



THE HERON

Heron River Homeowners' Association Newsletter

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President's Message



Another year, almost impossible to believe:

We truly have had a great year with great neighbors and new homes abound,
New cameras, stained fence, new safety light, no Grinch to be found....

A volunteer force unequaled --- helping, helping, helping better than Santa's elves,
Repairing, cleaning, fixing, donating, never worried about themselves.

The gift that Heron River receives is not measured in chocolate and pie,
But the receipt of kindness, living with neighbors always there to help and try.

Many new and wonderful things are yet to come to this place we call Star,
A new direction on a path that brings us closer to home than drifting afar.

I hope that this season brings peace and the gift of humanity.

Happy Holidays! Your President,
Ron Thompson



Community Center Open Access starts January 8, 2018

The Community Center at Heron River will be open to members for use from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. on a daily basis starting on Monday, January 8, 2018. Members who have signed the Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability form with revised rules will have their key cards activated for the Community Center doors.

The Board of Directors has reviewed and revised the rules of use for the Community Center and its adjacent facilities including the Pool Enclosure, the Gym, the Tennis Courts, and Children's Play Area (collectively called the HOA Facilities).

The Board of Directors made this change for several reasons.

1) The original intent for the facilities was to be open for general use by all HOA members.

2) The access was restricted after the building was damaged by some HOA members a number of years ago. Use was limited to official HOA functions and Private Events.

3) The Heron River marketing materials, sales website, and real estate agents all state that the facilities are open for use by all members. Homeowners have expressed their displeasure with the old policy restricting access.

4) Most importantly, the costs of having our management company manage the Community Center's usage would be prohibitive and volunteer time cannot adequately cover that Private Event usage.

The Board hopes to purchase other items in the coming years to add to the Community Center such as a big screen television, piano, and possibly another pool table depending upon demand. Members can also use the Community Center for playing cards, reading, playing games and other activities.

The HOA has installed Ring security cameras with both video and audio monitoring in the Community Center as well as in other parts of the HOA Facilities. The security recordings are stored in the Cloud and any suspicious activity or rule violations will be subject to review by the Board as necessary or if any damage occurs.

Alcohol will also not be allowable on the premise because of minors and the increase of liability associated with alcoholic beverages.

The Board believes that this policy will provide the promised benefits to all Heron River residents. Private Events can be more effectively handled by local area hotels, banquet halls, country and golf clubs, historic locations, local wineries and other commercial venues.

Chili Cook-Off Results

The Second Annual Chili Cook-Off was held on October 14 at the Heron River Community Center. WOW!!!! To all the wonderful residents of Heron River who came out and supported the event, give yourselves a big hand.

The Chili Cook-Off was a great success raising \$1400 for the "Sports Court" which included \$508 from the Bake Sale.



A special "Thank You" to the seven contestants (*above*) that cooked their secret chili recipes and served them to all of you.

The judging results of the competition for the "Best" chili were: 1st Place – Tana Crance, 2nd Place - Bill Keim, 3rd Place – Jeff Holcomb.



Tana has “Bragging Rights” for her “White Chicken Chili”. As she said. “Who Knew?”

Now is the time to start thinking of next year’s event. You know....who’s going to be chairperson of the Cook-Off committee and see if they can beat this year’s attendance. The current crew has knowledge to pass on. Let LaRae Cervantes know if you want to participate in organizing the Third Annual Cook-Off.

Heron River Christmas Social

The Heron River Christmas Social which was held on December 15 at our Community Center was the merriest of times. The Social was highlighted by great food, great neighbors, our own Heron River resident Santa and Mrs. Claus and the generosity of everyone contributing unwrapped toys.



A big thank you to Kim and Connie Duering for bringing such joy to the children in attendance. Their portrayal of Santa and Mrs. Claus is just so authentic. Children’s activities organized by Linda Doss consisted of seasonal coloring pages and the snowman toss.

Everyone in attendance was asked to bring an appetizer to share. Our neighborhood cooks outdid themselves; the food was so good and plentiful. I am sure no went home hungry, more than likely stuffed!

Only meant in fun, but I did take a lot of enjoyment in preparing the presents for our oven mitt/dice game. Packaging tape, saran wrap, Christmas paper and tightly tied ribbons were some of the obstacles that frustrated but also proved to be a lot of fun for those who participated. Below is photo of the oven mitt/dice game as it started.



We collected 2 very full bins of unwrapped toys, which Vern and Arna Day delivered to the Star City Fire Department for distribution.

Many thanks to everyone who help us pull off this event: Arna and Vern Day, Linda Doss, Carol Fleicher and Mike Crance and thank you to everyone who joined us, ‘cause without you it would have been a very boring evening

If anyone would like to volunteer to handle this event or the Chili Cook Off next year, please contact LaRae Cervantes at Development Services and she will contact the appropriate representative on our HOA Board.

New Neighbors in Heron River

We have welcomed 18 new neighbors during the fourth quarter of 2017, some from as far away as Alaska. We’re pleased to say that many

of them joined us for the Chili Cook-Off and the Christmas Social and helped us make them both a success. Our community is awesome. Please welcome our new neighbors.

City's Rezoning Decision Ruled Invalid What Does It Mean?

Six homeowners in Heron River filed the lawsuit called a "Petition for Judicial Review" against the City Council and its June 2017 rezoning decision regarding Crystal Springs Apartments. Attorney Andrea Carroll made oral arguments Dec 5th on behalf of the Petitioners.

Ada County 4th District Judge Moody ruled that the Star City Council failed to make audio records and therefore could not provide legally required transcriptions of two key city council meetings related to rezoning decision.

Therefore, Judge Moody vacated the Council's decision with her ruling on December 13, 2017 which means the rezoning was nullified.

The City Council could allow the developer to make a new application for rezoning of the farmland east of Heron River for a 200+ unit apartment complex.

These homeowners along with dozens of concerned citizens across Star were alarmed that this high density development would result in a dramatic increase of vehicle traffic through Heron River because no traffic light can be installed at Moyle & Hwy 44.

Residents are encouraged to attend City Council meetings and communicate with the Council regarding new applications to rezone.

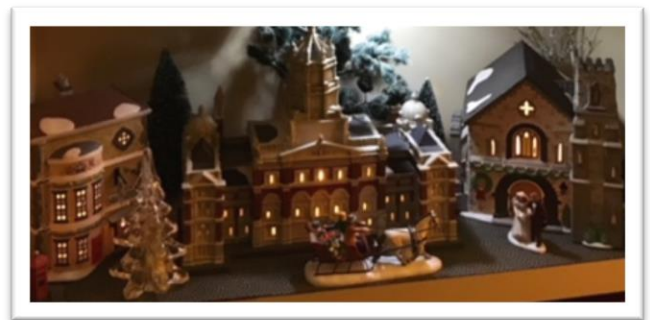
Dogs --- Who you Gonna Call?



Development Services does not handle dog complaints and other animal related issues. For Animal Issues call: Ada County Sheriff's Animal & Dog Calls number: (208) 577-3340.

Understanding Heron River CCRs Adding On or Remodeling

- ✓ Are you ready build a fence, add a yard shed, expand your patio, install a fire pit construct a pergola, etc.?
- ✓ You must fill out the *Architectural Change Application form* and obtain *Board approval PRIOR to starting any remodeling or additions.*
- ✓ Go to <http://www.dev-services.com> to obtain the application.



Above: These lighted buildings are part of Creekside residents Jim & Cindy Davidson's collection of snow villages.

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Contact LaRae Cervantes at Development Services. She will send your emails and comments to the appropriate Board member.
