

Meadowlark

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Letter from the President

by Glenn Vandine, EMHA President

Happy 2012 to you, I hope this newsletter finds you and your family doing well. For 2012, the Board has developed a number of goals for our community. Please find the goals as follows:

- Continue our various events, including the Easter Egg Hunt and the Berrian Mountain Hike
- Continue to move forward with replacing the existing and adding additional entrance signs into Evergreen Meadows
- Continue our fire mitigation efforts by working with our community to remove slash
- Continue to grow our online presence by increasing the number of email addresses we use to provide important and timely alerts and news via our Membership System

- Continue to work with our community on architectural review board requests and covenant enforcement

While we're very enthused to have two new Board members this year (welcome, Tom and Alan), we are still in need of volunteers to help us in a number of critical areas. Additionally, we also welcome your feedback and questions. Please don't hesitate to call me at 303-670-7903 or send me an email at President@emha.us.

Have a great 2012 and I'm looking forward to working with you in the new year.

To submit an alert to the EMHA, call us at 303-991-7699, or email us at alerts@emha.us

2012 Calendar of Events

April 7th at 10 am Egg Hunt

July 13-4th Neighborhood Garage Sale

August 18th Neighborhood Picnic

December 17th Lighting Contest

Ideas, Changes, and New Events?

We are always open to incorporating new ideas for events. If you have an idea or think there should be an improvement, please share it with your volunteer board. Do you think you want to volunteer for the board, but aren't sure you want to commit a ton of time? We can always use help! The smallest jobs can be the most helpful. Some ideas include helping set up tables for the neighborhood picnic, helping the Easter Bunny set out eggs (before the kids come), or sharing ideas at a quarterly meeting. Thanks to all who helped in 2011!

Contact Cathy Goodheart at 303-670-8180 for more information about neighborhood events.



It's Almost Groundhog Day - Again

by Alan Rockwood

Well here we are - the calendar has flipped to January, the new issue of Meadowlark is out, and soon it will be Groundhog Day. It's a time when many of us begin thinking about the changing of seasons and all that it brings. Home improvement projects are one of those activities and in our mountain environment they can get compressed into a short construction season. The short season makes good advanced planning all the more important. It is very helpful to start getting your great ideas in shape during late winter and early spring. Unexpected delays due to inadequate planning can be compounded by the variability of our weather any time of the year. If you need to retain a contractor, remember that early in the season they can be anxious (i.e. 'hungry') to start filling their books with projects for the summer. So there are many reasons for getting your project plans formalized as soon as you reasonably can.

Also, in a community like Evergreen Meadows, an early conversation with the EMHA Architectural Review Board (ARB) is an important step for realizing a smooth and successful improvement project. EMHA's Architectural Guidelines are straightforward so the approval process is not a hassle. By being proactive with the ARB, the approval process for most projects may only require the exchange of a couple emails with suitable supporting documentation. If the homeowner is organized, the typical approval notice is returned within two to three days and in several recent cases less than 24 hours. So don't let anyone tell you it is "easier to ask for forgiveness than for approval". No one, especially your neighbors or those on the Board, want to deal with issues of non-compliance after the fact.

So what types of projects require approval by the EMHA Architectural Review Board? Our Architectural and Site Guidelines cover 18 categories of site and building specifications. Many of these are typically related to new construction or major exterior additions. If your project falls into that category, your builder or architect should already know he or she is working in a covenant-controlled community and be ready to work with our community's Guidelines, but please be sure that they are aware of the Guidelines. After reviewing approved projects from the last few years, it seems the typical guidelines triggered include the following.

- # 4. Driveways and Parking
- # 7. Roofs
- # 9. Exterior Materials
- # 10. Color of exterior paints and stains
- # 13. Storage Sheds
- # 14. Fences and Screenings
- # 17. Signage

This list is not exhaustive but is included here as a reminder that seemingly small or mundane projects can require approval by the Architectural Review Board. If you have any questions about the improvement project you are considering, please get in touch with a member of the Board or email arb@emha.us. Also, be sure to check out the ARB page on the Evergreen Meadows web site. Thank you.

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<http://www.emha.us>

Evergreen Meadows 2012 Fire Mitigation

by Steve Hoy

Although we are still in the middle of winter weather, experience has proven that it's never too soon to start thinking about fire prevention. Do you remember that last year the area's first wildfire occurred in March? Consequently, the Evergreen Meadows Home Owners Association would like to hear from you as we prepare for our 2012 slash collection and fire mitigation efforts. While last year we had a reasonable amount of participation we would like to improve on those efforts. We are eager to hear from you how we can improve on last year's efforts and expand participation.

Last August we chipped slash that was gathered by individual home owners and left on their property. This took an individual effort from several home owners.

Ideally, we would like to organize a large number of home owners and negotiate a group rate with a professional tree service company to chip and haul away the slash. In order to achieve this goal, we need to hear from you to develop a quote from potential tree service companies. We would like to hear from you about what your needs are to mitigate your property's fire exposure. This mitigation could include cutting down any standing dead wood you might have on your property as well as chipping any downed slash that you might have collected (or want collected). Please send an email to landscape@emha.us and we will contact you to help you organize and define your needs and ensure that you are included in the proposal solicitation.

In the event we experience a low participation level, we are willing to do something similar to last year. However, we are working to ensure that our efforts meet the needs of all home owners. Consequently, we are also soliciting your help in our efforts. If you are willing to



assist us in our fire mitigation, we need you advise us of the following:

In order to speed up our chipping, we would like to use a larger chipper. To do this we need the use of any truck with a pintle type hitch, or a ¾ ton truck with a receptacle that can accept a pintle hitch. Please let us know if you are willing to use your truck to work with your neighbors to our mutual benefit.

If you want to have your slash hauled off your property, we will need your assistance in loading and hauling it to a disposal site during the 2012 scheduled slash collection dates. Please let us know if you prefer this option.

We are having discussions with both Jefferson County and Denver Mountain Parks about their fire mitigation efforts on their properties (which are in or adjacent to Evergreen Meadows). If these agencies request our participation, we will be looking for volunteers. Please let us know if you are willing to work with us as the government agencies develop their mitigation plans.

If you prefer to continue as we did last year, we would like to know this as well. You will be asked to participate in our final efforts.

Please contact us via email at landscape@emha.us as soon as you can so we can get started on this year's fire mitigation efforts.

2012 Board Meetings

1st Quarter--

Thursday, February 23rd

2nd Quarter--

Thursday, May 31st

3rd Quarter--

Thursday, August 30th

Annual Board Meeting--

Thursday, October 25th

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Red Cross Certified Babysitter - Experienced high school senior student available to babysit. Red Cross certified and references available. Katie Hoffman @ 303-670-4697

Slash Removal - Slash removed from your property and extra firewood collected and stacked. Garrison Vandine @ 303-670-7903

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