



# Bear Mountain Homeowners Association

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## BEAR MOUNTAIN MEADOW CONSERVANCY UPDATE

In January the Colorado Supreme Court ruled on a major case with key issues directly relevant to our Water Court case. Based on this ruling, our lawyer has filed a motion asking the Water Court judge to flatly deny the developer's request for up to 19 new wells in Bear Mountain Vista and Mountain Park Homes. We believe the facts and the law mean our motion should prevail. If it does, Bear Mountain would be protected from irresponsible development that would further deplete our limited water supply. We hope to have a ruling in the near future. The current BMMC fund drive has raised \$11,400 since its inception on 26 March. This has allowed us to pay all past bills and allow enough cash in the bank to continue our water court fight for the near future. Significantly, nine new contributors have joined the group in supporting our community's commitment to protecting our limited water resources. Our sincere thanks go out to all who have so generously supported this and past fund drives.

## WILDLIFE AND YOUR PETS

We have had numerous wildlife sightings in the area recently, including a number of predators such as mountain lion, bear, coyote, and fox. Several dogs in the Bear Mountain area have recently been killed by coyotes, which particularly seem to be getting much bolder. Bottom line - "think wildlife" and plan accordingly with your pets, children, and even as adults. Be careful to keep your pets in an enclosed area before dawn and after dark. Please realize that feeding the wildlife (deliberately or inadvertently by such means as putting your trash out the night before pick-up) only emboldens them to lose their natural fear of humans, and it lures predators in closer than they would be otherwise. This ultimately leads to negative human-wildlife interactions that end up fatally for one party or the other! Also, with the increased pet/wildlife interaction we have been experiencing, it is important to make sure that your pets' vaccinations (distemper and rabies) are up to date. At least one very sick fox was seen last week, and it may have had distemper which is highly contagious and fatal to dogs.

## WEBMASTER NEEDED

Dave Killian has been doing an awesome job of developing and managing BMHOA's website (<http://www.bearmountainhoa.com/>) for several years now, but it's time to give Dave a break. If you have a knack with web management and would like to serve the community by becoming Bear Mountain's webmaster, please contact Bill Schenk – BMHOA's Secretary – at 303-674-6367.

## DEX-QWEST METRO DENVER WHITE PAGES

Have you noticed that over the past few years that the Yellow Pages have been sent to you automatically but you haven't gotten an updated White Pages for Metro Denver? That's because the Metro Denver White Pages are no longer sent out automatically, but upon request only. To receive a current copy, call 1-877-2-GET-DEX (877-243-8339) and it will be mailed to you within 10 business days at no charge or go online at <http://www.DexOnline.com/> for more information and to look up Residential and Business individual listings.

## PARTY HOSTS NEEDED!

Thinking ahead, we are looking for folks who would be interested in hosting the Summer Picnic / Annual Meeting on either Saturday, August 27th or Sunday, August 28th (date at the hosts' discretion, usually 2-5pm), and also someone who would host the Holiday Party, sometime in the first couple weeks of December. If you are interested in hosting either event, please contact John B. at 303-670-5974 or any one of the other board members.

## BABYSITTERS NEEDED

A number of families with small children who have recently moved to Bear Mountain have asked about babysitters. If you or someone you know is interested in babysitting jobs, please email us or call Jim Peterson at 303-674-8370 and let us know. We'll give your names to the folks who ask for this service and we'll also put your names in the new BMHOA Directory and on the BMHOA Website. Likewise, if you are a family needing babysitting services, call and we'll pass on your name. Or use the new 2005 BMHOA Directory to look up the info you need!

## NEW BMHOA DIRECTORY FINALLY AVAILABLE

We have finally prepared a new Resident Directory of all Bear Mountain and surrounding area residents, and if you received a copy of it attached to this Newsletter, that means that we have record of you as a dues paying member of the BMHOA. The Directory is a benefit for dues paying members of the BMHOA only, so if you did not get a Directory attached to this newsletter, that means that the BMHOA Board of Directors has no record of your dues being paid within the last year. Please call a member of the BMHOA Board of Directors with any questions regarding this, or use the form at the end of this Newsletter to send in you annual dues and receive a new Directory in return!

## SPRUCE BUDWORM AERIAL SPRAYING

There have been increasingly heavy infestations of spruce budworms (and the moths they become) the last two years, resulting in spreading damage to the spruce and fir trees of our area. Budworms don't kill trees immediately, but will eventually kill even the hardiest of spruce and firs by repeatedly eating new growth. Our trees have been severely stressed by budworm and drought and many have died in the last year. This year's hatch will be even larger and more widespread, and many more trees will die this year if we don't treat them. If you look at your spruce and fir trees and see that the tips of branches have few needles or look moth-eaten, especially near the tops, that is budworm damage. To avoid serious tree loss and minimize the forest fire hazard on Bear Mountain, we are working to set up an aerial spraying program. This is the only effective way to deal with the problem (spraying from the ground is not practical). The spray is a bacterial agent that is very specific to the budworms, and harmless to birds, mammals

and other creatures. It is NOT a toxic chemical spray. It would be applied in late May or early June, whenever the buds open and the worms hatch. The last spraying was done 5 years ago. The cost of spraying is cheap compared with the cost of having a tree service take down even a few dead trees per acre. We're making a list of all people who have expressed interest, so please let us know if you have a lot of these tree species. More details will be in a future newsletter.

## PROPANE PRICING FOR WINTER 2005-06

If we can find enough Bear Mountain residents who own their own propane tanks and would like to lock in propane prices for next year, we will contact suppliers and ask them for quotes. One has approached us, and said if we can find 30 customers they can give us a good price. If we get enough responses, we'll shop around for the best we can get. Other companies might not require as many people to sign up. No commitment is required at the moment, but let us know if you are interested. If you own your tank, you can use any propane supplier. If you rent, you are stuck with the company you rented the tank from. Some of us locked in with Polar Gas this last season, and were paying 20 cents or so below market rates.

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**A \$25 Investment in your Mountain Community!**

If you are a resident of Bear Mountain and haven't already sent in your dues this 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!

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