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Rec Center News

**SUMMER DAY CAMPS:** YMCA Summer Day Camps offer enriching activities where friends are made through group games, sports & fitness, hands-on science activities, arts & crafts, music and swimming. Meridian Ranch Recreation Center is one of the Y’s daily camp sites where activities and field trips are based on a weekly camp theme.

The Y's Summer Day Camp is one of the oldest and most trusted camping programs in the country. Our day camps provide fun, child-centered activities and opportunities for learning through discovery, and challenges children to grow in imagination, creativity, self-directed initiative and leadership.

For pricing, financial assistance, and registration information, please visit [www.ppyymca.org](http://www.ppyymca.org) or call the Meridian Ranch Rec Center at 719-495-7119.

Not wanting to commit to a whole week of day camp? We offer mini-camps that run only two days a week from 9am to 1pm, each day with its individual theme. Spend a day competing as an “Olympian” or celebrate “Christmas in July!” Lunch is included! Call the Meridian Ranch Rec Center for pricing and registration.

Ongoing July Events & Activities
- **Swim Lessons for all ages** - group lessons and private lessons available.
- **Gymnastics all ages and abilities** - call front desk for more info
- **Women on Weights** - Small group weight training facilitated by Personal Trainer, Sarah Aldrich
- **Adult Full Court Basketball** - Sundays 4-6 pm
- **Adult Open Gym Volleyball** - Thursdays 6-8 pm
- **Teen Programs Coming Soon!**

**July Community Events**
- **Falcon Freedom Days Red, White, & Blue 5/10K & Fun Run** – July 1st races starting @ 7am
- **Fun race village activities and pancake breakfast by CreekView Grill!**
- **Flick N Float** - Saturday July 8th
- **Gymnastics Camp; July 10th – 13th**
- **Soccer Camp; July 17th – 20th**
- **Mini camps – Lunch provided**
- **Olympics & Splash Mini Camp - July 11th & 13th**
- **Under the Sea & Christmas in July Mini Camps - July 25th & 27th**

**July Active Older Adult Events**
- **Lunch Out** - Friday, July 7th @ 1 pm; Fox & Hound 3101 New Center Point Dr
- **1st and 3rd Thursday @ 1 pm; Pinochle.**
- **2nd and 4th Thursday @ 1 pm; Mexican Train (a dominos game)***
- **The monthly pot luck is on hiatus until August**
- **Did you know that if you have an insurance policy that covers Silver Sneakers that you may come and take any of the classes that we offer at no cost? You need not be a resident of Meridian Ranch. Come check us out! We’d love to meet you.**
You’ve heard low inventory means it’s a great time to sell, but what does that mean for you? We study market trends so we can help you make the best decision for the timing and sale of your home. We’d love to chat with you!

“I highly recommend Chris due to his outstanding tenacity, organization, and responsiveness. He also takes time to understand his customers’ needs and is available on-the-spot. He goes above and beyond to accomplish the best for everyone in the process.” - Bob & Lori

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Neighborhood Farmer’s Market A Success!

The Farmer’s Market at The Shops at Meridian Ranch continues to be a popular attraction this summer. Held on Friday afternoons 2-7 p.m. through September 29th, the Market not only offers produce, meats, eggs, homemade jams and bakery goods, but also spa products, jewelry, clothing and fashion accessories. As we get more into the season, additional produce vendors will be attending as their crops are harvested. Bring your appetite, as food is available from a number of vendors as well as at Papa John’s, JAKs and Nana’s Kitchen. If you would like to become a vendor at the Meridian Ranch Farmer’s Market please contact Michael or Sheree at unique47@hotmail.com.

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July 2017 Design Review
Council Corner

News from the DRC - Did you know that all solid fencing is to be stained “Meridian Ranch Brown”? 

Section 6.1 of DRC no 1 and Section 7.1 of DRC no 2 of the Design Guidelines states, “Solid wood fencing shall be stained Behr semi-transparent wood stain, product #3077 or premium semi-transparent wood stain, weather proofing, product #5077, redwood natural tone color. The stain can be found at Home Depot on Woodmen and Powers. Reference the color, “Meridian Ranch Brown.”

Here are a few common questions that we have received here at the DRC about the above guideline.

1.) What part of the fence needs to be stained “Meridian Ranch Brown”?
A.) Every part of your fence needs to be stained. Outside, inside, front and side.

2.) Where can I purchase the stain?
A.) “Meridian Ranch Brown” Stain is available only at the Home Depot on Woodmen Road and Powers Boulevard. Lowes DOES NOT have the correct color for “Meridian Ranch Brown”. The Lowe’s version is too red.

3.) How do I know which parts of the fence I am responsible for if I share the fence with my neighbor?
A.) Short answer is whoever built the fence is responsible for the fence. However, the DRC recommends talking with your neighbor and coming up with an action plan to stain the fence that will work for both homeowners and their schedules. Fence staining parties can be fun!

Please remember the DRC has a website for easy access of the Design Guidelines and the Covenants: www.meridianranchdrc.org; Splash page has your neighborhood on it, follow the mouse over the neighborhood, right click will take you to your DRC website. Design Guidelines, Covenants and the FAQ’s are posted on the front page.

Medians on Londonderry Drive

Changes will be made to one of the median islands on Londonderry Drive to enhance traffic safety by improving sight distances at intersections. The trees from the medians will be replaced at the new Stonebridge Park. You may have noticed that the wood mulch has been replaced by rock mulch in many areas along the parkways. Thanks to Redstone Inc. who supplied the rock mulch making a more permanent solution to the problem of wood mulch washing into the street during rainstorms.

Stonebridge Park

Grading has just completed and irrigation and landscaping will soon follow at Stonebridge Park. The park is located between Stonebridge and the Antler Creek Golf Course and will primarily be accessed by foot or bicycle from Stonebridge or the trail west of Stonebridge that leads south from Londonderry Drive. It will include a large level grass playing surface approximately a half acre in size and a pavilion equipped with picnic tables and electricity for future entertainment such as concerts or movie nights. The landscape in and around the park will be lit with low voltage lighting and several pole carriage lights will be installed along the path leading into the park and at the pavilion.

The current construction schedule calls for sod installation by mid-July and completion by the beginning of August. The Stonebridge Park will be a valuable addition to Meridian Ranch, not only because of the large flat playing surface that can accommodate many field sports and entertainment options, but also because of its close proximity to the recreation center. Park at the recreation center and enjoy a short relaxing walk to the Stonebridge Park. The park will be ready just in time for some flag football!
COCOA-COFFEE STEAK MARINADE FOR GRILLING

Ingredients

- 1 cup hot, strong brewed coffee
- ½ ounce unsweetened chocolate, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon dark brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- Pinch chili powder or cayenne pepper
- About 2 to 3 pounds steak of your choice

Directions

1. Stir together coffee, chocolate, sugar, salt, and chili powder or cayenne, until chocolate is fully melted and sugar and salt are fully dissolved. Let cool.

2. Transfer marinade to a large zipper-lock bag, add steak, press out air from bag, and seal. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour and up to 12 hours. When ready to cook, remove steak from marinade, blot dry with paper towels, and grill as desired.
After weeks of improving athletic and leadership skills, tapping into an athlete pool of various abilities, a group of preschoolers got ready for the Special Olympics. Nearly 30 children, ages 3-5, participated May 3 in a Special Olympics event at Meridian Ranch Elementary School in District 49. Special Olympics Young Athletes program coordinators provided equipment and an activity guide, as well as teacher training. Julie Cole, early childhood special educator, registered the school for Special Olympics Young Athletes, a program that helps children with and without disabilities unite in sport and play.

“They love being with their friends and playing,” said Cole, observing the afternoon session, “and this is developing gross motor skills, social skills and teamwork.” Fifth-graders arrived to explain the activity stations, like moving heel-to-toe on a balance beam, hopping along floor markers and crawling through a collapsible tunnel. Among their typical peers, children experiencing physical or cognitive disabilities, or social or emotional difficulties — as well as bilingual students eager to expand their English vocabulary — were surrounded by laughter, encouragement and helping hands. “I just like helping younger kids,” said fifth-grader Owen Simshauser, 11, after explaining how to knock down bowling pins with a lightweight ball. He stood behind the afternoon session, as each student approached Cole for a medal and certificate. “Even if they try and fail, I want them to know they should always try,” said Owen.

D49 Special Olympics Unites Preschoolers in Sport, Play

FHS Graduation

D49_FHS_Grad_1: Kiana Harkema, 17, Falcon High School salutatorian, addresses graduates during a commencement ceremony May 27 at the Broadmoor World Arena in Colorado Springs.

D49__FHS_Grad_2: Falcon High School graduates celebrate during a commencement ceremony May 27 at the Broadmoor World Arena in Colorado Springs.
NO SOLICITING

Have you received one of those annoying doorbell ringing sounds right when you were ready to sit down and enjoy an evening’s rest, only to find someone selling magazines when you answered the door? Recently, there have been numerous complaints about the solicitors who have invaded our neighborhoods. There have been several cases as late as 9:00 pm where solicitors have been peddling their wares, refusing to take “NO!” for an answer and scaring residents.

MSMD and the DRC have joined forces to deter these solicitors. Soon, there will be new signs posted at the main entrance roads to Meridian Ranch declaring it is “A COVENANT PROTECTED COMMUNITY” with “NO TRESPASSING” and “NO SOLICITING” permitted. These signs are not intended to preclude your local fund raising groups like the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and local school students from knocking on your doors at reasonable hours but rather the commercial vendors such as those selling magazine, cable TV subscriptions, roofing, plumbing repairs and landscaping, as examples. These signs may not deter everyone and for some, stronger action may be necessary but for most, this certainly should help. Be Safe!
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