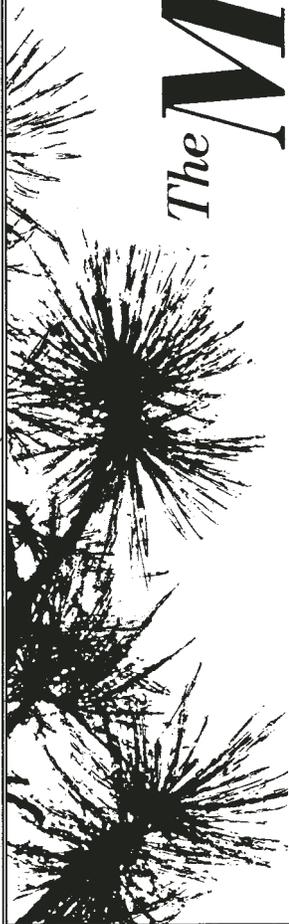


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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Glen Mizenko

We are now "live" with the Evergreen Meadows website! You can check it out at [www.emha.us](http://www.emha.us) and let us know what you think. We've placed important names, numbers and links for you to refer to. Our covenants, architectural guidelines and by-laws are there for your reference and we'll also be posting the Meadowlark there. To save on printing and mailing, you can elect to take your name off of the Meadowlark mailing list by emailing Freddie Newton at [membership@emha.us](mailto:membership@emha.us). We hope this site improves communication with you and the community.

The Board is wrestling with finances and we are preparing a budget to present at the Annual Meeting this September. In all likelihood we will be making a proposal to increase dues. Without that, we'll need to make some tough choices about what we can afford to do in the future. There are a lot of people who generously donate their valuable time to making EMHA work without paying for a lot of outside labor, but the bottom line is that our out-of-pocket expenses are approaching the revenue generated by dues and Meadowlark advertising. I believe that we should not be running at such a razor thin margin and hope you will agree that after fifteen years of flat dues, a marginal increase is warranted. We'll look for you at the Annual Meeting to help make this decision.

Please remember we are entering the time of year when the Beetles fly – that's Mountain Pine Beetle, not the fab four. If you have beetle-infested trees, they should be dealt with earlier rather than later. Please go to <http://www.ext.colostate.edu/pubs/insect/05528.html> for more information.

Special thanks are due Craig Cox, who has been very generous in setting up our Yahoo communication group. Please go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/evergreen-meadows/> to sign up for our notification list. Thanks Craig!

Last, I would like to remind you that, at the end of this year and after my third year as president and fourth year on the board, I will be stepping down from the board. It has been a fulfilling experience for me and I hope that I have made a difference in our community. If you are interested in joining the board or helping EMHA in any capacity, please email me at [president@emha.us](mailto:president@emha.us) or call me at (303) 670-1716.

**WE NEED YOU!**

BY FREDDIE NEWTON

If you haven't gotten your HOA dues in yet, there is still time! Please send them to: Evergreen Meadows HOA, Attn Treasurer, P.O. Box 2228, Evergreen CO 80437-2228. Make your check out to Evergreen Meadows HOA for \$25.00. We would like to thank all of the neighbors who already pledged and continue to support your HOA. If you have any questions about membership, please call Freddie Newton at 303-670-2161. **A special thanks to those who have written checks for more than the \$25 dues.**

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|   |              |
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# NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

BY SUE FREYTAG

The EMHA will sponsor a neighborhood garage sale again this year. The garage sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 10 and 11. This date worked out for most of those interested in having a garage sale.

As a reminder, the EMHA will provide the advertising for the garage sales in the neighborhood. This will include advertising in newspapers, posting street signs, and preparing a neighborhood map listing all of the garage sales. Participants host their own garage sales and, most importantly, keep all of the proceeds. Residents taking part in this garage sale must be current with their EMHA membership dues.

Haven't finished your Spring cleaning yet? Don't worry, there is still time to sign-up for the garage sale. Just contact Sue Freytag at 303-679-6303 by May 31.

Happy Saling!

## NEIGHBORHOOD ENTRANCE SIGNS

BY SUE FREYTAG

The signs at the Gray Fox and Centaur entrances to the neighborhood are beautiful, but are in need of new paint. After contacting a sign company about repainting the signs, it was determined that hiring the job out would be cost-prohibitive. Repainting the signs, therefore, will be an in-house job. A painting party will be held on June 4, 2005 at 10:00 am to touch-up the paint on both signs. All are invited to join this party. Anyone wishing to join in can call Sue Freytag at 303-679-6303. Or, if you find yourself with some extra time that day, just stop by.

This painting party will be BYOPB (Bring your own paint brush).



# ANNUAL BBQ

BY SUE FREYTAG

**S**ummer is just starting and the picnics aren't far behind. The annual EMHA BBQ is a picnic you won't want to miss. There will be lots of neighbors, new and old, tons of food, and plenty of games for all. So mark your calendars for Saturday, August 20th, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., for a GOOD TIME! For an even better time, bring a new neighbor.

## GET EVERGREEN MEADOWS NEWS BY E-MAIL

BY GLEN MIZENKO

**T**he Evergreen Meadows Homeowners Association established an e-mail list last year. This list offers residents the opportunity to receive time-sensitive information. Messages are typically sent about once or twice per month. If you would like to join this list, visit

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/evergreen-meadows/> or contact Craig Cox at [craig\\_cox@yahoo.com](mailto:craig_cox@yahoo.com).



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**DEAR CLARA**

**(THE WEBMASTER)!**

**T**he new web site is absolutely fantastic! It's so easy to get around! You are to be commended on your unselfish donation of time and expertise in the cyber world! We are so fortunate that you so willingly share your talents with the members of EMHA.

Many thanks,

The Evergreen Meadows Homeowners Association Board



## NOXIOUS WEEDS

BY GAYLE GORDAN

**W**ith the warmer weather, noxious weeds are starting to reappear in Evergreen Meadows. Noxious weeds are non-native plants that have been introduced either by accident or as ornamental plants. If not controlled, noxious weeds will displace native and desirable plants and affect property values, wildlife, native vegetation, and agriculture.

The most common noxious weeds in Evergreen Meadows are knapweed, Musk thistle, and Canada thistle. We are also seeing patches of yellow toadflax which have numerous pale green leaves that are alternating, narrow, pointed at both ends, and 2 or more inches long. Flowers resemble snapdragons and are about 1 inch long, bright yellow with a bearded, orange throat. If any of these weeds are pulled before the bud has formed, they do not need to be bagged. We will be contracting again for chemical treatment on common lands, and if you would like your property treated for a **reduced charge**, please contact Gayle Gordon, Evergreen Meadows Homeowners Association (EMHA) weed coordinator, at 303-679-0031.

There are some young people in Evergreen Meadows who are willing to remove weeds for a small fee. They advertise in the Meadowlark or call Gayle Gordon for their telephone numbers.

We have several new actions planned for this year:

- Weed Education

Alicia Doran, Jefferson County's Weed and Pest Management Specialist, has agreed to meet with interested residents on June 15th at 9 am. We will meet at the parking area on Hwy 73 on the East side. Alicia will help identify noxious weeds and discuss alternative treatment approaches. We will post a reminder at the entrances.

- Weed Consultants

Several Evergreen Meadows residents are willing to come to your property and help you identify noxious weeds and discuss alternative approaches for dealing with them. Contact Gayle Gordon or Judy Ostenaar at 303-674-5614 if you are interested in using a consultant or becoming one. We realize that many of you won't be able to attend Alicia's meeting, and this is an alternative.

- Community Weed Pull

We are planning a community weed pull on July 30th from 9 am to 12. The focus will be to get the last weeds on your property, and we will award a prize to the household that produces the most trash bags of weeds. Watch for signs at the entrances with details. If necessary, we will also be doing some weed removal on EMHA common land. (We encourage you to get after your weeds before July 30th because it will be easier work.)

- Activities scheduled by the Evergreen Weed Awareness Campaign include:

- o June 11 – Community Weed Day – Lake House 8 - 11
- o July 16 – Education at King Soopers
- o Aug 18 – Weed and Wine, for volunteers only

To learn more about noxious weeds and see color pictures and descriptions, visit Jefferson County's web site:

[http://www.co.jefferson.co.us/ext/dpt/comm\\_res/openspac/weed/nox/nw2a.htm](http://www.co.jefferson.co.us/ext/dpt/comm_res/openspac/weed/nox/nw2a.htm).



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2005 Curbside Chipping

## 2005 CURBSIDE CHIPPING

**T**his year I am proposing an easier way for homeowners to rid their properties of forest waste. In the past we have gathered slash at the ball field, chipped it, and hauled the chips away. What I propose is that homeowners move tree slash and logs up to 10" in diameter to the roadside along their property. I will then come by and chip the slash.

I will charge according to the time it takes to chip the material. I will base the charge on \$50.00 for each 15-minute increment of chipper running time. I will have a minimum of 2 workers feeding the chipper. In 15 minutes we can chip the equivalent of a full size pick-up loaded to the top of the cab, approx. 7 cubic yards. This charge includes hauling the chips away.

If you elect to have us leave the chips on the ground the charge is \$40 for a 15-minute increment. The homeowner need not be home and I will leave an invoice at each residence when I complete their chipping. If there is enough interest I will schedule time in May or June to complete this project. Call me, Matt, at 303-674-3758 for more information or to sign up. We can handle any amount of slash you can gather.

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## **JEFFERSON COUNTY SLASH COLLECTION BY GLEN MIZENKO**

**S**ince we are operating on a slim margin we will not be able to subsidize the Evergreen Meadows Slash collection this year. However there will be the Jeffco Slash collection at:

- Elk Creek Elementary School, 13304 S US Hwy 285, Conifer on June 18th and 19th;
- Evergreen High School (West parking lot), Buffalo Park Rd. on June 25th and 26th;
- West Jeff Middle School, 9449 S Barnes Ave on July 23rd and 24th.

Hours are from 8:30am - 4pm. You can go to the [www.Jeffco.us](http://www.Jeffco.us) website to confirm dates and prices...click on recycle and then Slash for Mountain Residents... or call 303-271-4900.

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## **DID I WAKE UP IN ENGLAND?**

**BY GLEN MIZENKO**

**A**fter returning from a year's time in England, it took Clara and me a little time to get used to driving on the "right" side of the road again. It was often a thrill while we were there, though. Getting that sudden adrenaline rush of the split-second when I just wasn't sure which side I was supposed to be on is memorable and snaps the deepest road trance.

Well, I'm afraid that I've felt that same "thrill" too often lately staring at a corner-cutting neighbor on the "English" side of the road. I'm guilty too and frequently coached by my formerly "English" family. Wow, as either driver (on the "right" or the "wrong"), it's almost like sky-diving! Please, remember, you're not in England! Although I've been told that the majority of the world's drivers legally use the "wrong" side, in Evergreen Meadows we (should) drive on the "right". Take care.

# **ENFORCEMENT OF COVENANTS AND ARCHITECTURAL GUIDELINES**

**BY GLEN MIZENKO**

**T**he Covenants/Architectural Review chairs and, ultimately, the Board enforce these rules as they are made aware of infractions or of a remodel project that has not been approved by the Architectural Board. Action on covenants infractions require a letter from a homeowner requesting that a situation be evaluated by the Board. It is helpful if the homeowner can site the actual line item in the covenants that they believe is being violated. To help in this regard, the covenants are now at everyone's fingertips on the EMHA website, [www.emha.us](http://www.emha.us), see Find it Here. We are publishing a list of approved remodel projects in the Meadowlark to help you help us identify un-approved projects.

The Board watches out for violations and provides friendly reminders to comply with the rules, but ultimately it is the obligation of homeowners to inform the Board when they see something requiring further scrutiny.

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## **THE FACE OF EVERGREEN MEADOWS IS CHANGING!**

**BY CHRIS ENEBO**

Approved new construction and or remodel projects:

|                |                   |   |
|----------------|-------------------|---|
| May 13, 2005   | 8472 Grey Fox     | Barn extension  |
| April 11, 2005 | 7734 Malamute Tr. | Addition  |
| Feb. 28, 2005  | 28834 Hasty Road  | New Construction-<br>Art Studio<br>Main residence<br>addition |
| Feb. 28, 2005  | 7925 Grey Fox     | New construction,<br>storage building                         |

A note to all residence of Evergreen Meadows. Please submit in writing all exterior improvements that you plan to do to your property. Thank You! Chris Enebo, ARB Chair, 7795 Armadillo Trail, Evergreen, CO 80439, Phone: 303.679.9988

# COVENANT CORNER

BY RICK MACK



**V**andalism, - not too popular a word or deed! A practice by a tribe from North Europe of willfully and wantonly destroying or damaging public or private property. Of course, that was when the Vandals roamed Europe and North Africa in 400-500 B.C.

Now that doesn't happen, - much! But the impulse, for whatever reason, seems to be with us still. For example, consider the attractive picnic tables the Evergreen Meadows Homeowners Association owns. One table was mangled and "left for dead", the other disappeared for several months, but has found its way home. Thanks to those homeowners that gave of their time, money and skills to repair the vandalized table and secure both tables.

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## LIFE ON A MEADOW

### TALKING TO CROWS

BY NANCY MACK

**I** remember it well. Walking briskly along the road one morning, I heard a greeting, a definite "hello!" The sound came from a crow perched on a roof. Again, the sound came, "hello." A woman from the next house was putting out her trash. "Did you hear that," she said, her eyes on the crow. "Hello," I fairly shouted to our bird friend, and he just flew away. During the next several months, I said hello to every crow I met. But I never got a reply so I simply gave up. I'm not sure if it was because I didn't like to be snubbed by crows, or I just didn't want to be known as "the lady who talks to crows." In any case, the crows and I are not talking anymore.



## SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

June 4, 2005, 10:00 am, (Saturday) Entrance Sign Painting and Clean-up Day, meet at either entrance sign

June 10 and 11, 2005, (Friday and Saturday) EMHA Annual Homeowners Garage Sale held at individual homes

June 15, 2005, 9:00 am, (Wednesday) Weed Education, Hwy 73 at Gray Fox and Citation

July 30, 2005, 9:00 am to Noon, (Saturday) Community Weed Pull

August 20, 2005, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, (Saturday) EMHA Annual BBQ/Picnic, at the ballfield, bring a neighbor!

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The Evergreen Meadows Homeowners Association meets on the SECOND Thursday of every month at the Conference Baptist Church (SE corner of No. Turkey Creek & Hwy 73) at 7:00 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend. Please email or call Glen Mizenko ([president@emha.us](mailto:president@emha.us) or 303-670-1716) to confirm the date if you want to attend.



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