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## 2002 General Meeting

**Day:** Tuesday  
**Date:** 24 September 2002  
**Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Place:** 8765 Deeridge

**ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE:** As a homeowner the ACC provides you with an important service. Your ACC keeps the neighborhood from becoming an unsightly collection of outbuildings and external structures that depreciate your neighborhood and your home. Once again the ACC had another busy year working with neighbors and ultimately approving several more architectural changes. Ensure that when you undertake any construction projects on the outside of your home you have gotten a county permit prior to commencement of construction. This bright orange permit needs to be visibly displayed on the front of your house during construction and your ACC approval should be included with your file of home owners papers when you sell. Current owners are responsible to ensure that any changes that differ from original house plans are properly documented with the ACC. The ACC has very good documentation and a paper trail for all 26 lots. Thank you all for your cooperation in this effort.

**GREENBELT:** As a reminder to old residents and for the information of new residents we include this about the common area or 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. No brush pickers, children or visitors of any nature allowed in greenbelt. It is a sight and sound barrier only and is to be left as is.

**U.S. POSTAL BOXES:** The reason why newspapers provide separate delivery containers mounted to your mail post is that it is a federal crime to stuff our U.S. mailboxes with flyers or letters not having a U.S. postal stamp affixed thereon. The mailbox that you bought is considered part of the US mail system and is not to be used for anything except US Mail.

**FIREWORKS:** We live in thick woods. Some years are wetter than others. Some years can be very dry. We have had some close calls with fireworks landing in dry brush and on top of neighbor's roofs. There are restrictions associated with the use of fireworks in Kitsap County. You can be held liable for any misuse or accidents related to use of fireworks. Only certain types are allowed and the hours for Kitsap County are 11:00am to 11:00pm on, Independence Day, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July only. Please be careful and properly supervise children.

**FINANCES:** At a meeting of the RHA Board in February, eight in attendance with only one absentee, the Board voted unanimously to raise the annual assessment from \$30 to \$36. This increase was done reluctantly but was brought about by the excessive labor involved in collection of late assessment payments.

**RIDGECREST WEBSITE:** Visit our NEW website at <http://www.ridgecresthomeowners.org> It has all kinds of information and has a local weather link with a weather station right on Deeridge. The website will be updated periodically with information that is specific to our community. We hope you take advantage of this service.

**SPEEDING:** Please be careful when driving up and down Deeridge at different hours. Animals and children play along the sides of Deeridge and can inadvertently be in the street in a second. A small wild bunny was recently run over on Deeridge. If the driver of that vehicle was paying attention and driving at a reasonable speed this animal would still be alive. Not something children walking to school need to see!

**MEETINGS:** The forum where we can all come together and discuss issues is our meeting. We have General Membership meeting in September and a Board of Directors meeting in February. All residents are more than welcome to come to either of these meetings and discuss their issues. At these meetings issues can be decided. Especially, at a Board meeting. Trying to get a decision on a particular issue you may have by discussing it during a chance meeting with a Board or Committee member is not the right approach. It is unfair to the RHA general membership as they need to hear the subject matter you bring up and it's particularly unfair to the board or committee member you are approaching. Please bring your ideas to the meetings. That is exactly why we have them. Thank you for your participation.



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