



Shanahan Ridge Four Homeowners Association August 2009 Newsletter

Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale 8/22

We'll hold a neighborhood-wide garage sale on Saturday, August 22, one week before the big annual sale at Fairview High School. Each household will conduct their own sale, but the association will advertise the sale and post signs to bring people in. If your treasures don't sell, you can donate them to the Fairview sale and at least clean out your garage. If you want to participate, save the date!

Annual Block Party 9/12

The very popular Silver Plume block party will be a little later this year, Saturday, September 12, at 4:30 p.m. in the middle cul-de-sac. With summer travel largely over by then, we hope that will give as many people as possible the opportunity to catch up with old neighbors and meet our new families.

The association will provide the basics, but if you'd like to bring a dish, please contact the board at president@shanahanridge4.org. All menu additions gratefully received!

Fire Prevention

We've had very unusual rainfall this spring and summer, and our common area fields are uncommonly lush. On the off chance summer actually gets a foothold this year and those tall grasses dry out, we'll have more to feed a grass fire.

We've consulted with a fire expert, however, who tells us that the grasses per se in our fields don't pose much risk to our homes in the event of fire — it's the shrubs and trees close to houses that are cause for concern. So depending on your individual circumstances, you may still want to follow our annual suggestion: feel free to mow/weed whack several feet behind the split rail fence that separates your property from our open space. And if you do, please remove the cut grasses so they don't become tinder.

And of course, everyone should always be careful with sparks, open flame, barbecues, solvents, and anything else that could accidentally start a fire.

Summer Security

We've had no word of prowlers or break-ins for quite some time, but it's still a good idea to make sure doors and windows are locked when you're gone, garage lights are in good working order, and garage doors are shut anytime you're not going in and out. We've seen a few garage doors up for prolonged periods with no one around of late and would hate to see folks lose valuables as a result.

Welcome!

To our new families on Silver Plume, welcome! We know you'll enhance our special neighborhood. For newcomers and old hands alike, remember to go to our website at www.shanahanridge4.org for current events and valuable information about our neighborhood and HOA. Send any questions, large or small, to president@shanahanridge4.org and we'll be happy to answer.