



Bear Mountain Homeowners Association

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SAVE THE DATE – SUMMER PICNIC!

The Annual Picnic and BMHOA meeting will be held August 27 at the home of Stan and Sally Challengren on Chris Drive. More information later, but we are looking forward to an outdoor picnic – and given the large, relatively flat yard, some fun family games. Many thanks for volunteering to host, Stan and Sally! This picnic is open to BMHOA members and families – so plan on paying your dues at the picnic. It is also our annual business meeting, so if you have an interest in serving on the board, please let one of us know. We will be amending by-laws, which will be sent out prior to the meeting for review.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE PICNIC! – Some of our tried and true neighbors have carried most of the load of organizing, picking up food, beer and wine, have set up, cleaned up, and cooked. We need some new volunteers to help. Jerry Roberts (email and phone number are above in the box of officers) is coordinating the volunteers and will help everyone learn the ropes. Please let him know if you can help. Cooking is fun – find a buddy to cook with and we will have shifts so that no one is “stuck at the grill” all afternoon. If you can help set up – or clean up, that would be greatly appreciated as well.

FIRE DANGER AND MITIGATION

Fortunately, we have gotten some much needed snow and rain during May. Still, we always need to be alert to fire situations – and be proactive with fire mitigation. There have been several good programs on fire mitigation. Please work on whatever needs to be attended to on your property – whether it is clearing defensible space, removing low branches, dead trees, thinning over-crowded trees, or removing/chipping slash. At this time, we do not have a community program planned for 2011. So, please work on your own or with your neighbors on projects to benefit your property and the safety of the community.

WEEDS!!

May showers will bring lots of weeds in the weeks ahead. While we are thrilled with all of our beautiful wildflowers this year, we are not so much happy with all the thistles and noxious weeds. Canadian thistles can be pulled after a good rain, bagged and sent to trash. They can also be sprayed. Similarly, the dreaded knapweed is more innocuous in appearance, but it is poisonous to horses and drives out other native plants. Small knapweed plants can be pulled, but it is often necessary to spray knapweed with a systemic herbicide in order to kill the roots. Leafy Spurge is another pretty plant with cute yellow flowers – but if not eradicated, it will take over and drive out the other native species.

Colorado law requires removal of noxious weeds on your property. Jefferson County has a weed control office and they are happy to provide more information and advice. For a complete list of weeds that must be eradicated, for pictures and more information: www.co.jefferson.co.us/weed/weed_T71_R0.htm.

BMHOA owns a sprayer and we use dues to help buy spray and support the noxious weed program. The sprayer is available for your use, along with an allotment of spray. Please contact Rich Dunrud (303-674-5638) for the sprayer.

It's also the time of year where the Spruce Budworm makes their appearance. You need to look for needles eaten away from branch tips on the firs and spruces, and worms hanging on silk from the trees. Bud worms are small and have mottled colors. Later they will transform into small mottled brown moths. Please let someone on the board know if you notice infestations in significant numbers. We do not spray as a community on an annual basis, but will make arrangements if there is a significant infestation.

NEWCOMERS TO BEAR MOUNTAIN

We are seeing "Under contract" signs, moving vans, and know that there are a number of new neighbors for us to welcome. Please let us know of new people so we can welcome them and make sure they get a newsletter and information about the neighborhood. And, if you are new to Bear Mountain, and receive this, please join us! Pay your dues now for 2011-12 and attend the picnic in August. A membership form is at the end of this newsletter.

AEDs

Also, we want to make sure that our new neighbors know that we have AEDs on the mountain. Our AEDs are installed and functional. Fortunately, we have not had used them thus far in an emergency situation. We have two AED units on the mountain, people trained to use them, and a calling list in case of emergency. If you are new, and not aware of who is your closest contact, please let us know and we will get the necessary information to you.

MEMBER BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Whether you are a dentist, lawyer, have a great restaurant, or are a dependable contractor, many of us would like to do business with our neighbors. We will be compiling a directory of businesses and professionals in the neighborhood. Please email Marti or Joyce with your information, if you would like to be included. We are planning on printing this and handing it out at the picnic – with perhaps an update at the winter party. So, if you would like to be listed, please send your name, business name and contact

info, and a short description of what you do, and any discount(s) available to BMHOA members.

LIONS, TIGERS AND BEARS – OH, MY!

Ok, so maybe no tigers, but definitely bears and lions. Please remember that we live in bear and mountain lion habitat. Watch young children and pets closely, especially at dusk or dawn. If you have a sighting, let us know and we will pass the information along to others in the vicinity. We already have had several reports of bears – no problems, just sightings; ditto for mountain lions. And, of course, enjoy the other wildlife – deer, raccoons, fox, elk, chipmunks, ground squirrels, and skunks – and remember that they are wild, and need to remain that way. Please put your trash out in the morning, not the night before, and make sure that your GARBAGE is in closed containers rather than left out in plastic bags – you might just as well write “BUFFET – ALL YOU CAN EAT” on plastic bags. The birds tear them apart and leave a mess – which someone (perhaps someone other than you) will feel compelled to clean up. And, it attracts the bears....

BABYSITTERS, PETSITTERS, AND OTHER HANDY PEOPLE TO KNOW

Be sure and check your Resident Directory (Revised Edition) for the most up to date information.

OTHER OFFERS

Steamboat condo – 3 bd; 3 bath; top floor overlooking Mt. Werner; shuttle to the mountain during ski season; building has hot tub, pool table and grills. Available for long term lease or sale. Call Marti at 303-798-9531 or email marti@whitmoreway.com.

Kitchen and Bath Remodeling Services: Cabinetry, countertops, tile, granite, design and installation. Bear Mountain references available. Over 25 years experience. Call Sandra (Sadie) Maday: 303-674-0628.

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A \$35 Investment in your Mountain Community!

If you are a resident of Bear Mountain and haven't sent in the dues for the 20011-12 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 \$35.00 and 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: _____