

ARHOA Winter Newsletter

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Wildlife Awareness

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Snow—Is it coming?

A concern has been raised to the HOA regarding coyotes near and around the pond on Mr. Clore's property to the north of the neighborhood. Homes that back up to this area are more likely to see activity, but there is nothing preventing them from embarking upon the neighborhood. While these animals can be a nuisance and dangerous, through discussions with Animal Control, Kentucky Fish & Wildlife along with our HOA legal council, all recommendations lead to providing awareness and guidelines on how to coexist with these wild animals and not attempting to eliminate them. In this newsletter, we want to ensure all neighbors are aware of the coyotes and to highlight some key safety steps to help prevent harm to any person or pet in our community.

Coyotes are nocturnal animals that tend to live in dens that are

below fallen trees or under rocks. During the night, these animals can travel between 50-75 miles in search of food which generally consists of field animals like rabbits, mice and snakes, along with berries and other food they can obtain. Through feedback received, there have been known cases of coyotes attacking the cattle on the Clore farm.

Safety Guidance:

- Be alert and aware of your surroundings—especially in the evening/night
- Don't feed or leave food for these animals—Make sure garbage containers are closed
- Don't go searching for these animals
- If one is seen, "making loud noise" will generally scare them away
- While the law does allow for personal protection, make this a last resort



Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife does not recommend the elimination of dens as it may actually allow for a new population of coyotes to move into the vacated area.

HOA Role Regarding Wildlife

The HOA is a community governance committee established to set and maintain by-laws that uphold the value of the community of which each homeowner has invested in to call home. The by-laws in place today do not address anything specific to wildlife control. Through our reaching out to other HOAs and professionals in this arena, the guidance has been to focus the HOA's attention on awareness and providing safety guidance to wildlife in our community.

https://fw.ky.gov/Wildlife/ Pages/Nuisance-Wildlife.aspx Other more specific links are here:

- Beaver
- <u>Trap Checking Extension for</u> <u>Beavers Causing Damage</u>
- Coyote
- Deer
- <u>Vulture</u>
- Wild Pig



Potential Mixed Use Development

Newspaper and social media outlets have made us aware of Mr. Clore's decision to sell off approximately 500 acres for mixed development use. While this is not within the control of our association, being aware of what is happening in our area is important. There is an invitation only meeting being held on January 19th, of which Terry Weathers, President of ARHOA, will be attending to gain further insight to the future plans of our area. The board will post further information regarding this development on the Arbor Ridge website and Facebook page.

For additional information, please visit the bizjournal link below: <u>https://www.bizjournals.com/louisville/news/2018/12/19/500-acres-in-crestwood-will-become-large-mixed-use.html</u>



Neighborhood Reminders!

"Don't cause the police to be engaged and lead to costly tickets!" We have seen an uptick in communication regarding our neighbors driving fast and not stopping at posted stop signs throughout the neighborhood. While we are all in a hurry, we certainly need to set an example for visitors and pass through drivers to ensure we keep our streets and neighbors safe. If we continue to see and receive notice of repeat offenders, we will turn this over to the police. Please **don't** cause the police to be engaged and lead to costly tickets when this is something we can easily fix and control.

 HOA dues invoices have been distributed with the appearance of being late the day it was received.
 That was an error and the request is to make payments by 2/2/2019—Sorry reminder...

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for the confusion and inconvenience this may have caused.

 Please visit our HOA webpage and provide email address so we can minimize expense of mailing and leverage electronic methods for communicating. <u>http://arborridgecrestwood.com/</u>





Preparing for Snow—Is it Coming?

While we are now approaching the 3rd week of January, it is beginning to look like there is snow on the horizon. Like everyone, we will continue to watch the weather channel and plan accordingly. To ensure we don't get caught unprepared, leverage the warmer time to get ready for the cold weather that will likely be here soon.

Have your car tires check to ensure you have the best traction on the road. Have your car battery checked just to be sure you don't get stranded. If available, put a set of jumper cables in your car to provide assistance if needed.

Consider safety items like a blanket, salt, small snow shovel, water and snacks being kept in the car in the event of long delays due to accidents on the highways.

Check your home furnace to ensure it is working properly

and don't forget to change the filter!

Pull out the snow blower and/ or snow shovels so you know you are ready!

Many of us are on the move from one place to another. Don't forget to enjoy the now moments that we encounter everyday!

Be safe and have fun when the snow does come.