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Issue 2

Mayor's Update

Special Notes:

- Speed Limit in Ridgeside is 20 mph.

Residents can join the pool for \$25.

Garbage pickup days change beginning May 1 to Tuesday and Friday. Recycle will be picked up on Friday.

- Please keep your dogs fenced or on a leash at all times.

- Survey Results are on the web site :www.Ridgeside.net

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Have you heard?

Spring is on the way. I hope you are getting some time outside to enjoy the sights and sounds of spring.

Security

We continue to have extra patrols in the community. From July through April 15, extra patrols total 352 hours at a cost of \$8,800. We plan to continue these patrols to deter crime.

We will be installing 4 new speed humps in the neighborhood. This should help continue to slow traffic and discourage use of our streets as a short cut.

Sonny Sanders is working on increasing lighting in the community through our Backlighting project. Please contact him to make sure you get light where you want it.

Pool and Park News

The commissioners have agreed to make a policy change regarding the pool. **If you are a resident of Ridgeside the fee to join the pool now is only \$25.** Members that reside

outside the city will continue to pay the same fee of \$275. We hope this will encourage more use and participation and make the pool a resource for the whole community.

We have installed a new backboard at the tennis courts. We have patched the holes in the storm water pipes at the tennis courts, playground and near Bookwood Dr.

We have also filled the holes in the grassy area between the tennis courts and playground. We believe these holes are due to stumps used as fill material. Water draining and flowing through the area has washed away the fill material in places. In the coming weeks we will be installing a new fence around the pool. This request was made by the pool board for safety reasons, as well as upgrading the looks of the pool area. The commissioners are committed to making improvements that benefit the community.

Coming Up

Here are a few of the things we are working on and what our priorities are over the next year.

Round two of speed bumps have been delivered. We have received good feedback on the first three we installed. You will get 4 more. The first one will go at the top of Ridgeside west of the pool road entrance. The second will go on Windmere Drive west of the Brookwood intersection. The third will be on Brookwood just before the intersection with Hilldale. The fourth will go at the bottom of Ridgeside before the curve to Brookwood. This should help slow traffic in the areas.

Survey Results

We understand you want more security, traffic control and lighting. Green space is a highly valued resource. Please see the web site for specific info on responses.

New Garbage and Maintenance Service

Beginning in May we will have a new company providing garbage and maintenance service for our community. We published a bid request in November and the best offer was made by Burt Gould through his company called Burt's Master Care. His phone number is (423) 309-0225.

Garbage pickup dates will change to Tuesday and Friday. Fridays will also be recycle days

The pick-up days were changed to avoid the Federal holidays that typically fall on Mondays. This change will take place on May 1. So Burt's crew will make their first pick up on Friday May 2. **Recyclables must be put in a blue plastic bag.** Burt will take them to Orange Grove Center for sorting.

Dog Daze

Tennessee has a leash law. Section 44-8-413. "(a) (1) The owner of a

dog has a duty to keep that dog under reasonable control at all times, and to keep that dog from running at large. A person who breaches that duty is subject to civil liability for any damages suffered by a person who is injured by the dog while in a public place or lawfully in or on the private property of another.

(2) Such a person may be held liable regardless of whether the dog has shown any dangerous propensities or whether the dog's owner knew or should have known of the dog's dangerous propensities."

Your dogs are not supposed to be out without your supervision. Your dog should be under your control at all times. It does not matter if it gets out by accident. Good intentions do not limit your liability. For those of you who are conscientious about the care of your dog and your neighbor's welfare, I want to give you a big thank you. You make our community a wonderful place where

people can walk without worry. Thanks for your consideration and respect of others.

For those citizens who choose to disregard the state leash law and the city ordinance regarding animal waste pick up, I will discuss the points with you and endeavor to achieve resolution with you by whatever means available. Please don't purposefully disrespect your neighbors and test my sincerity to educate and motivate you to comply with our laws.

Thank You

Finally, thank you to all the volunteers who help the commissioners manage the activities of the city. We could not get things done without your help and encouragement. Individual involvement is key to the community atmosphere we enjoy in Ridgeside. We look forward to working with you in the future. Please give us your feedback so that we can understand your perspective and then act in the best interest of our community.