



Sunset Ridge Views

Your neighborhood newsletter

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Serious fire destroys home

A home at J street in Sunset Ridge was gutted after a fire raged through it last month.

Fire crews spent an hour battling the blaze. No one was injured. Damage is estimated at approximately \$280,000 for the home and its contents.

Investigators and police believe the fire was accidental. "Our decision is that it is one of those fires that shouldn't have happened, but it did," Clark County Senior Deputy Fire Marshal Richard Martin said.

The blaze began after a gas lamp was knocked over and ignited in the kitchen. The people staying at the home did not have utilities, so they were using what Martin refers to as "alternative lights sources."

After the fire started, the two occupants first tried to put out the blaze themselves before calling 911.

Martin does not believe the fire was started intentionally. "There were a lot of things going on at that home, but trying to burn the place down wasn't one of them," he said.

Washougal Police Department Detective Allen Cook agreed. He interviewed the two occupants, witnesses and looked at burn patterns.

There has been speculation that the fire was due to methamphetamine use and manufacturing in the residence, but Cook said that was not the case.

"There was no indication or evidence of exploding meth labs in the house," he said.

The cleanup of the property is up to the homeowner to take care of, according to Martin.

There was insurance on the home, but there are no further details as to when the cleanup will be completed.

Board members

The following residents are volunteer members of the Sunset Ridge Homeowner's Association Board of Directors. The board meets the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the clubhouse.

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Clubhouse



Equipment moves downstairs, game room moves upstairs

When homeowners go to work out at the clubhouse, they'll be seeing some changes. The most obvious and visible one is that the workout equipment has all been moved downstairs, and the game room has been moved upstairs.

The change is due to the amount of weight and vibration caused by all equipment and people upstairs, clubhouse manager Andy Beck said. "It was wreaking havoc on the ceiling below. Lights were constantly being blown out and the ceiling actually would visually bend." Andy will be adding wall fans to keep the area cool, since there aren't windows that can be opened downstairs, as well as a water filter/drinking fountain, a wall mounted cable T.V., a separate sound system, a scale, clock, mirrors and shelving.

There will also be a partition put in, to prevent children from running into the weight room with wet feet from the swimming pool. The partition will clearly separate the area, as those using the workout room must be at least 14 years old with an adult resident, or at least 18 years old and a resident if they go by themselves. Future ideas for the game room include the possibility of putting in a "family friendly" tot area, so homeowners with young children can enjoy it. Another idea is to put in a gaming table of some kind.

Watch future newsletters for more ideas as things progress.



Sunset Ridge neighborly notes

Please remember to follow pool rules while at clubhouse

There have been incidents with people using the swimming pool at the clubhouse for commercial purposes. This creates a potential liability and hazard for all homeowners. As a reminder, the pool may only be used by homeowners, lessees, their children and guests. Using it for commercial purposes is strictly prohibited. Some examples of commercial purposes include having children in a daycare using the pool, giving swim lessons or teaching a water aerobics class. The rules are in place to keep the community safe, and all homeowners are asked to follow them.

Community yard sale coming

Homeowners, mark your calendars. The community yard sale is coming up soon. This year, it will be 8-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 25-26. Homeowners are encouraged to participate. The Homeowners Association Board of Directors takes care of advertising, so get your items ready for sale.

Neighborhood babysitter sought

A local baby-sitter is needed for two children in the evenings and on weekends. The person must be CPR and first-aid certified, and have experience with infant care. Call Joanne at 600-3223.

Board position open

There is an open HOA Board position due to one of the members leaving to take a job in another state. The term is until February 2007. If interested, please attend the next board meeting at 6:30 p.m. May 18 in the clubhouse. If unable to attend, send a letter of interest to Shannon Skalman at Shannons@investwestmgmt.com.