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2001 General Meeting  
Day: Tuesday  
Date: 18 September 2001  
Time: 7:00 PM  
Place: 8765 Deeridge

**ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE:** The ACC had a busy year working with neighbors and ultimately approving eight architectural changes. Those homeowners who have taken the time and money to improve and/or maintain their homes do us all a favor. Maintaining our homes benefits us directly and additionally all of us benefit in terms of resale value. Several real estate agencies have complemented us on our plat appearance and it means very much to those who are trying to sell their homes.

**GREENBELT:** In order to keep our assessments down the Board of Directors declared the greenbelt or common area a NO TRESPASSING area over a dozen years ago. If we do not manage the greenbelt with restraint, therefore restricting people access, our liability insurance premiums will increase dramatically. Our assessments will go from \$30 a year to \$30 a month just to cover the increase. Recently, some children used the retention pond behind lot 13 for a play area. They were told to clean it up by ACC Chairman, Bob Bauer. They said they would, however they have left wood debris in the pond. If the parents responsible do not clean it up the county inspection crews will and we will pay for this service.

**VANDALISM:** While waiting for the school bus between 7:10am and 7:30am some teenagers, not all from Ridgecrest, vandalized two stop signs and the Ridgecrest sign in January and March. Photos were taken and the children identified. A police report was filed and hopefully we will have no re-occurrences. It cost the county \$175 to replace one of the stop signs. Board Members repaired the Ridgecrest sign. FYI: The RHA sign originally cost \$200, was refurbished in 1992 for \$225. It will cost us over \$1200 to replace it.

**CRIME:** The good news is that we have not had any significant incidents in recent months. However, Ridgecrest is susceptible to thieves. Since 1982 we have had two homes burglarized, allegedly by brush pickers, numerous vehicles left out have been broken into and within the last couple of years a vehicle was stolen left overnight in the Deeridge right of way walkway and a bicycle was stolen from an open garage during daylight hours. If you have to leave cars parked near the street ensure you don't leave valuables in plain sight to encourage thieves. Remember street parking is 24 hours in Kitsap County. Because many of these thefts were isolated neighbors failed to report them and others did not find out until it was discussed at one of our meetings. Always report these incidents to the sheriff.

**WATER SUPPLY:** After two special meetings, several telephone conversations and much correspondence with the Washington Utilities Commission and with Mike Ireland of the Washington Water Service (WWS) the WWS have not yet installed the additional 70,000-gallon reservoir they originally had planned. No indication when this will happen. If you lose water pressure that means our fire protection will be reduced to tanker trucks. Residents should report any drop in water pressure immediately to the Washington Water Service (ex-Harbor Water Company) at 876-6938. This 4<sup>th</sup> of July the woods are very dry.

**MULLENIX/DEERIDGE:** After several groups got involved the county traffic engineers finally decided to provide a 35 MPH advisory speed signs to the approaches of the intersection of Deeridge and Mullenix. For those of us who drive and like to get onto Mullenix safely it's a positive step. We thank those who were involved in this endeavor.

**FINANCES:** Our finances are discussed at the meetings. If you want to know, then you need to attend one of our meetings. We have a General Membership meeting in September each year preceded by an announcement. Board meetings are in February. All meetings are scheduled for Tuesday evenings and only last about an hour. The Board of Directors usually has their meeting on the third Tuesday in February.



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