



Whispering Ridge Gazette

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**Good Weather
is here!**

**Watch out for
kids playing
in the streets.**

**Please re-
member to
clean up after
your dog
when walk-
ing them
through the
neighbor-
hood. Also do
not forget to
keep your
dog on a
leash when in
public.**

First Issue Objectives (to be Events)

Hi, This is the first issue of the Whispering Ridge Gazette. This is an unofficial newsletter for the Hearthstone section of the Whispering Ridge subdivision. It is my goal to provide a supplement to the website that has been established. whisperingridge.froco.com or wr.froco.com

It will include a Covenant section that recaps some of the Covenants that may be being violated currently and/or my interpretation of some of the more confusing Covenants. It will also include an Events section that I will include items submitted by the people of Whispering Ridge for Garage Sales, School events, fundraisers and etc.

In coming issues the Covenant section will be greatly reduced leaving room for general articles written by volunteers from the neighborhood. These could range from recipes to editorials to stories covering school events. Hopefully this newsletter will be filled with articles of all interests that will help make our neighborhood an interactive community.

Trash cans are not to be stored on the driveway and other Covenant Interpretations

These interpretations are purely the opinion of the author. If you feel I have interpreted them incorrectly please let me know.

- 1) Each lot shall be used for single family residences only.
- 2) All houses must be painted in earth tone colors.
- 3) The only advertising signs allowed to be placed in your yard are signs advertising the sale of your home. Only businesses allowed under Omaha city ordinances will be allowed to be conducted out of your home.
- 4) Only antenna/dishes under 18" are allowed and they shall not be visible from the street unless man-

dated by local law. **This covenant goes against laws governing antennas and cannot be enforced.**

- 5) No vehicles under the process of being worked on in driveway for more than 48 continuous hours. No storage of non-working vehicles or parts. Storage of building materials and associated rubbish is only allowed during actual building operations and then it must be kept neat and orderly.
- 6) Only cars and trucks used on a regular basis may be kept in the driveway for more than 7 days out of the year.
- 7) All trash and trash containers shall not be visible from the street except the day before and day of trash pickup. Yard equipment

shall be stored inside an a suitable storage facility . No clotheslines are allowed. All produce or vegetable gardens must be in the backyards.

- 8) No chain link fences allowed. No fences beyond the front of the house. No shrubs or bushes beyond 10 feet in front of the house. All fences must be maintained in good order and free of signs, banners, etc.
- 9) Above ground swimming pools shall be no greater than 8 feet across and no more than 3 feet above the ground.
- 10) All construction improvement projects shall be completed within one year of starting. You cannot change the slope of your yard if it hinders natural drainage.



Babysitters:

Babysitters listed at no charge

Covenant Interpretations continued

11) The concrete sidewalk is considered public property but it is your responsibility to maintain.

12) Driveways must be made of and repaired by concrete. Asphalt is not allowed.

13) Only non-commercial, traditional pets are allowed.

14) One single-dog dog house is the only animal structure allowed and it must be in the back yard and not be visible from the street.

15) All landscaping must be kept neat and healthy. All yards must be kept in line with local laws.

17) Sheds that do not exceed 10 feet wide, 12 feet deep, and 8 feet high are the only structures that are allowed to be constructed on your lot as long as materials and colors match the house.

18) You cannot bring any dwelling, temporary or otherwise. Onto your lot without Hearthstone approval.

19) You cannot do things

which would create unpleasant or dangerous gases. You cannot do any activity that would be considered annoying or a nuisance to your neighbors (examples would be loud noise at odd hours).

20) All utility lines must be underground.

21) Hearthstone can install erosion control as it sees fit.

22) Only the Douglas County Zoning board can change the use of your lot.

Dogs on a leash / Clean-up Courtesy

The Whispering Ridge Gazette is edited and published by Jamie Johnson. Please feel free to contact me at

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Though we are not in the Omaha city limits, we do fall under the city's leash laws. There are a lot of children who are afraid of dogs and an unleashed dog can cause even more of a panic. Also unleashed dogs pose more of a threat to leashed dogs because they do not have an escape.

Please be a good neighbor

when walking your pet and clean up after your pet. I have found that cheap zip sandwich bags work very well.

The following was copied from the Nebraska Humane Society website:

Pooper Scooper Law?

Yes, by city ordinance you must clean up after your pet. Please make sure your chil-

dren are aware of this also.

Leash Law?

Dogs in Omaha are required to be on leash or confined in a yard at all times, however there is currently no leash law for cats. Dogs and cats who are not microchipped are required to wear collars and tags. If dogs or cats have microchips they are not required to wear license tags.

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