted of magnetic cores that each held 1 bit of data. The drum memory was a magnetic data storage device used frequently with punched card or tape. Although created in 1932, it wasn't used widely until the 1950s.

In November 1969 the first floppy drives manufactured were 8 inches in diameter and could hold 79.7KB of information.

In October 1972 The cassette tape (I know quite a few of us remember this one) was a magnetic audio tape that could hold 660KB of storage per side. It was the easiest, cheapest way to store data until the floppy disk became more accessible and less expensive.

In January 1976 5.25 inch floppy disks were one-sided and had a capacity of 360KB. They were used mainly by private users, until replaced by the 3.5 inch floppy disk, which had a capacity of 1.44MB.

In March 1979 The CD (compact disc) was first produced by Sony and Philips. It could hold up to 700MB of audio and other data.

In May 1990 The CD-R (compact disc reader) format is still used. The difference between CD and CD-R is CD-R you can save data to it versus the CD, you can't save data to it. It's usually associated with storing prerecorded music or software programs. CD-R you're able to store or save your own music and data files to it. It's 700MB storage capacity, high quality, and low price helped it surpass the floppy and survive the rise of the Zip and Jaz discs

In August 1994 Zip drives, also called zip disks, are a removable storage disk introduced by Iomega. The original disks had a 100MB capacity, but later versions had 250MB and 750MB. These devices were ideal for large documents and design files. However, they were quickly replaced by floppy discs and were favored over CD-Rs because they were re-writable.

In June 1995 Jaz Disks were a removable hard disk device introduced by Iomega. They are now obsolete. They had a 1GB capacity and were mainly used by home users.

In January 2000 the first flash drives to be sold commercially had an amazing 8MB of storage space. This was more than five times the amount a floppy disk could hold.

In August 2000 SD cards are a portable memory card originally produced by SanDisk and Toshiba. They can hold up to 32 MB of storage. When introduced, it gained popularity in handheld devices. They are thin as quarters, and have evolved to no longer be restricted by the physical size of the device.

Lastly, in April 2011 was the beginning of Cloud storage. Cloud storage is online storage. With online services, consumers can access limitless storage from any Internet connected device. Many vendors offer free storage capacity to the consumer; but buyers beware, the free storage can come with storage limitations. The most popular services are SkyDrive (Microsoft), Google Drive (Google), Dropbox, and iCloud(Apple).

Next article will talk more about the benefits of using Cloud storage, particularly SkyDrive.

You can learn more about Cloud storage by taking the **Basic Computer Class** that is offered at the **Green Valley Ranch Metropolitan District**. The Basic class will **now** include how to use Skydrive by Microsoft. Our next basic class is scheduled on **August 10, 9:00a-1:00p**. There are special rates for participants 55+. Visit the website www.gvrmetrodistrict.com or contact La Vetta Murray (303-373-3243) to register or questions.



Metro District Information

Where did my sign go?????

By Ken Albert, Facilities Manager

Did you place a sign advertising your business, products, a church function, etc. within Green Valley Ranch Metropolitan District recently? Then a day or two later its gone? What happened to your sign? We are probably the ones that removed it. GVR Metropolitan District has a "Sign Policy and Procedure" in place, that needs to be followed, BEFORE any sign can be placed within our boundaries.

Sign Policy: At times preceding elections and occasionally at other times, signs are placed on property within the District that is owned, controlled or managed by the District. Regulation of such signs is necessary to protect public lands and resources and to protect the aesthetic appearance of public lands and spaces within the District. The uncontrolled proliferation of advertising for products, services, political candidates and political issues creates hazards to public safety, damages public facilities and degrades the aesthetic appearance of neighborhoods within the District. The District has constitutional authority to impose restrictions on the time, place and manner of sign placements in public spaces that constitute a public forum.

The District's regulatory authority over the placement of signs shall extend to the:

- ◆ Parks, ponds and open space areas owned by the District
- ◆ Parking lots owned by the District
- ◆ Buildings owned or leased by the District
- ◆ Parks, ponds, open spaces, street easements and medians owned by the City of Denver but managed by the District
- ◆ Parks, ponds, open spaces, street easements and medians owned by the area developers but managed by the District

Also, by just pushing or pounding the signs into the ground, you run the risk of causing damage to the landscape and the underground irrigation lines.

To read more on the "Sign Policy and Procedure" or to fill out an application for a Sign Permit, you can stop by the District Office or go to our website www.gvrmetrodistrict.com.

School is in Session!

By Colleen Galvin, Senior Librarian, Green Valley Ranch Branch

Denver Public Library - Green Valley Ranch branch is looking forward to welcoming students back to the Library. We are now open 7 days a week so we can increase our services to schools and students.

We've expanded our after-school program from 3 days, to now 5 days a week. Every Monday through Friday at 4PM, children 8-14 can participate in "After School is Cool! (ASIC)" This year we are dedicating at least one day a week to STEM activities.

In addition to ASIC, many of Green Valley Ranch's students use the Library for unstructured activities like computer-work, independent study, or just a place to hang out. We encourage all different types of use.

With over nine schools in the neighborhood, our after-school times can get pretty crowded. Please help Library staff keep your kids safe with these simple guidelines:

-Remind everyone of all ages to be courteous at the Library. If your behavior interferes with other customers' library experience, you may be asked to leave.

- If your children are too little to be at a grocery store by themselves, they are too little to be at the Library by themselves. GVR Library staff make the Library as safe as possible, but please remember that it is still a public space.

- GVR Library staff do not say "shush."

That doesn't mean we haven't reserved places inside the Library where customers can quietly study. Ask Library staff to direct you to our Quiet Area if you find the noise in the Library above your liking.

We are looking forward to helping our Green Valley Ranch students have a successful school year! If you have any questions about the Library, please contact Colleen Galvin, Senior Librarian, 720-865-0310.



STAY GREEN, KEEP IT CLEAN!

Have you shared a smile today? The Green Valley Ranch Community Litter Free program invites you to Brighten a Block today with our Be Green, Keep it Clean program. This community, volunteer based program was created by a concerned home owner and resident who, out of seeing the need to do something to keep our community litter free, decided to get up and move with motivated effort to make a block smile!

By partnering with The City and County of Denver, HOA partners, and local businesses, we are focused on the goal of creating and maintaining an appealing, litter free and safe environment. With the support of community residents and local businesses, we are dedicated to the positive rewards of an attractive, litter free community.

The rewards are boundless! By encouraging ownership and responsibility, we aim to educate individuals on the positive rewards of living in a litter free, toxin free environment. Focusing on Green efforts, we are not only helping keep the community clean and appealing, but, also assisting with clean air, minimizing toxins that encourage pollution, and keeping wildlife safe.

INTERESTED? Why not join us today by making a block smile! Looking for volunteers to help brighten a block... please send an email makeablocksmile@yahoo.com or call 303.667.5009.



Former District Manager's Message - GOOD BYE

By Andrew Pimental, Former District Manager

5 years, 2 months and 14 days – no more...

I write this last newsletter article for The Metro with sadness in my heart, and excitement for the future for me and my family. Through a great career opportunity for myself, as well as a chance to move closer to my wife's family, I have moved on from GVR and onto the next chapter of my life, which happens to be in Minnesota. As you are reading this article our Board of Directors should be wrapping up the hiring process for the next District Manager for this great community.

My time at GVR was full of experiencing some interesting interactions with some members of the GVR community, and with the majority of them very positive. There were people here that have helped grow me as a manager, leader and developer of community. My time with the Far Northeast Optimist Club was valuable in giving me a chance to give back to this community. All in all, I wouldn't change the experience one bit!

I thank the Board of Directors for the opportunity to serve this community. I thank the GVR HOA Board of Directors for their collaboration, desire and skill in drafting the agreement with the Metro District which allows for efficient covenant enforcement. I express my sincere gratitude to those that have worked under my supervision for the time I have been here. The staff of the GVR Metro District has always been very dedicated to this community and at times doesn't get the respect that they truly deserve. I thank the community volunteers that come to committee meetings, board meetings and other opportunities to help give back to their community. Although their numbers are small, it is made up with the size of their hearts – all for the benefit of this community! Lastly, I thank the characters of GVR... those reading this article will know who they are... I thank them for the debates, the disagreements, and the intense (at times) conversations about what GVR can and will become!

I have left town, but the District is in good hands. Micaela Duffy (the District's Accountant) was appointed by the District Board on July 3 as the Interim District Manager. She will lead the efforts until a new manager is hired. Please support Micaela as she continues the great things we have accomplished over the recent years, and plans added in the future.

I have never had as difficult a time as this one in saying goodbye. It is with the utmost respect that I move on and wish GVR the best for years to come!

A couple quotes that comes to mind to finish this article...

To the unhappy or unsettled souls of GVR - **"Dwelling on the negative simply contributes to its power."** ~Shirley MacLaine

To the truly dedicated staff, Board, Volunteers and community – **"Unselfish and noble actions are the most radiant pages in the biography of souls"** ~David Thomas

Thank you GVR, I will stay in touch!

**DO YOU NEED A
HANDYMAN?**



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

**For more information please call La Vetta at
303-307-3243 or 720-641-4801**



GVR CONTACT INFO

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 Micaela Duffy, District Manager303-307-3246
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 Email.....info@gvrhoa.com
 Website.....www.gvrhoa.com
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 Carriage Park: CPMG.....303-671-6402
 Bungalows: Westwind Mgmt.....303-369-1800

DENVER CONTACTS:

311 Call Center, *within Denver*.....Dial 3-1-1
 OR720-913-1311
 Animal Control.....Dial 3-1-1
 DIA Noise "Complaint Line".....303-342-2380
 GVR Graffiti "Hotline".....303-307-3247
 Green Valley Ranch "Hotline"303-307-3248
 Neighborhood Inspection Services.....720-865-3200
 EMERGENCIES.....Dial 9-1-1
 Police: Non-emergency.....720-913-2000
 Police: District 5 Station303-376-2300
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 City of Denver Street Maintenance/
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 GVR Library (4856 N. Andes Ct.)720-865-0310

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 DSST303-320-5570
 SOAR720-287-5100
 Vista Academy-Middle & High School720-423-7650

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 GVR Cub Scouts (Shannon).....303-374-8824
 GVR Girl Scouts.....303-371-2072
 GVR Golf Club.....303-371-3131
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We post the newsletter on our website at www.gvrmetrodistrict.com bi-monthly as well as email it to anyone that prefers to receive it electronically.

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GREEN VALLEY RANCH NEWS

A Covenant-Protected Community

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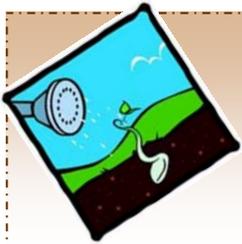
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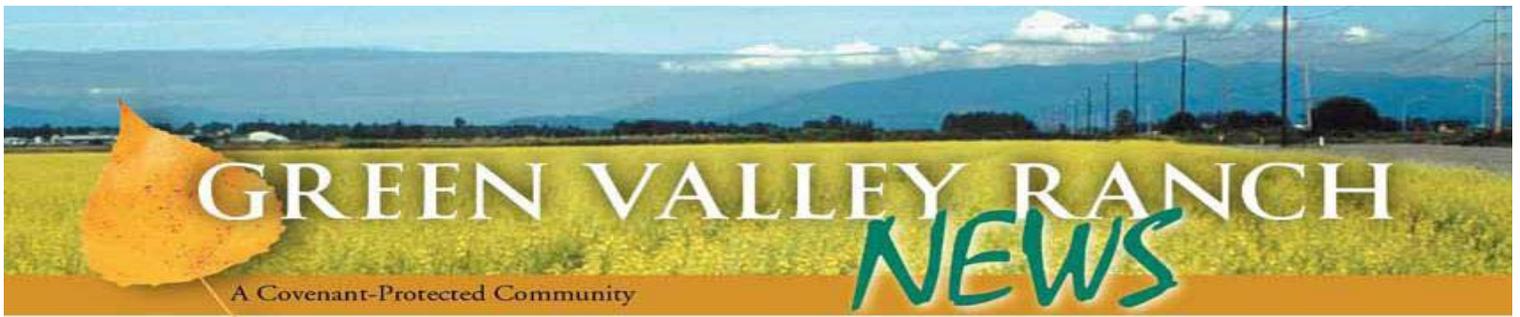


Demonstration Garden

By Peggy Ripko, HOA Supervisor

If you have driven by the Metro District's office recently, you may have noticed that the south yard has changed a little! The District and Association worked together to install a Demonstration Garden. It has nine patches/squares for different types of turf, examples of different plants, bushes and trees around the outside. The plants are arranged from low water use to high water use, so you can see the different things you can do using lower amounts of water. Very soon, we will have plaques placed around the area so you know exactly what the different plants are! We are hoping this will help homeowners who are interested in re-doing their yard or in xeriscaping, to decide what kind of plants they can use!





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Peggy Ponders

By Peggy Ripko, HOA Supervisor



Drought or no drought? As you know, Denver Water declared a Stage 2 drought back in the spring. As a result, the Board of Directors stated that the only enforcement that would be done for landscaping is weeds. Denver Water then re-evaluated the conditions and declared a Stage 1 drought back in June, allowing homeowners to water more! And even though we are still in a Stage 1 drought, we have seen more rain in the last couple of weeks than we are used to during August in Colorado! As the rain has been more plentiful than usual this time of year, we have had feedback from some homeowners that we should increase landscape enforcement. We share the frustration that has been expressed that some homeowners are using the drought conditions as an excuse to not do anything with their yard. However, state law specifies that Associations are legally unable to do covenant enforcement for anything that requires water to fix (bare areas, dry grass, dead lawn) in a time of mandatory watering restrictions. And while the Stage 1 restrictions are less severe, they are still considered mandatory watering restrictions.

Once the drought conditions have been lifted completely, the Board legally has to give all homeowners a 'reasonable amount of time' to correct their yards before issuing violations. The Board will be closely following Denver Water to know when the drought conditions have been lifted, and will then decide the timeline in which yards will need to be corrected.

The Board has been working hard over the past couple of years to increase the level of compliance in the community. We look forward to the drought conditions lifting so we can continue this!

Residential Paint Committee

By Peggy Ripko, HOA Supervisor

The Board of Directors recently appointed members to the Residential Paint Committee. The goal of this committee is to establish pre-approved paint colors for the Association. The Committee welcomes suggestions and comments from homeowners in the community! The meetings will be posted on the Association's website and homeowners are welcome to attend.

The Committee is in the beginning stages of a process that includes the selection of the color schemes and establishing guidelines for how ARC forms will be submitted and approved. Once the committee makes the recommendations, the Board of Directors will review them. The Board will then do the final approval of the paint colors and guidelines! Any homeowner who would like an extension for painting their house, pending the final approval of the pre-approved colors, can request the extension in writing to the Board of Directors. Extension requests can be emailed to info@gvrhoa.com or sent to 18650 E. 45th Ave.



Teri's Tidbits

By Teri Cordova, HOA Assistant

Why am I getting a violation letter when my neighbor's property looks so much worse?

Boy, do I get this a lot. If you look on our website, attend the HOA Board meeting or read this newsletter, Peggy has the violation statistics posted. As most of you know, we have an assistant inspector, Bridget, who is out taking pictures of violations daily. So, we have been sending out many-many violations. Small or large, we do not have the authority to separate the two, a violation is a violation and if there is an infraction on your property you will receive a violation letter. Please know we do not single any one out, because frankly we just don't have the time.



We also understand there are properties in GVR that need special attention from the HOA and they are getting it. Peggy, along with the HOA staff, HOA Board of Directors and the Metro District are working hard to get these properties to comply. Sometimes it just takes someone to buy the property from a bank or HUD and you can see a beautiful house emerge. So, with patience and hard work these properties can turn around.

Fall Clean Up!

As the summer season comes to a close, the next phase of landscaping in Colorado is coming up- fall clean-up! I am hopeful that the effort people have put into their yard this summer will continue into the fall. What does this mean?

Leaves! As the leaves fall off the trees, they need to be raked up. And what to do with them? There are two options. First- you can put them out on large item pick up day, which will be September 4 and November 5, so plan ahead! Or, you can use the LeafDrop program mentioned below!

LeafDrop: Rake, Reuse & Recycle

LeafDrop is a leaf collection and composting program designed to keep leaves out of the landfill and off our streets. Each fall Denver Recycles offers Denver residents an alternative to disposing of their leaves by providing free drop sites throughout the city typically during the first three weekends in November. All leaves collected at the drop sites are taken to A1 Organics where they are naturally recycled through composting over the winter. The resulting high quality landscaping and agricultural compost is made available for purchase at a deep discount in the spring at Denver's annual Mulch Giveaway and Compost Sale.

In 2012, over 461 tons of leaves were collected and composted through LeafDrop! By participating in this program, Denver residents help better their neighborhoods by keeping leaves out of the streets and storm drains, reduce trash and greenhouse gas emissions due to burying organic material like leaves in a landfill, and create compost, that can be used locally to improve our soils.

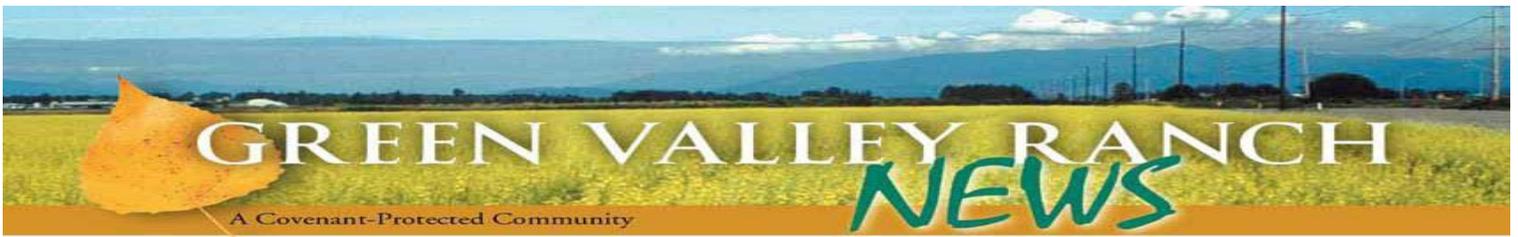
The tentative dates for LeafDrop are: (Weekday Drop-off)

~October 7 through December 2

~Saturday Sites: November 9, 16 and 23

~Sunday Sites: November 10, 17, and 24

Check the City of Denver website, www.denvergov.org for specific details for this year's LeafDrop.



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Covenant Corner

From the Residential Improvement Guidelines Book

3.42 Garage Sales Restricted to two sales per year. Residents are encouraged to participate in the Association sponsored community garage sale (See Signs)

Snow Removal



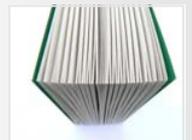
It is very hard to think about this right now as it is close to 100! But soon enough snow will be falling. And what goes down must come up.

The Green Book states that snow must be removed from sidewalks, **including the areas around the mailboxes**, within 24-hours of the conclusion of the snow fall. This is one of the rules that is put in place to protect the homeowners in GVR, so that everyone has clear sidewalks to walk on.

Updated Green Book!

Last fall the Board of Directors reconvened the Green Book Committee to update the rules and regulations of the community. The Committee met over several months and the recommendations have been given to the Board of Directors.

The Board was scheduled to review the recommendations at their August 28, 2013 meeting. Keep an eye out on our website and in the mail for more information regarding the updates!



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 it up. Or call the HOA office at 303-307-3240 or send an email to info@gvrhoa.com to have one mailed to you.



Home Remedies for Killing Weeds

By Bridget Busalacchi, HOA Assistant Inspector

When it comes to removing those pesky weeds from our gardens and lawns, it often seems as if we must choose between hazardous chemicals and hard work. However, there are more natural alternatives to garden weed control that are pet-friendly and environmentally safe, without hard work.

Vinegar

Another low-cost solution, household vinegar is an effective way to kill weeds. According to a 2002 study by Agricultural Research Service scientists, vinegar, when applied directly to weeds, would kill them within their first two weeks of life. They found that vinegars with a 5 percent or 10 percent concentration were sufficient for killing most young weeds.

Using vinegar as an organic pesticide also allows you to spot spray pesky weeds within your garden or yard. Common store-bought vinegar is typically a 5% solution, so even if the vinegar penetrates the ground, it won't affect the pH level of the soil for more than a day or two. The best way to apply the vinegar to weeds is to fill a clean spray bottle and spray the weeds (coating them completely) as needed.

Sugar

Spread raw sugar around the base of a weed or small areas of weeds that you want to kill. Allow three to five days before planting in the area (particularly after two to three waterings). Add chili pepper to the sugar mixture if you are concerned about attracting unwanted insects or other visitors. The chili pepper will deter most pests. Add corn meal to your soil once the weeds are dead. Corn meal has a pre-emergent chemical that prevents new weed seeds from emerging.

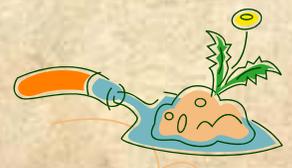
Salt

Salt is a powerful weed killer, but one should take notice that if used incorrectly, it can kill everything around the weed as well. Using salt to kill weeds is highly effective for those pesky weeds in the cracks of your sidewalk or driveway, or areas where grass and other desirable plants are not in close proximity. Salt will render the earth beneath the weed useless for quite some time. Another prime candidate for salt is the thicker, longer-rooted weed that you're unable to pull by yourself. Dig down just a bit right next to the root, and fill the cavity with salt. The weed will die in quick order and the chances of it coming back are slim to none.

Borax

Use borax on creeping vine weeds such as ground ivy found in lawns. Borax contains boron, a plant micronutrient, says Iowa State University. When boron is applied in large amounts to a plant, it becomes toxic. A mixture of 10 oz. of borax dissolved into 4 oz. of warm water then diluted further into 2 1/2 gallons of water is an effective borax weed-control recipe.

*The preceding information should be used with caution to your lawn. Make sure to only apply solutions on the weeds and no where else. These "all-natural" remedies will kill any plant material they come in contact with and *can* sterilize the soil for quite a while.





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Letter to the Editor

DO YOU LIVE IN A NOISE POLLUTION NEIGHBORHOOD?

By LOVING MY HOME

As a new homeowner, I have come to learn the character and sounds of the people of my neighborhood.

Like an old house, I hear all the sounds of my house settling and likewise all the sounds of my neighborhood for example:

- ◆ When the dogs stop and start barking on a daily basis
- ◆ When certain neighbors come and go from their homes daily
- ◆ How much people movement and activity there is during Monday thru Friday versus the weekend
- ◆ More children and teens in the area during the summer versus the school year
- ◆ How many and what kind of vehicle traffic comes thru my neighborhood
- ◆ What time of day and night vehicle traffic starts and ends

Ok, that is what I know about my neighborhood. What do you know about yours?

My interest and what I am most concerned about is the noise pollution that comes from the vehicle traffic, i.e. the loud shakable vibrating bass music coming from some vehicles as they go down our streets.

You know, the vibrating music sound that approaches like thunder and vibrates my windows as the vehicle passes by many times throughout the day.

That is what I call noise pollution!

The frequency of that type of loud music coming from vehicles traveling to and from my neighborhood is very disturbing for me; is it for you?

Well, when you find yourself trying to shut out this type of intrusion by turning up your TV, or radio... It might be time to confront this issue...maybe consider this information.

I have found out that Denver has a noise ordinance law and unfortunately, it does not address modern day drive-by-nuisances!

The current Denver noise ordinance law requires police presence and the police observing the disturbance in order to issue a ticket

Well modern day noise pollution is now mobile

I believe an amendment to that noise ordinance law is needed and I am working to make that happen. I would love the input and experiences of my neighbors with this issue!

There are several things you can do to help:

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1. You can make a log of this drive by noise, listing date, time, day and type of vehicle you may observe
Contact me at gvrceq@yahoo.com with your thoughts and observations regarding this!

I believe that if just one vehicle is issued the \$100 fine, the news would spread about the law and the traveling drive by noise pollution might be decreased.

That will help me further build a community consensus that I can merge with my personal experience and then share with our city council member, Chris Herndon.

The information you share will also help with our community obtaining a "noise ordinance" sign being placed in various neighborhoods that document a need for one.

Let's make our neighborhood and homes a place of peaceful retreat, and rejuvenation!

We can stop the form of in house imprisonment we too often succumb to rather than addressing neighbor behavior that is unacceptable!

Thanks for allowing me to rant, please feel free to contact me again at gvrceq@yahoo.com.

Pet Rules for Harmonious Neighborhoods

Source: CAI

Our association is proud to be pet-friendly, and we're happy your four-legged family members are part of our community. Of course, like any good neighbor, it's important that these pets don't create an unpleasant environment for everyone else. To avoid unnecessary disputes, here are some guidelines owners should follow to ensure their furry friends continue to be a welcome addition to the neighborhood.

Keep it Clean: No one wants to see, smell or accidentally step in the "gift" your dog left in the parks or on neighbor's yards. So when your dog needs to go, be sure to properly dispose of it, preferably in a pet waste disposal can. Not only will this keep our community looking better, but it will help keep ground water clean and help prevent the spread of fecal-borne diseases.

Quiet Down: Pets will be noisy from time to time. However, when loud barking or meowing becomes annoying to neighbors, it's time to help your pet become less talkative. First, try to find out what causes your pets to get vocal: Do they get noisy when they've been alone and bored all day and need some playtime? Have they gone through a stressful change in environment recently? Are they suffering from health issues? Do they simply like saying "hello" to every squirrel, person or car that passes by? When you've identified the cause, take remedial actions such as confining them to an area where they feel calm while you're away, removing or blocking as many stimuli as possible, exercising them more and spending more time with them. You can also take them to a professional or search online for tips on how to train your pets not to get too noisy.

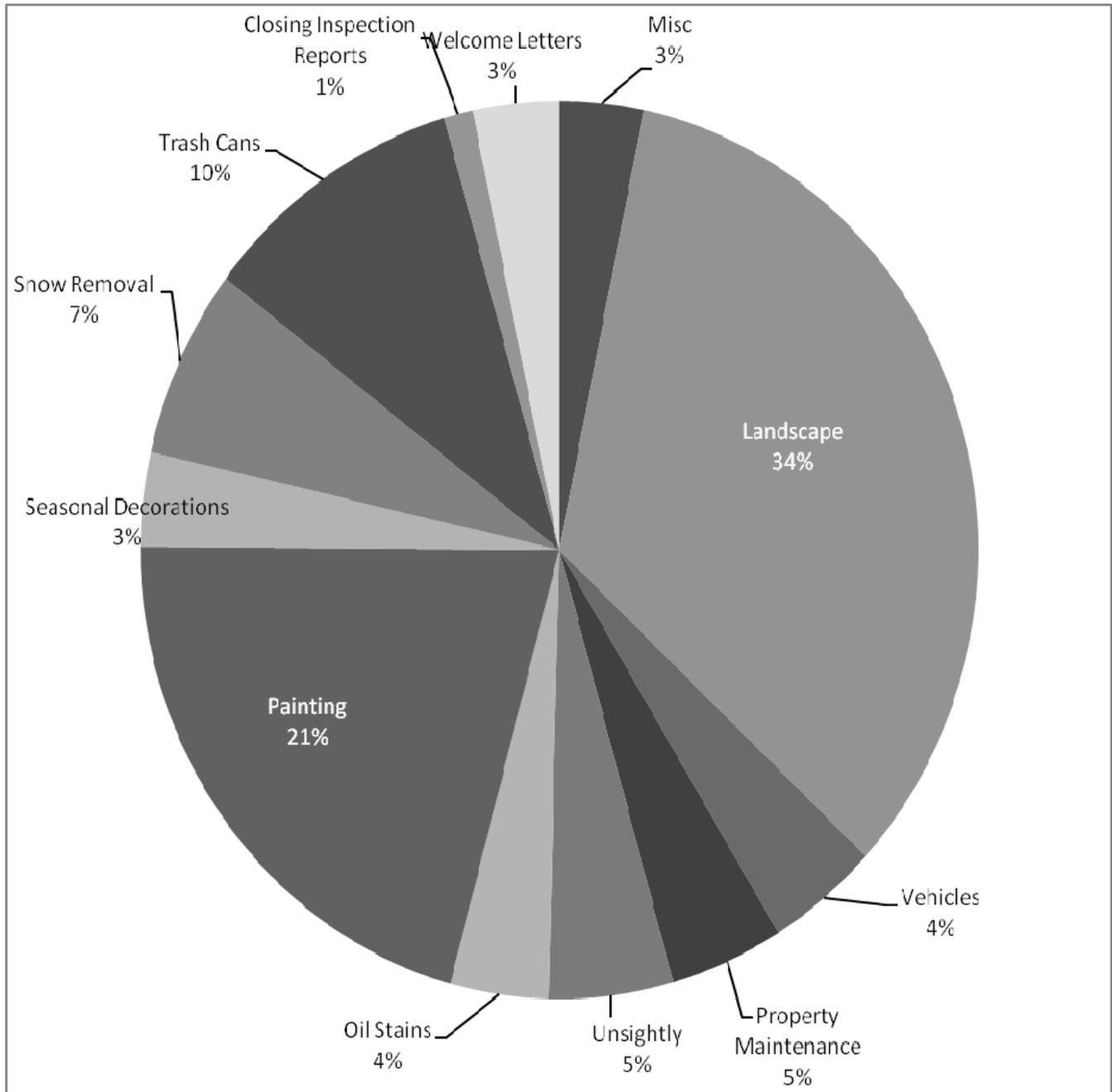
No Wandering: For the safety of your pets as well as all residents, please do not allow your pets to roam unattended outside. Along with helping protect your pets, leashing your dog is the law.



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VIOLATION STATISTICS

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





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Does this Happen in your Community?

Article submitted by the Office of the Denver District Attorney. The Denver DA's Fraud Line is 720-913-9179. Follow them on Twitter @DenverScamAlert. Website: www.DenverDA.org (Posted May 2013 on www.SeniorsResourceGuide.com)

A flyer showing up in Denver neighborhoods is urging homeowners to have their home address painted on the curb, suggesting it is important for "public safety."

The suggestion is FALSE.

Contrary to popular belief and claims made in the flyer, emergency responders, including the fire department and paramedics, do not rely on painted addresses on curbs to locate or identify residences during emergencies. Home address numbers on curbs are simply not reliable as they are often obscured by bushes, parked cars, snow piles and other debris. Emergency responders will look for home address numbers located somewhere on the home itself.

In addition, curbs are considered a public right of way and any painting or other demarcation of curbs requires a permit in Denver.

What should you do?

Decline offers to paint your house address on the curb. Rather than spending money on a service whose claim is not supported by emergency service providers and is not legal without a permit, Denver residents should take steps to ensure that existing address numbers on their houses are clearly visible from the street.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Patter of Little Feet Daycare is now enrolling toddlers and small children and Before and After School care. Call Christine 720-242-6909



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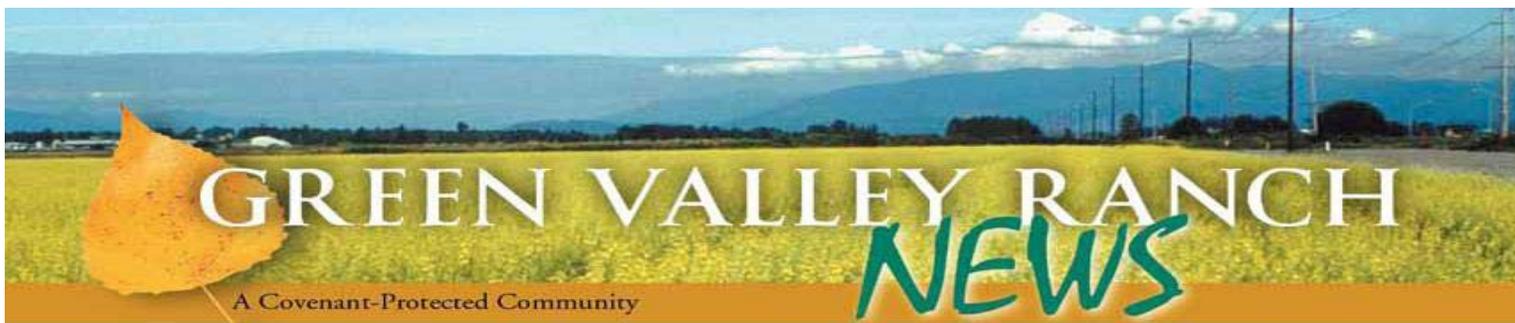
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Advertising deadline is the 1st of the "printing month" for the next bi-monthly newsletter. Camera ready ads must be submitted as either digital (submitted via email/CD in a compatible format) or original black and white laser print. *Formats accepted: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

GVR Homeowners Association handles ad submissions and payments. Please mail your ad & payment to 18650 E. 45th Avenue, Denver, CO 80249, or drop it by the office. If ad submission and payment are not received by the 1st of the "printing month", the ad will not be published until the next newsletter. For questions or further info, please contact Karen Jordan at 303-307-3240 or email kjordan@gvrhoa.com.



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 District 4: **Vacancy.....No Representation**
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Please Note

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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September 2013



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Large item pickup week. Please go to www.denvergov.org/TrashandRecycling/PickupSchedules/YourPickupSchedule/tabid/440897/Default.aspx for your collection day.</p>	<p>2 <i>The District & HOA offices will be CLOSED for Labor Day</i></p>	3	4	5 <i>Arc forms due</i>	6	<p>7 FIFTY PLUS CLUB - 9 am @ GVR Golf Club (4900 Himalaya)</p> <hr/> <p>GVR Disc Golf Tournament - 10am @42nd & Lisbon Park - <i>Spectators Welcomed!</i></p> <hr/> <p>HOA Annual Mtg. -11:30am @ GVR Rec Ctr (4891 Argonne)</p>
<p>8 Lunch Bunch for Seniors/ Active Adults- brunch at Mt. Vernon Country Club departs 10:00 am @ Ad Bldg</p>	9	<p>10 <i>HOA Hearing Committee mtg. - 6 pm @ Ad Bldg</i></p>	<p>11 <i>GVR Metro Board Mtg. - 6:30 pm @ Ad Bldg</i></p>	<p>12 <i>ARC Committee mtg. - 6 pm @ Ad Bldg</i></p>	13	<p>14 <i>Community Garden End of Season BBQ - 11:30 am @ Community Garden</i></p>
15	<p>16 <i>Computer Class: Word-Level 1-Part 1- 6 pm-8 pm @ Ad Bldg</i></p>	<p>17 <i>Computer Class: Word-Level 1-Part 2- 6 pm-8 pm @ Ad Bldg</i></p>	18	<p>19 <i>Arc forms due</i> Computer Class: Word-Level 1-Part 3- 6 pm-8 pm @ Ad</p>	20	<p>21 <i>Computer Class: Basic Computer Concepts-9 am-1 pm @ Ad Bldg</i></p>
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13	14 Computer Class: Access-Level 1- Part 1-6 pm-8 pm @ Ad Bldg	15 CAB Quarterly Community mtg - Evie Dennis Campus @ 6 pm-8 pm Computer Class: Access-Level 1- Part 2-6 pm-8 pm @ Ad Bldg	16 GVR Metro Board Mtg. - 6:30 pm @ Ad Bldg	17 Computer Class: Access-Level 1- Part 3-6 pm-8 pm @ Ad Bldg	18	19 Computer Class: Basic Computer Concepts-9 am-1 pm @ Ad Bldg Get Off Your Buns day trip: Shelby American Museum - departing @ 10am Ad Bldg
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