Meridian Service Metro District
Recreation Center Mission:

To offer a healthy lifestyle for the residents of Meridian Ranch through facilities and programs for personal fitness, group exercise, organized sports, aquatics, and special community events.
Flick n' Float

Jan 29th
6-8PM

the PACIFIER

The Rec Center lobby will be under construction from 1/13/22-1/21/22

The family locker rooms will be under construction 2/3/22-2/11/22

We thank you for your patience as we make improvements!

Cool Weather, Cooler Prices

$35 Monday—Thursday
$40 Friday—Sunday

Includes golf cart fee. Rates are for 18 holes.
Meridian Ranch Christmas light winners!

Congratulations to all who participated and to the owners who went above and beyond!

Happy New Year!

Grand Prize Winner:

10204 Ross Lake

Happy New Year
MIGHTY TOTS BASKETBALL AGES 3-4

EVERY SATURDAY IN FEBRUARY
4TH, 11TH, 18TH AND THE 25TH

More info coming soon!

MERIDIAN RANCH REC. CENTER
YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE JAN.17-MAR.5
FOR AGES 5-12
Registration Dec.3-Jan.14

Parent's Night Out
Meridian Ranch Recreation Center
Friday, January 21st
Ages 5-10
5:30P-10:00P
There is some paperwork needed. Please sign-up at the Front desk!
RESIDENTS: $20
ADDITIONAL CHILD(REN) $15
NON-RESIDENTS $25
ADDITIONAL CHILD(REN) $20

Now Selling
Rolling Hills Ranch
FROM THE LOW $400s MeridianRanch.com

For more information contact: Childcare Coordinator
Childcare@meridiangame.org (719) 495-7119
Manager’s Message

Happy New Year!

For many, the beginning of a New Year brings commitments, promises, and plans to change lifestyles for the better. In the spirit of New Year’s resolutions made and kept, the Meridian Service Metropolitan District urges residents to start 2022 the right way by using water wisely and learning more about water conservation. Keeping a New Year’s resolution to save water is good for our environment and the pocketbook.

District Board Approves Budget and Fee Schedule for 2022

After considering public input at an informal evening workshop in November and a formal public hearing in December, the Board of Directors of the Meridian Service Metropolitan District adopted the 2022 Budget. The fee increases for 2022 will typically affect Meridian Ranch residents by an additional $18.13/month in their total combined utility bill. The complete 2022 Fee Schedule and 2022 Budget is posted on the District’s website at www.meridianranchmetro.org. The new fees take effect on January 1, 2022. For our typical Meridian Ranch residential customer, the changes in services fees for 2022 are summarized below:

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<td>Water Resource</td>
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<td>Water Use up to 5,000 gallons</td>
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The fee increases for 2022 are very modest and in line with current Consumer Price adjustments in the area. Most of the cost increase is due to the new Clean Water Fee which is to pay for State Health Department mandated improvements at the Cherokee Wastewater plant. The essential public services provided by the District continue to be a bargain when compared to the cost of internet, cable, and mobile phone services.

Jim Nikkel
General Manager
Meridian Service Metropolitan District
Fall and Winter Watering

Fact Sheet No. 7.211  Gardening Series | Basics

by J.E. Klett and R. Cox*

Dry air, low precipitation, little soil moisture, and fluctuating temperatures are characteristics of fall and winter in many areas of Colorado. Often there is little or no snow cover to provide soil moisture from October through March. Trees, shrubs, perennials and lawns under these conditions may be damaged if they do not receive supplemental water.

The result of long, dry periods during fall and winter is injury or death to parts of plant root systems. Affected plants may appear perfectly normal and resume growth in the spring using stored food energy. Plants may be weakened and all or parts may die in late spring or summer when temperatures rise. Weakened plants also may be subject to insect and disease problems.

Lawns also are prone to winter damage. Newly established lawns, whether seeded or sodded, are especially susceptible. Susceptibility increases for lawns with south or west exposures.

Watering Guidelines
Water only when air temperatures are above 40 degrees F. Apply water at mid-day so it will have time to soak in before possible freezing at night. A solid layer (persisting for more than a month) of ice on lawns can cause suffocation or result in matting of the grass.

Plants receiving reflected heat from buildings, walls and fences are more subject to damage. The low angle of winter sun makes this more likely on south or west exposures. Windy sites result in faster drying of sod and plants and require additional water. Lawns in warm exposures are prone to late winter mite damage. Water is the best treatment to prevent turf injury (see fact sheet 5.505, Clover and Other Mites of Turfgrass.)

Monitor weather conditions and water during extended dry periods without snow cover – one to two times per month.

Plants Sensitive to Drought Injury
Woody plants with shallow root systems require supplemental watering during extended dry fall and winter periods. These include European white and paper birches; Norway, silver, red, Rocky Mountain and hybrid maples; lindens, alders, hornbeams, dogwoods, willows, and mountain ashes. Evergreen plants that benefit include spruce, fir, arborvitae, yew, Oregon grape-holly, boxwood, and Manhattan euonymus. Woody plants also benefit from mulch to conserve soil moisture.

Herbaceous perennials and ground covers in exposed sites are more subject to winter freezing and thawing. This opens cracks in soil that expose roots to cold and drying. Winter watering combined with mulching can prevent this damage (See fact sheet 7.214, Mulches for Home Grounds.)

Newly Planted vs. Established Plants
Newly planted trees are most susceptible to winter drought injury. Trees generally take one year to establish for each inch of trunk diameter. For example, a two inch diameter (caliper) tree takes a minimum of two years to establish under normal conditions.

Trees obtain water best when it is allowed to soak into the soil slowly to a depth of 12 inches. Methods of watering trees include: sprinklers, deep-root fork or needle, soaker hose or soft spray wand. Apply water to many locations under the dripline and beyond if possible. If using a deep-root fork or needle, insert no deeper than 8 inches into the soil. As a general survival rule, apply 10 gallons of

*J.E. Klett, Colorado State University Extension horticulture specialist and professor, horticulture and landscape architecture; and R. Cox, Extension horticulture agent, Arapahoe County. 3/13
There have been many complaints in multiple neighborhoods recently about the parking situation. In DRC 1 Residents are allowed to park ONE (1) vehicle and ONE (1) temporary guest vehicle on the street. In DRC 2 Residents are not allowed to park residents’ vehicles on the street, ONLY temporary guest parking is allowed. Regardless of which DRC you live in or if it is a temporary guest, ALL street parking should be done legally – park on the correct side of the street, facing the same direction as traffic, not in front of a fire hydrant or a stop sign! Parking on the sidewalk or facing oncoming traffic is not only dangerous to both drivers and pedestrians, but also illegal in El Paso County. Section 3.17 of the CC&R states: “Nothing shall be done or kept on any Lot in violation of any law, ordinance, rule or regulation of any governmental authority having jurisdiction over the Property.” El Paso County Ordinance Pertaining to the Control and Regulation of The Movement and Parking of Motor Vehicles on Public Property in The Unincorporated Territory of El Paso County No. 96-1 states:

*Except as otherwise provided in this section, every motor vehicle stopped or parked upon a two-way roadway shall be so stopped or parked with the right-hand wheels parallel to and within twelve inches of the right-hand curb or as close as practicable to the right edge of the right-hand shoulder.

* Park in the same direction as traffic as close to the curb as possible, but not on the sidewalk.

* Do not park within 30 feet of a stop sign or alongside or opposite any street excavation where parking will obstruct traffic.

*Sections 21 & 23 Cross Reference: Section 42-4-1204 C.R.S. & 42-4-1205 C.R.S.

Please visit [http://car2.elpasoco.com/clerkboard/doc/96-1.htm](http://car2.elpasoco.com/clerkboard/doc/96-1.htm) for more information on parking and driving ordinances in Unincorporated El Paso County.

Governing Documents can be found on the website: https://portal.warrenmgmt.com/

Questions? Please contact your Meridian Ranch DRC Management Team:
Jamie Adams, CMCA, AMS, PCAM – Managing Agent – Jamie@warrenmgmt.com
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MOVE
YOUR
BODY

TUESDAYS, 8AM, REB3L GROOVE

Sexy, Sassy, Strong, Bad‐ASSyte Dance Fitness You will leave with a smile on your face feeling empowered, stronger, and energized all from 50 minutes of FUN!!

I've always enjoyed getting my workouts in just being active outdoors but knew I really needed to find something to get my heart rate up that I enjoyed and could stick with. I've always loved to dance, so when I stumbled upon a REB3L class with the lights low and the fun party music on, I was sold! I just lost myself in the music and kept coming back for more, eventually getting certified.

I hope you will give it a try and get lost in the music yourself! If you fall in love with it, let me know and maybe I can add another class in the future. What have you got to lose!!
Stop by the front desk of Meridian Ranch Recreation Center to make sure your account is up to date and there is an email on file.

THEN, go to meridianranch.clubautomation.com

Scroll down to the section labeled "First time here?" and click on the "Access My Account" icon.

This will then prompt you to fill out your first name, last name, and email. Once this is done and Club Automation was able to locate you in the system, an email will be sent to you to prompt you to complete your online portal set up.

Questions or issues? call 719-495-7119 or stop by MRRC front desk.
Meridian Ranch Community Directory

MSMD Board of Directors:
President: Butch Gabrielski
Secretary/Treasurer: Wayne Reorda
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer: Bill Gessner
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer: Mike Fenton
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer: Tom Sauer

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mrrc@meridianservice.org

MSMD Office:
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Governing Documents can be found on the websites:
DRC No. 1 www.meridianranchdrc.nabrnetwork.com
DRC No. 2 www.meridianranchdrc2.nabrnetwork.com ; Resources; Governing Documents

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Hours of Operation

Meridian Ranch Recreation Center
Mon-Fri 5:30 AM - 8:30 PM
Saturday: 8 AM - 6 PM
Sunday: 9 AM - 5 PM

MSMD Office
Mon-Fri 8 AM - 4:30 PM