



WEATHERSTONE AT HIGHLANDS RANCH

Summer 2008 Newsletter

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WEATHERSTONE NEWS...

President's Message – by Skip Wehner

By the time you are reading this, the Weatherstone pool will be nearing closure for the year and we will all soon be blowing out our sprinkler systems and wielding snow shovels. Seems funny to say that while its 104 degrees outside right now.

Several property improvements that took place this year to Weatherstone's common areas are obvious while some are not.

We now have a sun shade on the eastern portion of the trellis. We received many positive comments. The shade went up a little later than we expected due to shipping issues caused by the mid-west flooding earlier in the year, but it was put up prior to July's heat!

Our new property maintenance company did wonderfully with the monument and island flowers, and is doing a great job at maintaining the property.

After a tumultuous start to the pool season with vandalism and other rule violations, we made a decision to implement random security patrols. The feedback we have received from residents and our pool contractors couldn't be more positive. The general sentiment from residents is that the pool "feels like our pool again."

It was a long and tedious process, (over a year in the making), but with the help of Metro District and our Property Manager (Jeff Evans), we finally put in some much needed landscaping where the bike path meets Weathersfield on the eastern side of the development.

Other less "glamorous" improvements your dues went to this year include new commercial grade sprinkler boxes, sprinkler heads, up-light replacements, and other general maintenance items.

Lastly, the Weatherstone Social Committee has been busy putting on event after event once again for our neighborhood this year. We thank them for their endless devotion for an often thankless job that helps make Weatherstone so special.

As a reminder to all, your board meets on the last Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm. We meet at the Westridge Recreation Center. Always check the web site for last minute changes. (www.weatherstone.us)

Block Captains

For contact information go to the Weatherstone Website.

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Weatherstone Financials Update – by Jason Reynolds

Based upon the financial statements for the six months ending June 30, 2008, which have been accepted by the Board of Directors, the following summarizes our financial situation:

- Administration expenses include management fees, tax prep, insurance, bank and legal fees. Administrative expenses are favorable to budget for the year by \$2,597.91; savings coming from the Operating Contingency of (\$3,300.00), (\$1,500.00) in Prior Year Expenses, and Administrative of (\$146.39). There are unfavorable variances in Legal of (\$1,332.72), Community Activities (\$491.57), Taxes (\$342.00), and Audit/Tax Prep (\$150.00).
- Pool expenses include pool cleaning, maintenance, supplies, gas, electric and irrigation. These in aggregate ran favorable to budget by \$254.19 due to savings in Pool Area Maintenance of \$560.00. We do have unfavorable variances in Pool Cleaning (\$735.00) and Pool Gas (\$638.64)
- Utilities expenses include trash removal, electric for all areas other than the pool, and all non-pool area irrigation and sewer expenses. These are favorable to budget by \$950.80 specifically due to savings in Trash Removal. However, Grounds Irrigation/Sewer expenses are over budget by \$112.16.
- Grounds expenses includes all non-pool grounds maintenance, flower planting, fence maintenance, lighting maintenance, sprinkler repair and snow removal. This general category is unfavorable to budget by \$1,120.55, due to Sprinkler Repair (\$1,206.98), Annual Flower Planting (\$941.25), Holiday Lights (\$806.95), Grounds Maintenance (\$667.35), Lighting Maintenance (\$280.81), and Grounds Improvement (\$118.60). We have significant offsetting savings in Grounds outside of contract of (\$1,434.25), and Snow Removal of (\$1,217.12)
- Revenues are favorable to budget by \$646.74 due to late fee, legal fee & lien revenues.
- Reserve Fund Net Income is unfavorable to budget by \$242.24 due to interest income.
- Reserve Fund Expense is unfavorable to budget by \$10,024.50 due to unbudgeted expenses in Pool Area (\$5,500.00) and Reserve Grounds Expense of (\$4,524.55)
- Overall, Net Operating Revenue is favorable to budget by \$3,329.09.

You can view the current financial reports on our Website (<http://weatherstone.us>) under "Documents."

2008 Events Update – by Jean Fraser

For additional information please visit: www.weatherstone.us

July 4th Event a Huge Success

Hats off to this year's July 4th 5K Run and Bike Parade committee! We had our best turnout ever; thanks to all who participated. A special thank you goes out to everyone who donated to the Make a Wish Foundation of Colorado in honor of Kyle Blakeman. Please join me in recognizing our Community Manager, board members, block captains, web master, volunteers and sponsor(s) who helped make this event possible.

Special Thanks to our Sponsor(s)

Please join us in extending a very special thank to Kevin McAllister who donated red, white & blue table linens for our July 4th event & to John Milton who provide the music!

New Residents

If you are new resident in Weatherstone please request a Welcome Packet from your Block Captain. New residents will be asked to fill out the RIS form and the pool waiver form found in their packet and return it to their block captain to get their pool key. The RIS form will be used to update the Weatherstone directory and email list. A list of Block Captains can be found at www.weatherstone.us

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Pool Keys

Each family in Weatherstone is allowed one pool key; there is a \$25.00 fee for lost pool keys. If you need a pool key please contact your Block Captain.

Pool Closure for 2008

Please remember that the Weatherstone pool closes for the year as of Sunday, September 7th. Get your last swim for the season in while you can! And don't forget the recently added "Adult Swim" from 9–10 pm each night for Weatherstone residents 21 & over.

Hans Schnettler Classic Golf Tournament and Banquet

Final plans are being made for the annual Hans Schnettler Classic Golf Tournament to be held August 16th at the beautiful Arrowhead Golf Course. There will be a shotgun start at 1:30 pm. and after the tournament we will have a banquet at the Weatherstone pool from 7:00 pm – 12:00 am. The cost of the tournament is \$140 per person. This includes \$120 for prizes and greens fees, and \$20.00 for the banquet. The cost to attend the banquet for non-golfers is \$20.00 per person. Non golfers and spouses are welcome and encouraged to attend the banquet. If you would like to participate in the Golf, Banquet, volunteer or sponsor at this event please contact Jeff Schuster at Jeff.Schuster@energyexpertise.com.

The Weatherstone pool and picnic area will be closed for the night on August 16th at 6:00 pm for those not registered for this event.

Concert for Kyle

Remember, Celebrate, Educate! Please join us on Saturday, September 13th from 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm at Civic Green Park in Highlands Ranch for a day in the park to celebrate Kyle's Blakeman's life and raise awareness for the 1st National Childhood Cancer Awareness Day. Admission by Heartfelt donation, last year over \$12,000 was donated at this event. Enjoy live music, food, bouncy house, face painting, sand art, clowns & more! If you would like to volunteer or sponsor at this event or have questions please email: Kylesconcert@gmail.com. You are welcome to visit: www.caringbridge.org/visit/kyleblakeman

Fall Carnival – October 4th

The annual Weatherstone Fall Carnival will be held on Saturday, October 4th from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. There is a small fee for admission. Each street will be in charge of running a game and providing at least 3 volunteers. The carnival in the past has included bouncies, clown, cup stacking tournament, face painting, food and drinks, games, mum sale, petting zoo, and a redemption table full of fabulous prizes. Please let your block captain know if you would like to sponsor or volunteer at this event. High School children are welcome to volunteer to earn community service hours.

Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure – October 5th

In honor of Jill Lamb and women and daughters everywhere, Weatherstone has formed a team in the fight against breast cancer. Please join us at the Susan G. Komen for the Cure on Sunday, October 5th, 2008 at the Pepsi Center. Participants can register and donate online at www.Komendenver.org. Please search for the Weatherstone team under the name: Jill's Weatherstone Warriors, your team captain is Jean Fraser. You can choose from the Women's 5K Walk/Run, the Co-ed 5K Walk/Run or the Family Fun Walk. It's an event you don't want to miss.

Online Team Registration closes on September 18, but you can join us even on race day! Your team captain, Jean Fraser will distribute your t-shirts and packets before race day. Any questions or if you need help registering please contact your block captain.

Letters of Special Thanks

To Our Weatherstone Family!

It has been almost 6 months since we have had to learn to live without Jill.

The love & support that Weatherstone gave Jill while she was fighting this terrible disease of breast cancer was tremendous. Jill loved this neighborhood, loved seeing the park and the school being built across the street from our home. As you all know, Jill did get to the dedication of the school in January. She was so happy to be there for the opening of the school that has been an important part of her three girls' lives since!

The support you have given us, her family, myself, Brian, Taylor, Lauren & Katelyn since her death has been amazing. We deeply appreciate everything that has been done for us. Which includes, the hanging of the cancer ribbons around the neighborhood, all the cards, calls, dinners, funds raisers & support of her daughters has been awesome! All I can say is thank you, thank you, thank you!

The Race for the Cure is Sunday, October 5th this year. Please think of Jill on this day! Our family will be there, as we have been the last several years! Taylor even gets up before 6AM to participate! We hope to see many of our Weatherstone family there!

Again, I want to say thanks to you all!

Love,

Bette Batal (Jill's MOM!)

Dear Jeff,

This note is far overdue, but I wanted to thank the Weatherstone community for all the love and support they have given our family during Kyle's illness and over the past very difficult year. We were very touched by the donation made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation in honor of Kyle. Kyle was granted a wish by this wonderful foundation, and we are so very grateful to them for the membership to the Highlands Ranch Golf Club they granted to our family. We were able to spend a lot of quality time with Kyle at that golf course, and time with Kyle was the best gift anyone could have given us.

Thank you so much for your continued support and prayers,
Joanna, Brad and Macie Blakeman