



# Bear Mountain Homeowners Association

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**Summer 2010**

## *Save The Date – SUMMER PICNIC!*

Mark your calendars for August 29 for the annual Bear Mountain picnic. Marilyn and John Graham have offered to host – many thanks! The picnic will be from 2-5 pm, the address is 4796 Bear Mountain Drive. Families are invited. We provide the hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks. Everyone is asked to bring either a salad, dessert, or other dish to share. If your last name begins with A-K, please bring a dessert; if your last name begins with L-P, please bring some kind of snack (chips and dip, shrimp and dip, or something else in the genre) and if your last name begins with Q-Z, please bring a salad of some sort. If you are willing to help with set-up or clean-up, we need volunteers, please let us know if you can help.

## *ANNUAL MEETING*

The annual meeting of the association will also occur at the picnic. We are looking for members who would be willing to serve on the board – there will be at least two openings. Please let one of us know if you are interested in serving.

## *Dues are Due!!*

Please bring your dues check to the summer picnic, or mail it to Jerry Roberts. Dues remain at \$35.00. Your dues include the Summer Picnic and the Holiday Party, as well as newsletters, email updates, and participation in various group activities such as poker and girls' night out. In addition, we produce an annual directory, which is given only to dues paying members. The HOA also organizes the neighborhood garage sale, monitors Jefferson county planning commission and board of county commissioner matters. This is a voluntary association, but your membership is important – to us and to you. Please join us!

## *Our Bear Mountain Bears (and Birds) and Garbage*

We have had lots of bear sightings recently. In order to ensure that the bears don't start thinking of our homes as fast food restaurants, please take care with your garbage. Put it out the morning of pickup and don't use plastic bags. The scavenger birds are almost as bad, and easily peck through plastic bags and scatter garbage everywhere – very unsightly

## *Critter Sightings*

Has a bear ambled through your yard? Maybe you have had a “large” kitty visiting you. Please let us know – and we can let your neighbors know as well. We live in the mountains – the home territory for many species, including bears and mountain lions. It’s one of the reasons we all love living here. But, let’s keep each other informed, so we are aware and can keep our children and pets safe. Be sure to have young children and pets safely inside dawn and dusk. Also, keep track of your pets and don’t let them run unsupervised. If you see any of these natives, please call one of the officers, listed above, or email [bmhoa@yahoo.com](mailto:bmhoa@yahoo.com) and let us know. Thank you!

## *Drive Safely – and Slowly*

We all run late from time to time – and try to make up time driving a bit faster than we should – and above the posted speed limits. Please, please, slow down. We have children playing, neighbors out walking dogs and getting exercise. And, of course, there are the deer and elk crossing the road when least expected. So, please, drive carefully and considerately.

## *AED's Are On The Mountain – though we hope you won't need them!*

A big thank you goes to Bill Humes for originally suggesting that we buy a defibrillator for the association for use in heart emergencies. Jim Peterson found a local non-profit that offers training and provides automated external defibrillators (AEDs) at half price, so BMHOA bought two and has installed them at central locations in the neighborhood, one on High Drive and one on Bear Mountain Drive. So far, about two dozen residents have taken CPR/AED training and are now certified. One more training session will be held here in the HOA area. Jim is contacting those who have taken the training and are willing to provide emergency assistance to the neighborhood. Once everything is set up and the call list assembled, we will distribute instructions so that everyone will know who to call and the procedure for getting help close at hand in the event of an emergency requiring an AED. The AED’s were paid for with our HOA dues.

## *Update On Forestry Grant*

Last July we received a grant from the Colorado State Forest Service(CSFS) to mitigate our fire danger on selected properties that chose to participate. This was federal money that was administered through the CSFS. Of the 14 participating homeowners, about 8 worked quite hard to thin back from the roads and out from their houses. They cut, lopped, raked and hauled slash. We also incorporated an educational component to reach out with fire mitigation information to all of BMHOA.

Despite discussions at the outset that led us to believe that we were all in agreement about the extent to which cutting needed to occur, at the end of the day, they insisted on a much higher standard, which our participants were not prepared to meet. However, we did manage to get a little over \$2,800 for chipping and slash removal. The primary beneficiaries of these monies will be the participants; however, if we can negotiate a good group rate, others who have slash piles may want to coordinate with the grant participants. We are currently in the process of getting bids for chipping; if you have large slash piles you might give Maggie Cross a call at 303-674-6155. It is still important for all of us with dense forests to thin them to improve forest health and mitigate fire danger.

## *New Neighbors*

Welcome to our new neighbors in Bell Park Estates!

Jean Ann Wheeler & Rich Leibundgut 26427 Bell Park Drive, 303.679.8404

## *Respect Private Property*

This time of year we all enjoy being outdoors, walking, hiking, enjoying bikes, motorcycles, dirt bikes and ATVs. Please make sure that you respect your neighbors' property rights. While most of us don't object to having neighbors walk on a trail through our property, please take time to meet your neighbors and ask permission. And remember that the big meadow is not a park or open space – it too is private property, and off road vehicles should not be taken on this land, or other mountain trails, without the express permission of the owner.

## *Annual Weed Alert*

While we are thrilled with all of our beautiful wildflowers this year, we are not so 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 Ccounty has a weed control office and they are happy to provide more information and advice. For a complete list with pictures of weeds that must be eradicated, go to: [www.co.jefferson.co.us/weed/weed\\_T71\\_R0.htm](http://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, or Maggie Cross (303-674-6155) for more information on weed eradication in general.

It's also the time of year when the Spruce Budworm makes their appearance, especially after such a wet spring. 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.

## *FOR SALE*

**2008 Nissan Xterra, Off-Road** - \$19,500 or best offer. Good condition, approximately 50K miles. Call Marti or Jim at 303-798-9531 or email [marti@whitmoreway.com](mailto:marti@whitmoreway.com).

## *Summer Help Available*

Matt Duty – college student, looking for summer work. He is available to fell trees (has equipment for climbing trees to top them), yard work, and most other odd jobs (no babysitting). 303-674-0869 (h), 303-396-9355 (c).

Mike DeRosa and Jake Spicer – Evergreen HS students, available for summer household and yard work. Their services include slash collection and removal, chain saw work, other yard work, dog walking, basement/garage/attic cleanout, pet/house sitting, car washing, wood cutting/splitting, stacking loading and carrying, babysitting and pooper scooper. They are available as a team for \$20/hr, or one of them at \$10/hr. Contact them at 303-670-8557.

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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 2009-10 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:** \_\_\_\_\_