



## The Board Corner ...

Dear Neighbor –

We hope that your family has enjoyed a fantastic, memorable, and safe summer. Now that fall has arrived, we offer this **Fall Newsletter** as a source of information for community news, updates, events, reminders, and helpful tips. Looking ahead, we hope to publish a newsletter four times annually to enrich our communications.

If you have comments or suggestions, please share them with a Board member. Thanks for your continued support.



*Mike Smith, President*

## Street Signs Committee

The board formed a new *ad hoc* committee in June. The **2024 Street Sign Committee** has a clear purpose:

To assess community satisfaction with the current street signs; and to develop options for replacing the current signs, including an assessment of community support for each option.

*(summarized from the full board resolution)*

The committee leaders are **Steph Traver** and **Barb Stratton**.

In August a survey was sent to every resident, asking about satisfaction with the current street signs and asking for input on several proposed alternatives. In September the results of this survey were shared by email with all residents — 75% of residents responded to the survey, and two-thirds of them asked to replace the current signs. This fall the committee will gather additional information and share a detailed recommendation with the board for implementing the replacement of our street signs.

If you have any questions about the work of the committee, please contact Barb Stratton or Steph Traver for more information. Their addresses are in the RRSC Directory.

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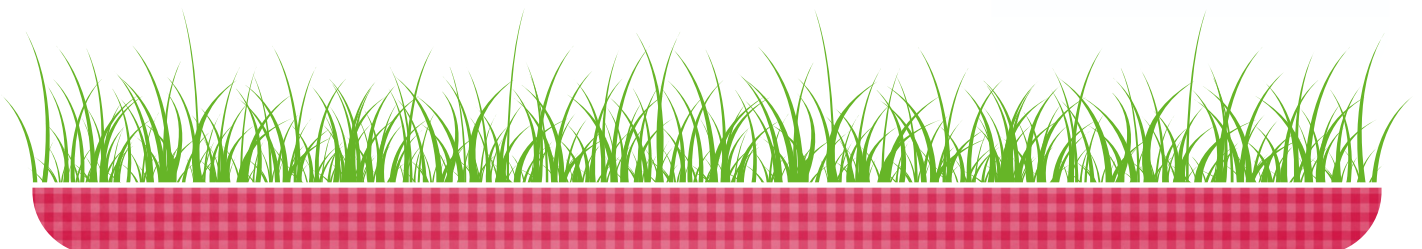
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### Upcoming Board Dates

10/15	Board Meeting
11/19	Board Meeting
12/17	Board Meeting

### Social Events

(tbd)	Burger Night (Back Burner Restaurant)
(tbd)	Holiday Party (7 Elderberry / Blackhurst)



## RRSC Board of Directors

### 2024 Officers

Mike Smith / President  
Kathy Blackhurst / Vice President  
Steph Traver / Secretary  
Ken Murphy / Treasurer

### 2024 ARC

Israel Floyd  
Vernon Hanby  
Al Minutola

### All Other Directors

Henry Clampitt  
John Strojny  
Michael Vest

### Standing Committees

Architectural Review ("ARC")  
Operations  
Social

### Ad Hoc Committees

2024 Street Signs

## Kathy Nachbar Recognition



After 15 years of dedicated service, Kathy Nachbar stepped down from the RRSC Board in June. Kathy served the board in many ways, including officer roles as President and Secretary. On behalf of the community, the board thanks Kathy for her many years of commitment and devoted service!

We are also pleased to see that our State Representative, Krista Griffith presented Kathy with a State Tribute Letter in recognition of her service. Congratulations!

(Left to right: Krista Griffith, Mike Smith, Kathy Nachbar, and Kathy Blackhurst)

## Board Retreat

In September the board held a planning retreat. With three new members elected in May, this retreat offered a chance for the directors to get to know each other and to focus on how the board operates as a whole. Topics included team building, guiding principles, strategic planning, and communications.

Thanks to Kathy Blackhurst for hosting this meeting! The retreat agenda was designed and led by Mike Smith who made the session fun and productive for all.

## Street Repaving

Boysenberry Court was recently repaved. The state maintains our road surfaces and has repaved several sections of Ramsey Ridge in prior years. The board expresses our paving schedule priorities to the state. If you would like to share your thoughts on this, please reach out to a board member.

An important part of this process is the relationship with our State Representative and Senator. Each official has certain discretionary funding which they can use to prioritize district projects such as street paving. We are thankful for our past, present, and future elected officials and their constructive engagement with us.

## End-of-Summer Block Party



On September 7th, the Social Committee held an informal get-together at the end of Elderberry Court. The weather took a surprising turn to the cold side, so the Centrellas graciously invited the event to continue in their garage. Thanks to Kathy Blackhurst for setting up this event!

It was a nice way to catch up with neighbors and see new faces.

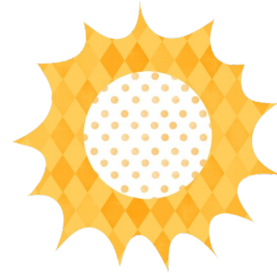
## Street Parking

One of our landscaped islands recently suffered damage from a truck which could not navigate the circle, in part due to cars parked on the roadway. We found out who owns the truck and the board is pursuing reimbursement for the damages caused. This incident also leads to a general reminder about the effects of street parking in Ramsey Ridge.

Regular overnight on-street parking is of course expressly prohibited by the deed restrictions. The further awareness raised by this incident is that even occasional street parking and guest parking can have a effect on the use of our streets.

Some of our streets are quite narrow, especially at the end of each court. Wherever possible, please ask your family and guests to park in your driveway. If street parking is necessary

for guests, please ask them to not park on or near any of our court islands. We have many trucks coming through Ramsey Ridge "24/7" and at any time one of those trucks could struggle to get around the island without damaging things.



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*"The road to success is dotted with many tempting parking spaces." — Will Rogers—*

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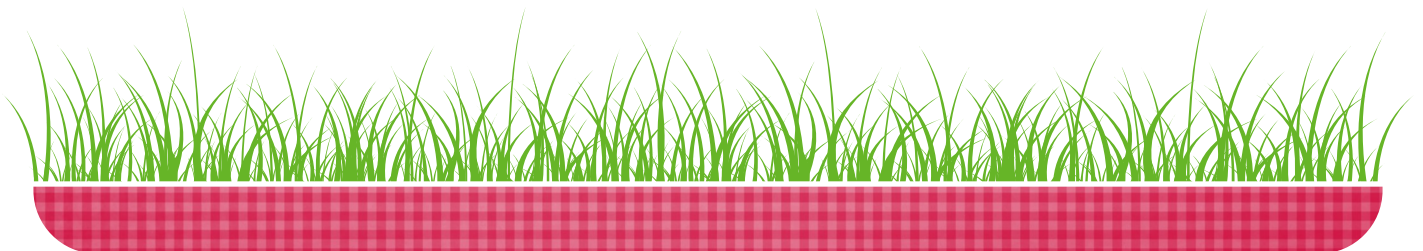
## "No Soliciting" - What It Means ...

Our "No Soliciting" sign is a first step in dissuading door-to-door marketers in Ramsey Ridge.

In June we experienced a door-to-door sales effort (for pest control services) which was not compliant with state law. See <https://revenue.delaware.gov/door-to-door-salesperson/> for more information.

Key takeaways:

- Salespeople need to display a state-issued license which shows the person's name, their company name, a state seal watermark, and the current year.
- The cardholder is not "approved" by the state; rather, the card indicates that its holder is a verified employee of the business which holds the license. **Always use discretion** when opening your door to strangers.
- Exceptions: These rules do not apply to sales related to non-profits or public utilities. Nor do the rules prohibit door-to-door advocacy for charities or politicians.





## Selected Committee Notes

### Safety and Security

Community safety is strengthened by having our security camera system. We monitor the system and work with our service providers to improve detection and image quality. We also encourage all residents to remain aware and report suspicious activities—remember, “See it and report it.”

### Enhancements

Our recent initiatives include long-term planning (e.g., landscape renovations) and unplanned needs (e.g., addressing damage to signage at the community entrance). Community enhancements contribute positively to our overall appeal.

### Looking Ahead

As we prepare for 2025, we will review service contracts and develop our annual budget. Your input is valuable, so if you have specific priorities or ideas to share please don't hesitate to contact a Board member. Your feedback helps us to align community needs and aspirations.

### Architectural Review Committee (ARC)

REMINDER: The ARC evaluates Lot Owners' plans for exterior changes, with advance ARC approvals required in most cases. Please contact the ARC as early as possible in your planning process. More information on these requirements can be found in the deed restrictions which are available at [www.RamseyRidge.com](http://www.RamseyRidge.com).

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*"We are speeding up our lives and working harder in a futile attempt to buy the time to slow down and enjoy it." — Paul Hawken, American Activist —*

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## Fast Times At Ramsey Ridge ...

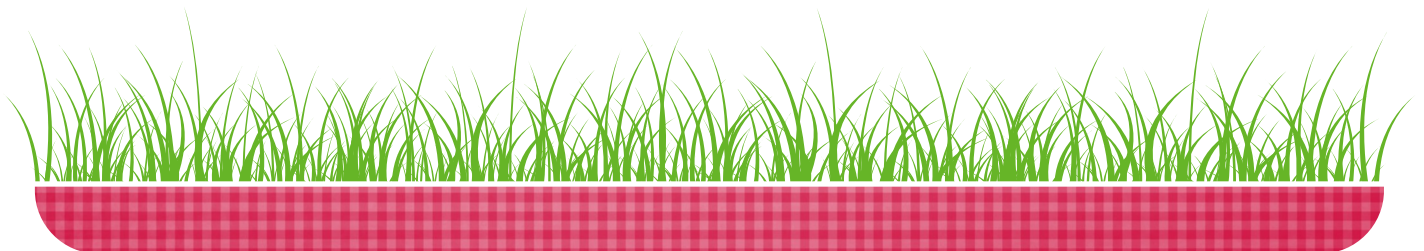
Over the years, we have sent many communications about speeding. One year we even had the state DOT develop a plan for installing concrete “traffic calming” islands in Ramsey Ridge (it was voted down). Our latest attempt has been to place signage on a Dewberry Drive island. All of these attempts reflect our collective value for safety.

**Our speed limit is 25 MPH.** And ... you are even allowed to drive slower if you are passing pedestrians. Try it!



As a community without sidewalks we use our streets for driving, walking, and cycling. Please slow down as you approach pedestrians and ask your guests to do the same.

Driving 10 MPH over the speed limit will only save you 30 seconds of drive time in Ramsey Ridge. Let's all give up those 30-seconds for community safety!





## Resident Reminders

ARC: Most exterior renovations and/or additions require ARC approval. Before you paint the house, replace the roof, build an addition, redesign your landscaping, etc. please submit your plans to the Architectural Review Committee for consideration. An ARC Change Form can be found on the website [www.RamseyRidge.com](http://www.RamseyRidge.com)

Yard Signs: The only signs allowed in Ramsey Ridge are normal real estate "For Sale" signs. All other signs are prohibited unless approved in writing by the ARC (see above). We strongly discourage signage in order to keep our community clutter-free and beautiful. This policy is important to note for contractors doing work on your home and also during election season when political signage will not be approved or accepted in any form. We appreciate your help in keeping our community sign-free.

**\*\* The speed limit in Ramsey Ridge is 25 MPH. Please drive safely! \*\***

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