

EAGLE NEWS

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President's Column

Vince Lanuza

As usual, since our last Newsletter, the members of the Eagles Nest Property Homeowners Association (ENPHA) have been very busy. I will briefly touch on some of the happenings since the last Newsletter. Board members and others in charge of the various projects will discuss them in more detail below.

- We had a very successful and well attended Annual Picnic on July 26, 2008.
- Our annual pine tree spraying, a huge undertaking, was completed.
- The noxious weed spraying program was also successfully completed.
- Volunteers helped to remove many dead and diseased trees from Association-owned property.
- The Association helped persuade the Town to extend the opening of the slash site in order to accommodate the Association and individual property owners.
- We had a successful "Healthy Forest" work day in June.
- The Association worked with the Town to install "No Parking" signs at various trail heads.
- We obtained several grants to help pay for fire mitigation efforts on Association property.

We were able to accomplish the above because of the many hundreds of hours of volunteer work. My wife Suzanne and I have never lived in a community where so many people pulled together as one and volunteered so many personal hours. Clearly, those who volunteer throughout the year on behalf of the Eagles Nest community make this a better place to live. Our community volunteers are always hard at work performing many unrecognized tasks, whether it is controlling noxious weeds, fighting pine beetle infestations, removing dead and infested trees, working on trails and open space, maintaining Association property, planting flowers in our common entrance way, helping with the annual picnic, etc. I could go on and on.

There are a number of items planned or under consideration.

- We will be working with the Wildfire Council to obtain grant monies for fire mitigation projects.
- We are reviewing our pine beetle spraying policy for next year.
- We are currently working on our budget for next year and the amount of the 2009 dues assessment. As always, our goal is not to increase the amount of dues, unless it is absolutely necessary.
- We have turned over to the Town of Silverthorne all responsibility of marking dead and diseased trees. The Town, too, will now monitor property owners' compliance.

I would like to remind everyone that the ENPHA Board meetings are open and we welcome your attendance. The meetings are generally held at 4 PM on the second Thursday of each month at the Eagles Nest Community Center. Please call Len Shipman (262-1511) in advance if there is a specific topic you want to discuss so he can put it on the agenda.

Treasurer's Report

Budget and Dues for 2009

George Resseguie

As of September 30, our costs are running slightly higher than 2008 budget levels, primarily because of costs incurred (over \$25,000 to date compared to a budget of \$8,000) to remove dead/diseased lodgepole pines from ENPHA open space properties. We are working to minimize expenses in several other budgeted expenses categories to offset these costs, and expect our expenditures to be about the same or slightly higher than revenue (dues, funds for tree marking and weed spraying, funding from County grants, etc.) for the full year.

We presently are finalizing the 2009 Budget and will review it at the November Board Meeting. As in 2008, our challenge will be to fund the costs for tree removal on ENPHA open space properties. The budget and the 2009 dues assessment amount will be approved at the December Board meeting and communicated to all ENPHA property owners in late December. The dues amount will be payable to ENPHA by the end of January 2009.

Please direct any comments or questions to George Resseguie, Treasurer (513-6547).

Environmental Issues

The Pesky Beetle: The Fight Continues

George Fugere

Tree Spraying

The year 2008 proved to be a substantial winner for the pine bark beetle here in Eagles Nest and throughout Summit County. In prior years, the beetles flew horizontally about 10 to 12 feet above the ground and attempted to penetrate the tree bark at that level. However, because tree sprayers had sprayed at those levels, the pesky beetle was foiled by the spray coating. After much frustration among the beetles, they somehow learned to fly to the tops of the trees, above the spray lines at 45-50 feet, and were able to penetrate the bark, lay their eggs, and kill the tree from the top down. The result was that, by the spring of 2008, thousands of trees have died, requiring a massive fire mitigation effort (see below).

Early in 2008 our spraying contractor here in Eagles Nest, Preventive Tree Service, modified the pumping equipment on all their trucks allowing them to spray as high as 85 feet. Hopefully, this will result in fewer dead trees this year; we'll know in the spring. The results, as always, will depend on how tall a tree is and, especially, how well the sprayers do their job.

Spraying this year was completed in the last week of July, just prior to the beetles flying again in the first and second week in August. Over 7,000 trees were sprayed. This is over 1,000 trees fewer than in 2007, reflecting a loss due to pine beetle infection and other causes.

Fire Mitigation

In keeping with our past policy and practice, a survey was completed of all properties in Eagles Nest to determine those that required removal of dead/diseased trees and other combustible materials. The result of the survey indicated a total of nearly 100 properties requiring fire mitigation action. On July 1, letters were sent to the property owners involved notifying them that they had to take action. They were asked to "provide the Association with a copy of a signed contract or letter advising who would do the work" by July 15. Additionally, they were asked to "have the work completed by August 15". Attached to this correspondence was a list of licensed and insured tree service contractors.

"Fire Mitigation" Continued

Once July 15 passed, there were still 60 property owners who had not responded. This required more volunteer time and postage to send second notices to them. These notices were sent on July 20, telling the 60 property owners that the Association needed to hear from them by July 31 or we would “immediately turn this matter over to the Town of Silverthorne for enforcement under the new Town fire mitigation ordinance.” This ordinance has serious penalties for failure to comply. Although many property owners took the required action, the names of 38 property owners were turned over to the Town of Silverthorne. The Association should not have had to take this action, but the case is clear, if a few property owners fail to act responsibly, it will increase the likelihood that a potential wildfire will have even greater consequences for all of us here in Eagles Nest.

Future Direction of the Pine Beetle/Fire Mitigation Programs

Len Shipman

At the ENPHA Board Meeting on September 11, an ad hoc committee was created to evaluate our pine beetle spraying and fire mitigation policies. The committee will look into these and other questions: Is spraying still the best technique to use in order to control the bark beetle? What size tree should be sprayed/treated? If we spray, how high do we need to spray? Should we focus more on saving/treating small trees? Should spruce and fir trees be treated? The committee welcomes any constructive comments and suggestions for improvement in these programs. Property owners can direct their contributions to either George Fugere (gtfugere@comcast.net) or Jim Ernst (jimcindyernst@hotmail.com).

More on Trees

Jim Ernst

Silverthorne Tree Survey

In September the Town of Silverthorne sent a Public Notification to all property owners notifying them of a pending tree survey. Upon the completion of the survey, property owners with infected or dead trees on their property will receive a follow-up notification indicating the number of trees to be removed from their property. If you have any questions about the Town sponsored tree survey, or the Town's ordinance which addresses dead and diseased trees, please contact Code Enforcement Officer David Siderfin at (970) 262-7339 or dsiderfin@silverthorne.org. Info on the tree ordinance can be found at www.silverthorne.org.

Western Boundary Tree Removal

The US Forest Service has hired Western Processing to clear some areas of dead trees behind Three Peaks. Logs have been stacked at the North end of Hunters Knob where the work first began. Work on other areas behind Three Peaks will probably be delayed until 2009, unless we have a late start on winter this year. The Board wishes to extend a **special thanks** to Leslie LeCoq who allowed Western Processing to cross her property in order to remove dead trees behind Three Peaks. Also, further thanks to John and Joanne Buchanan and Vince and Suzanne Lanuza who will allow Western Processing to access the forest through their properties when that part of the tree removal project begins.

Tree Replacement

Now that you've removed a lot of beetle killed trees, you may want to replace them. The State of Colorado has a seedling tree program at a very reasonable cost. You can find more information on this program at: csfs.colostate.edu/nursery.htm or by calling the CSU Extension Summit County at 970-668-4140 or 3595. NOTE: The application says you must own at least one (1) acre of land. Even if you don't own an acre, submit the application.

Logs, Slash and Snowplows

If you have logs or slash stacked next to the road, you need to dispose of it ASAP or move it back from the road at least 15 feet. Soon, snow will fall on our streets and snow plows, logs and slash don't mix well.

Burning of Slash Piles

Jim Ernst

Important Notice!!!: During the summer a great deal of volunteer and professional work was completed on ENPHA property. Dead and infected trees along with other combustible material have been put into slash piles for burning this fall. The piles are located in Tract J (above Two Cabins) and in the Ranch Hillside forest. The burning, in conjunction with the Summit County Fire Council and at the recommendation of the Forest Service, will take place once the snow falls and we have an accumulation of 6 inches or more of snow on the ground.

Healthy Forest Work Day—June 28, 2008

Len Shipman

I want to offer many thanks to those who volunteered for the Healthy Forest Work Day in the 7-acre Ranch hillside forest. The work was hard and I hope rewarding. I know my expectations were met and then some. While none of us would prefer to cut down a tree, sometimes that's the best thing to do if you want a healthy forest. The work involved thinning and chipping hundreds of small trees. The hope being that those trees left behind will flourish and be strong enough to resist the bark beetle. The project also reduced the threat of a wildfire to the homes in the area near the Ranch hillside forest. Thanks to George Resseguie for obtaining some awesome tools. Environmental Forestry did a great job with the chipping. Many thanks to the following volunteers: Warren Buettner, Joan Davids, John Green, Diane Kotowski, Bob Kotowski, Tom Meads, Brian Moriarty, Bill Reed, Jean Reitan, Fred Reitan, Jan Shipman, and Rich Wharff.

Thank You Volunteers!!!

A Summer of Hard Work

Jim Ernst

The Eagles Nest Property Homeowners Association has a strong volunteer program. The hours of devoted service by dozens of volunteers not only make Eagles Nest such a great place to live, it also saves our Association many thousands of dollars annually. Beginning in the spring, we have our Annual Workday where 41 volunteers showed up to plant flowers, clean up around the Community Center, and repair and maintain trails. On June 28 another 13 volunteers worked in the Ranch Hillside forest thinning trees. In July the Annual BBQ was another great success because of the continuing efforts of Bonnie Guthrie and a huge group of 45 volunteers. Over the summer, several dozen volunteers spent over 230 hours clearing trees and brush on community property. Jim Beltzer and his crew of property owners worked to survey and eradicate noxious weeds. Additionally, the members of the Design and Review committee meet on a regular basis throughout the year (sometimes all day!!!) to evaluate projects and supervise compliance within Eagles Nest. And last, but not least, your Board devotes well over a thousand hours a year as they attend board meetings, design and review meetings, lot inspections, town meetings, homeowner meetings, working the phone on Association business, and meetings with loggers and sprayers, to name a few of the activities. We are "truly" blessed to have volunteers willing to help in reducing cost and making our community a better place to live.

By the way, we have learned that volunteer activity is sometimes awarded a value of \$17/hour (for accounting purposes). If we assume that all Eagles Nest volunteer activity through the year comes to 3,000 hours (a conservative estimate), **the total value to the Association would be an incredible \$51,000!!!!** Or, to put it another way, if we had to pay for the service now covered by volunteers, our dues would need to rise by \$65/per property owner!!!!

Note: We try to personally thank all of those who volunteer for Association events and activities. Invariably, we miss a few and for that we apologize. We'll try to do an even better job of acknowledging the hard work of volunteers in the future.

Annual BBQ and Picnic

Another Great Day!

Bonnie Guthrie

We didn't have exactly perfect weather for the 11th "Annual BBQ and Picnic" held at the Community Center on July 26, 2008. It certainly made for cozy conditions as 280 picnickers stayed under the Pavilion and tent trying to stay dry. But, a good time was had by all as we made new friends, revisited old friends, and danced to the Rockin' Oldies of Summit County favorite DooWop Denny.

The Mountain Lyon Café again provided barbequed beef brisket, chicken and pulled park, while the rest of us brought our favorite potluck dishes. Neighbor Steve Alie and his Colorado Tents & Events company furnished tables, chairs and a 20' x 60' tent. Ken and Jane Gansmann donated a couple of kegs of beer, and Eagles Nest Management Services (Stuart and Marty Richardson and John and Judy Ahlquist) provided box wine. A special thanks to Marty Richardson and Pat Taylor who led a hikes on Saturday and Sunday, respectively.

Also, special thanks to the picnic committee, which made everything happen: Proofing the invitation, "stuffing" invitations in envelopes; purchasing all the supplies; collecting the RSVPs, preparing the spreadsheet and making nametags; setting up and taking down the tables and chairs; collecting flowers for the centerpieces; manning the registration table; being parking attendants...the list just goes on. Everyone pitched in—Wes and Rita Adams, Katherine and Dave Armstrong, Carolyn and Jim Beltzer, Rich and Allison Bender, Chris Bochan, Jane and Ken Gansmann, Penny and Bob Chebul, Joan Davids and Brian Moriarty, Beryl and Brian Edney, Jim and Cindy Ernst, Marian and Bob Giordano, Sara Greenberg, Bonnie Guthrie, Suzanne and Vince Lanuza, Caroline Nance, Fred Reitan, George and Kathryn Resseguie, Kevin and Tom Reynolds, Stu and Marty Richardson, Sally Schaefer, Jan Shipman, Stinky and Karen Steinbrink, Pat and John Taylor and all who came early to help set up and stayed late for break down.

Silverthorne Police Enforcement

Speeding and Parking Issues

Jim Ernst

Speeding continues to be a problem within our neighborhoods. At the urging of the Association, the Silverthorne Police Dept has been active in bringing this problem under control. Residents are reminded that parking on Town streets and in the rights of way is prohibited in Silverthorne. This becomes a more serious problem when the snow flies as your Public Works snowplow crews are hampered when vehicles are illegally parked along the roads. If you are having guests and run out of parking in your driveway, you are encouraged to obtain a temporary street parking permit from the Town. Silverthorne charges \$145 and 4 points minimum for speeding, \$40 for parking tickets, plus towing charges of \$200-\$250 for interfering with snow plows.

Design and Review

Continuing Activity

Mollie Brunetti

Over the summer and on into the fall there has been a lot of activity in the real estate market in Eagles Nest. Many homes have sold here, and many are on the market. Realtors tell us that the market in Summit County is still strong, and they have seen homes selling in all price ranges. In the neighborhood there are several remodeling projects going on, as well as many homes under construction. Our numbers in October include 12 homes in the design review process; these projects are in various stages within the process, from conceptual design to final, but construction has not begun on them. Twenty-two homes are presently under construction, with a few more ready to break ground. During the past several months approximately 30 homes have been completed and are occupied or for sale.

Sub-Association Grants

Pending Grant Funding

Len Shipman

On October 15, the ENPHA Board had its annual meeting with the presidents (or their representatives) of our sub-associations. Those in attendance were Judd Freeman (Aspens), Bill Davis (Eagles Glen), Fred Reitan (Hideaways), Wes Adams (Peregrine Ridge), Bob Kieber (Ponds), Bill Reed (The Ranch), Dawn Marie Gorski (Valley Green), Stuart Richardson (Manager), and Board members Dave Anderson, George Resseguie, George Fugere, Jim Ernst, and Len Shipman. This was a great opportunity to share ideas and coordinate activities. The ENPHA Board also uses this annual meeting to listen to requests for grant funding of projects developed by the sub-associations. Some proposals were offered at the meeting and others may be forthcoming. Proposals for grant funding should be sent to Dave Anderson at daandecol@aol.com by November 1, 2008. The Board will evaluate the proposals and make a final decision regarding funding at its December meeting. Below is a copy of the Board's policy for evaluating these grant funding requests:

Sub-association Grant Procedure: Grants should cover only projects for environmental improvements (i.e., landscaping, entryways, benches, and playground areas). Grant requests should be submitted to the Vice President, ENPHA, generally in October of each year to allow for ENPHA budget development. Requests should be in writing and signed by the sub-association president. Grant requests will be approved based on budget availability; a budget line item for sub-association projects will be established beginning in 2009. Requests must be applicable only to property owned by the sub-association; no funding will be provided for any work on private property. Payment will be made after the work is performed and receipts are provided to the Treasurer, ENPHA. (Adopted September 11, 2008).

Winter Snow Shoe Party

Mid-Winter Get Together

Stuart Richardson

Mark your calendar for the evening of Saturday, February 28, 2009. We are going to hold a Mid-Winter Get Together at the Community Center. On this date a full moon should be waning, the air will be chilly, and the fireplace will be glowing. A guided snow shoe tour will give you an opportunity to frolic in the snow with friends, old and new. Wine and Hot Chocolate, as well as other refreshments, will be served. More details will be found in our dues notice letter that comes out in late December.

Did You Know?

Colorado Senior Property Tax Homestead Exemption

John Ahlquist

Seniors can get a reduction in their property tax here in Colorado. To qualify a senior must be at least 65 years old on January 1 of the year the application is filed and must have owned and lived in their home for at least 10 consecutive years. A surviving spouse of a senior who qualified for the exemption may also apply. For those who qualify, 50 percent of the first \$200,000 in actual value of their primary residence is exempted. The deadline for filing an application is July 15.

Town Lighting Ordinance

Len Shipman

The Town Council recently adopted a modification of compliance deadlines for its lighting ordinance (Chapter 4, Article VI, at 4-6-16, Lighting Standards). For homeowners, "all nonconforming residential outdoor lighting fixtures" must conform to the Town's lighting ordinance by September 15, 2010. Property owners could be required to comply immediately if (1) The lighting is found by the Town to create a public hazard or nuisance, and/or (2) The repair or replacement of any component of a lighting system is done in connection with the issuance of a building permit.

Note: To find the Town Code, log on to www.silverthorne.org. Click on "Government Services", then "Community Development" where you will find "Town Code and Comp Plan".

Contacts

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George Resseguie	Treasurer	513-6547
Len Shipman	Secretary	262-1511
Mollie Brunetti	Design Review	513-7193
Jim Ernst	Environmental	468-0626
Al Sanborn	Environmental	485-9170

Association Managers

Name	Position	Phone Number
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Stuart Richardson	Mgr., Maintenance	262-2165

Listing of Sub association Directors/Presidents

Name	Sub association	Phone Number
Judd Freeman	Aspens	468-7991
Bill Davis	Eagles Glen	262-1924
Scott Downen	Elk Haven	468-7813
Jeff Progar	Fox Valley	303-907-4465
Judy Randall	Hideaway	262-3844
Brian Novak	Homestead	303-393-9392
Cal Winn	Osprey Reserve	468-1919
Wes Adams	Peregrine Ridge	262-6890
Becky Hodgell	Ponderosa	389-3502
Bob Kieber	Ponds	262-1199
Bill Reed	The Ranch	513-9741
Dawn Marie Gorski	Valley Green	262-2957

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IMPORTANT
Change of Address Form

Everyone is encouraged to keep their contact information up to date. Please use the following form to make any changes. Mail the form to Len Shipman, PO Box 1169, Silverthorne, CO 80498, or include the information in an e-mail to lenshipman@comcast **THANKS!**

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Phone Number	
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