



# Bear Mountain Homeowners Association

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## BEAR MOUNTAIN SUMMER PICNIC

The annual Bear Mountain Homeowners' Business Meeting and Summer Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 27 from 2-5 p.m. at Rich and Toni Dunrud's, 24568 Giant Gulch Road. We request that those attending with last names beginning with the letters: A through F, bring an appetizer; G through P, bring a side dish or salad; and Q through Z, bring a dessert.

Some folks also find it worthwhile to bring lawn chairs or ground blankets. Hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, beverages, cutlery, and paper products will be provided by the BMHOA. The annual business meeting will convene at 4pm, at which time we will review the activities of the past year, look forward to what lies ahead, and elect officers for the next year. Rich and Toni Dunrud could really use some help setting up and tearing down from the party. If you can assist, please call them at 303-674-5638.

## CALL FOR BMHOA OFFICERS

We encourage new candidates to consider joining the BMHOA Board of Directors, but if no one qualified wants to run for a position, then the current officers have offered to serve for another year. 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. As stated above, officers are elected at the end of the annual picnic and business meeting, and nominations for new officers can be made at that time.

## BMHOA DIRECTORY UPDATES

The following are the changes we are aware of to the BMHOA Directory that was released this past spring. These changes will be incorporated into the next version of the Directory, currently planned for the Oct/Nov 2005 timeframe. If there are any other updates to be made, please contact the BMHOA Secretary, Bill Schenk, at 303-674-6367 or email him at [<bschenk@schenk.org>](mailto:bschenk@schenk.org).

Keith Abraben has a new phone number, 303-670-8404; Only one "I" in Michele James, phone is 303-697-1878. Randy Boyd is now married to Don Palmer, same phone number; Kim Waechter's phone number is 303-674-0340. Brown listing should read Al/Linda (not Julie), 303-674-0661; Tom Dignan sold 24652 Hawk Circle to Pat and Gaylene Langley, 303-979-8189; The Johnsons' phone numbers were switched. Rich is 674-5117, Ron 674-9665. The Rathburns left 25921 Fern Gulch Road, new renters are Eric/Christina Jensen, 303-679-3575. (Patrick) Steve Reed phone number is 303-674-1665; Jenny Sabina sold 24857 Stanley Park to Richard Hayley. The Schwartzes have moved away; Tricia Sorenson sold 24584 Chris Drive to Lon/Gwyn Rogers. The Whipples sold 5107 Bear Mountain Drive to Tony/Linda Weisser, 303-670-3909. The Whitefords left 4979 Grouse Court, the new renters are Matt/Charlotte Wood, 303-670-0247.

### TELEPHONE TREE:

Rossi should be in Branch 16, not 15; Markgraffs in Branch 10, not 9; Nobles in Branch 13, not 9.

## FIRE HAZARDS ON OUR MOUNTAIN

On Friday night, July 8<sup>th</sup>, there was a fire in the western part of the Bell Park area of Bear Mountain. The fire appeared to have been started by some very irresponsible parties who, either intentionally or accidentally, started a fire UNDER some trees. The fire was located between a construction road and the Bell Park open space area. Fortunately the fire was spotted early and thanks to the rapid response of our Evergreen Fire Fighters the blaze was quickly put under control. There were 11 Bear Mountain residents who witnessed this fire from a deck on Fern Gulch Road and suddenly the danger of these illegal, unauthorized fires became a reality. People watched in total disbelief as a very large tree ignited like a 40 foot Roman candle. This event highlighted the very real dangers of forest fires on our mountain and the speed with which they can spread. Luckily there was little or no wind on the 8<sup>th</sup> or the results could have been very different.

It is the responsibility of all the residents of Bear Mountain to remain vigilant for people who either intentionally or unintentionally, insist on this type of risky behavior. Please notify the Jefferson County Sheriff (303-277-0211) if you see any situations that could lead to this type of danger to our mountain community. Most outdoor fires are currently banned in Jefferson County, and please note that campfires *of any type* are strictly forbidden in the Denver Mountain Parks.

## SPRUCE BUDWORM SPRAYING PROJECT

Thanks to the hard work of Gary Wright, Jim Peterson, Jerry Roberts, and many other dedicated residents, the Bear Mountain helicopter spruce budworm spraying was a success. The participation of the Bear Mountain residents was a total success; only time will determine if we were successful in our ongoing battle against these tree-killing pests. Sixty-seven (67) property owners contributed more than \$20,000 to the spraying of more than 500 acres on Bear Mountain. Numerous owners of vacant property also participated in the spraying. The last budworm spraying was over 5 years ago and hopefully the 2005 spraying will be as successful. The helicopter company actually sprayed some extra acreage upwind of Bear Mountain Vista proper to provide a buffer. A GPS unit on the helicopter enabled the pilot to be sure he missed no areas. Spraying was scheduled for June 13 but wind gusts up to 90 MPH caused a one-day postponement. June 14 was calm and clear, and spraying was begun at 6 a.m. and finished at 9:35 a.m. The helicopter operated off a truck on Giant Gulch Road so it did not have to leave the area to refuel and reload spray. We have photos of the operation on our website at <http://www.bearmountainhoa.com/>

The bacterial agent used, *Bacillus thuringiensis* (BT), is somewhat less effective than chemical sprays, but is very specific to caterpillars and poses no threat to other creatures (it's harmless to bees and other bugs). It is difficult to be sure how effective the program was. Unfortunately, though the spray is sticky when it dries, we had an unpredicted very intense thundershower the next day, which may have washed some of the spray from the trees. We have seen many dying worms hanging from silk in the woods, and many trees that had new buds damaged last year are undamaged this year. However, there appears to be new bud damage in some trees in some locations. Some of this is on low trees that may have been shielded from the spray by the canopies of higher trees, but some damage is observable on taller trees too. Please watch for new budworm moths swarming in the treetops. They are smaller than the miller moths that migrate into the area in abundance, and flutter around treetops where they lay eggs. There were a lot of them the last two years, but we hope there won't be many this year. Even if not totally effective, the project appears to have helped substantially. If you see a lot of new bud damage or budworm moths, please let us know.

## 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 earlier this year, and it may have had distemper which is highly contagious and fatal to dogs.

## BABYSITTERS NEEDED

We have a few new names to add to our local community babysitters list. Bob and Caryl Dixon's daughters - Elizabeth (18), Ashley (16), and Megan (14) Rutledge (303-670-9958) – are interested in babysitting jobs. And Maddie Broeren (303-674-0765) will also do babysitting. Henry Broeren (303-674-0765) is interested in yardwork, and Travis Marx at 303-674-7866 is available in the area for odd-jobs. Please update your BMHOA Directories with this new information.

## PROPANE PRICING FOR WINTER 2005-06

Alas, of the folks who contacted us regarding propane usage, no more than 4 were renting tanks from any single company, and only a few people own their tanks, far too few to negotiate a group price for propane. Regarding our inquiry to propane users in hopes of negotiating a better rate, we had about 15 responses, but only 3 own their own tanks, and the rest were almost evenly divided among 5 propane suppliers. So, it was a nice idea, but 7 customers is not even close to enough to allow negotiating a special discount.

But we do have some information from Dena Johnson on rates for next year from various suppliers. Here's the info if you are interested in pre-buying propane for the 2005-06 winter: If you had signed a winter contract with Ferrellgas by July 29, 2005, then your first tank would have been at \$1.299 a gallon, with the winter price locked at \$1.399. With the first fill they do a safety check--Their winter contract is from Oct. to March 31, 2006. If you don't own your own tank they have a deal on the tank swap. Amerigas' pre-season buy should have been done by Aug. 1, 2005---Their lock-in price or pre-buy was at \$1.56 a gallon. Independent's pre-buy price is \$1.45 and must be bought by Aug. 12, 2005. They have a \$79.00 equipment check fee. Their regular price will be \$1.55 Comet's current price is \$1.40 and doesn't have a pre-buy or lock-in deal. Suburban Propane will have their pre-buy price available Aug. 1, 2005 and it will expire Sept. 30. All-Star's pre-buy expired, we think about last April.

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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!

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