THE OFFICIAL Newsletter OF FAWN RIDGE



WELCOME **NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

The Fawn Ridge annual membership meeting was held in February where voting ballots were counted. Thank you to the candidates who ran

for an open board position and to the homeowners that submitted ballots. The Board would like to thank Ashley Coxwell and Chris Renshaw for their time and dedication to volunteering as BOD members for the past few years.

CURRENT 2025 BOARD MEMBERS:

Matthew Racine, President **David Bowles, Vice President** Denise Acevedo, Secretary Danielle Walsh, Treasurer Mike Castro, Director at Large

BACK TO BASICS ROLE OF THE BOARD

- HOA board member's fiduciary responsibility is to help the association succeed while adhering to the governing documents. As of 2024, BOD members must meet the state requirement by attending a 4hour approved certification class 90 days of becoming a board member.
- The certification class, the review and understanding of the HOA governing documents, Bylaws and Conditions, Covenants, & Restrictions (CC&Rs) is to ensure the community members the board has basic knowledge of the day-to-day operations.
- Board of Director meetings are scheduled for the BOD to discuss community issues, projects, the budget, etc., etc.
- Members (homeowners) of the community are welcome and are allowed 3 minutes to speak on agenda items.
- fawnridge.org is a great resource for community documents and up-to-date community information

Spring Cleaning

Your community Board of Directors would like to offer their best wishes for the Spring Season. Now that things are warming up and winter is officially over, the BOD wants to remind everyone of some spring maintenance responsibilities. Please take a moment to evaluate your residence and correct, as needed, any noted deficiencies.

- 1. Lawns should be mowed, trimmed, and edged routinely.
- 2. Weed flower beds, re-mulch areas, and cut back vegetation.
- 3. Weed cracks in driveways and sidewalks.
- 4. Remove mold on fences, driveways, sidewalks, exterior walls, and mailboxes.
- 5. Repair any fences that may have been affected by the last hurricane in October.
- 6. New wooden fence panels must match the existing ones. The ARC advises cleaning the old panels and resealing or painting them to ensure a uniform appearance.

Please submit an ARC form before starting any work to confirm that it adheres to community guidelines.

Other Spring Prep Ideas

- 1. Dethatch and aerate your lawn to help with watering.
- 2. Fertilize your grass because it's just beginning to come out of dormancy and start actively growing again.
- 3. Water your grass regularly and keep it clean—a healthy lawn is more resistant to becoming overrun with weeds!
- 4. Apply pre-emergent herbicide to help inhibit weeds from germinating.
- 5. Reverse Ceiling Fans to help circulate cool air.
- 6. Clean your dryer vent and service the HVAC.

The BOD goals are to protect home values and maintain the aesthetics and peaceful environment of the community for all residents to enjoy.

Enforcement procedures are intended to gain cooperation and compliance.



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ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

Another busy couple of months for the ARC. Thank you to each one of you for the proper ARC submission. It is wonderful to see so many homes receiving a facelift from paint, roofs, windows and fencing.

- ARC applications are reviewed as received from Wise Property Management.
- ARC meets via zoom once per month to officially approve applications.
- If you submit an ARC and have not received a response in a timely manner, contact Cam atWise Property Management, they will resolve the



SAFETY CONCERN FAWN RIDGE BLVD. AND EXPOSITION DRIVE

Please come to a complete STOP at the intersection. There are many children that get on and off the school bus at this BUSY intersection.

All residents must be mindful of their presence to keep them safe.



FAWN RIDGE WEB PORTAL

Fawn Ridge has a web portal informational site! If you are a homeowner and have not accessed or created an account on the web portal go to: https://www.fawnridge.org

- Personal association payments, Payment history
- Violation information . Association documents, forms, and other information regarding the community

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OTHER NEWS IN FAWN RIDGE

The floating island (Colorado and Exposition) moved during the hurricane has temporarily come to a halt. Until the birds migrate, it is advised to move the island at a later date.

Flower beds have been planted throughout the community. The Beautification Committee to provide an update in the June/July newsletter of projects in the community. Stay Tuned!

Quotes for new community trashcans are actively being researched.

Nature Sprouts (landscaping company) is inspecting the community's irrigation lines and repairs are to be made. Irrigation is often damaged due to vehicles driving on the easement. Irrigation can add up to costly repairs and/or replacement.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR: Social Committee and Web Page Admin





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Another successful Eagle Scout project for Fawn Ridge

The pond on Breland Drive receives upgrades from Andrew Carson and Boy Scout Troop 46.

Andrew Carson is Life Scout with Troop 46, Senior Honor Roll Student at Sickles High School and a resident of the community.

To achieve the final rank of Eagle Scout, Andrew had to plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, school, or place in my community. The project had to benefit an organization, other than Boy Scouts or himself.

Andrew was able to fund the project with the assistance of the Fawn Ridge Maintenance Association and neighborhood donations. To complete the work, he recruited scouts from Troop 46 and neighborhood volunteers. Volunteers brought tools and worked hard to complete the project.

The proposal drafted included:

- Installing a bench for people to sit and enjoy the nice view of the pond
- Planting (fruit bearing) trees for shade and people of the neighborhood to take a reasonable number of fruits to snack on.
- Installing floor lights so people can see the sidewalk and bench at night.
- Cleaning and renewing the signage around the pond.









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Law enforcement officers will review camera footage of violations and issue citations to a vehicle's registered owner unless the automobile is proven stolen during the offense. If someone other than the vehicle's owner was driving at the time, the owner can request a transfer of liability.

- In Florida, the fine for illegally passing a stopped school bus is \$225 if a school bus camera captures the evidence.
- If witnessed by a police officer, the fine is \$265.
- Both are civil violations and carry no points against a motorist's driving record.
- Failure to pay the civil penalty due or contest liability by the due date indicated on your Notice of Violation may result in the issuance of a Uniform Traffic Citation, and subject the registered owner to additional penalties and court costs.