



Bear Mountain Homeowners Association

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BMHOA OFFICERS CHANGE

At the January 2006 BMHOA Board Meeting, John Burghardt resigned from the BMHOA Presidency, because of impending major spinal fusion surgery. In accord with our bylaws, Jim Peterson moved up from VP to the President's position, and the Board appointed Maggie Cross to be the replacement for Jim as the Vice President until our annual election next August. These changes, with contact telephone numbers, are reflected above. Please call any of the BMHOA Board members if there are any questions regarding this change.

John had 3 discs removed and 4 vertebrae fused on March 2. The surgery was successful, but recovery is a long and painful process, and John has been incapacitated since.

We always encourage new candidates to consider joining the BMHOA Board of Directors. If you are a resident within the Bear Mountain Vista subdivision, a dues-paying member of the BMHOA, and would like to serve, please let one of the current board members know. Officers are elected at the end of the annual summer picnic and business meeting, and nominations for new officers can be made at that time as well.

BMHOA DIRECTORY STILL AVAILABLE

There are some copies of the new BMHOA Directory from December 2005 still available to dues paying members. We handed out a new Directory to every dues paying member at last year's annual Holiday Party, but for those that did not attend the party, or if you are a new dues paying member, you can receive the updated Directory by requesting one from Secretary Bill Schenk. If you would like a new Directory but are not a member of the BMHOA yet, please send a check for the \$25 dues payment to Treasurer Jerry Roberts and you will get a Directory sent back to you. A dues payment form is included at the end of this Newsletter.

If there are any updates to be made to the BMHOA Directory, please contact the BMHOA Secretary, Bill Schenk, at 303-674-6367 or email him at bschenk@schenk.org with the new information.

BMHOA BOARD MEETINGS

Your BMHOA Board of Directors meets typically every other month, on the second Wednesday of the month. *All BMHOA members are welcome to attend Board meetings.* The President of the Board sets the schedule and runs the meeting, and the next meeting is currently scheduled for June, 2006. Please RSVP your intention to attend by contacting one of the current Board officers. Members of the BMHOA Board of Directors can be reached by telephone or at the following email address: bmhoa@yahoo.com, or see our website at the following web address: <http://www.bearmountainhoa.com/>.

BEAR MOUNTAIN FORESTRY ISSUES

We collected samples from fir and spruce trees to check for spruce budworm infestation in the area that showed damage after last year's spraying. We did not find any larval cases on the needles, as opposed to 2000 when cases were abundant and easy to find. Samples have been sent to CSU, and if we do have an apparent problem, we will organize another spray program this year. Last year's spraying seemed very effective in most of the area except the north side of Bear Mountain proper, where there was considerable new budworm damage (needles stripped and brown tips of branches). The forester who checked later last summer said she didn't think the damage was too severe, and that there may simply have been a heavy enough infestation that large numbers of budworms ate quite a bit before encountering dried droplets of spray. They still may have been largely eradicated. If we find a new spray effort is needed, it will probably just focus on the damaged core area, and not spray on the periphery.

We received a notice from Lamm Tree Service saying they can spray trees for budworm. Their minimum rate is \$95 per site, at \$10/tree up to 15 trees, \$9/tree for 15-30 trees, and \$8/tree for more than 30 (or a flat rate per property). This is much more expensive than helicopter spraying, which should be more effective as well as cheaper. However, if you are especially concerned about some high-value trees and we don't do an aerial spray program, you can reach Lamm at 303-674-8733.

Some residents have indicated they would like to spray again in the core area as a precaution, because we already have many dead trees there, and extra stress from drought makes weak trees even more vulnerable. We'll look into the cost and let you know. It would be somewhat more per acre than last year, because a smaller area would be involved.

If there are any questions regarding this information, please contact Jim Peterson at 303-674-8370 for more details.

BMHOA WINTER GET-AWAY IN YELLOWSTONE

Tom and Ginny Boschen are organizing a family winter get-away for BMHOA members in beautiful Yellowstone National Park for December, 2006. Tom has been a winter volunteer with the Yellowstone Association Institute at the Buffalo Ranch in Yellowstone for the past three years, and is very excited about sharing this special place with his neighbors on Bear Mountain.

Located in Yellowstone's quiet northeast corner, the Buffalo Ranch offers comfortable lodging in a remarkable wilderness setting. You will enjoy cozy log cabins with propane heaters, a new bathhouse with radiant heated floor, private showers, and a common building (the "bunkhouse") with a fully equipped kitchen and classrooms. The ranch is in Lamar Valley, called by many "America's Serengeti" due to the profusion of wildlife including bear, moose, bison, elk, coyotes and, for the past 10 years since their reintroduction from Canada, the grey wolf. This is now the best place in the world to see wolves in their natural habitat.

Our group will spend 4 days at the ranch guided by Yellowstone Association Institute expert naturalist instructors. We will discover the diverse and abundant wildlife of Yellowstone's Northern Range. Field activities include road based sunrise and/or sunset trips to look for wildlife, and interpretive hikes in wildlife habitat to search for animal tracks and sign. Program content can focus on a particular species or topic and can include classroom presentations on animal behavior, ecology, conservation, and Park history. There will be ample opportunities for cross country skiing, snowshoeing, bird watching, photography, and just vegging out in this spectacular setting.

The cost per participant for lodging and program will vary between \$64-120 per day, depending on the number of folks that sign up. In this case, more people=less cost/person. The Ranch can accommodate up to 28 guests. What's included: The Institute provides instruction, in-park transportation, park entrance passes, classroom space, lodging at the Buffalo Ranch, and program materials such as spotting scopes. Participants must provide their own personal clothing and equipment, sleeping bags, food, and do their own cooking and clean up.

We must know your level of interest soon and must commit to a 25% non-refundable deposit to guarantee our reservation. We are considering one of two weeks in December: December 4-8 or December 11-15. This would allow for three days of travel from Denver to Yellowstone and back to

round out a week long vacation. Please call Tom or Ginny at 303-674-3438 with your preference of week if you are interested in going. The week most desired by the majority will be the one selected. Thanks!

TRASH ALERT!!!

Residents are advised to put their trash in closed containers with tight lids and to keep their garbage cans inside their garage. Garbage cans should not be placed outside until the morning of pickup. There are many reasons for this:

1. Keeping trash inside keeps the critters out. These critters include: raccoons, coyotes, dogs, squirrels, ravens, and bears. As the bears come out of hibernation, they are ravenous and nothing is quite as attractive as household garbage. Do you really want bears hanging around your house or, worse yet, coming into your house? If not, keep your trash in the garage.

2. Putting cans out the night before is like putting out a smorgasbord for bears. There isn't a domestic trashcan in existence that is bear-proof.

3. Using sealed trash cans is almost a no-brainer, but the logic apparently eludes some people. Plastic sacks or cardboard boxes filled with household garbage are an invitation to the critters to snack. When they snack, garbage gets littered all over the road and then blows along the ditches and litters your neighbor's property. IT IS DISGUSTING! Out of consideration for your neighbors AND the critters (who shouldn't be eating this stuff), put any food-related garbage in tightly sealed containers.

4. If your garbage is not picked up in front of your house, it is a courtesy to make sure that the area where you leave it for pickup is not on someone else's land. Make an effort to pick up any litter that may have come from your garbage.

Bear Mountain residents generally maintain a caring balance between themselves and the various animals with which we share the mountain. However, the balance is easily tipped if common-sense garbage etiquette is not followed. Please be responsible with your trash.

BMHOA BANKING OFFER

As a result of moving the BMHOA bank account to Bank of the West last fall to reduce our banking fees, we were given an offer to allow Bear Mountain area residents a chance to avail themselves of our banking relationship for their own uses. Members of the BMHOA are being offered the following from the Bank of the West in Evergreen:

1. Free Checking
2. Free Savings account when linked to the Checking account
3. Free On-line service with free Personal Bill-Pay.
4. Free Debit card
5. Free box of Bank of the West corporate image checks.
6. Annual fee waived for the first year of overdraft protection.

If you are thinking of making a banking change and want to take further advantage of your BMHOA membership, contact Vice President Travis Clark at Bank of the West, 3779 Evergreen Pkwy, or call him at 303-674-6646. Give a call to the BMHOA Treasurer, Jerry Roberts, at 303-679-6824 if you would like more details about this program.

NO COST RECYCLING IN EVERGREEN

There is a no charge recycling facility available in Evergreen for those of you who wish to recycle some waste. The facility is located in Bergen Park directly behind the King Soopers grocery store. Their operating hours are Mondays 11am to 7pm, and Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 8am to 4pm. You will have to separate your recyclables by: Clear Glass, Green and Brown glass, Cardboard, Plastics, Aluminum cans, Newspapers, and Magazines/junk mail. They will even pay you a small amount for the aluminum, which can be redeemed in the King Soopers, but most folks let the facility keep the fee to pay for the service. Remember, every little bit that you do can help.



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A \$25 Investment in your Mountain Community!

If you are a resident of Bear Mountain and haven't sent in the dues for the 2005-06 year, or if you live in the area and wish to join as an associate member, please make out a check payable to BMHOA for \$25.00 and bring it to the next BMHOA party, or send it to: **BMHOA / P.O. Box 2068 / Evergreen, CO 80437**

Please complete the form below and include it with your check so that we can keep the Directory up to date. Dues pay for Newsletters, your copy of the Directory, and your family's attendance at all annual parties, including the Summer Picnic and Winter Holiday parties. They also pay for such things as weed spraying equipment, spray, etc. Dues are voluntary, but only those that contribute will receive benefits!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____ **E-Mail Address:** _____

Family Members: _____