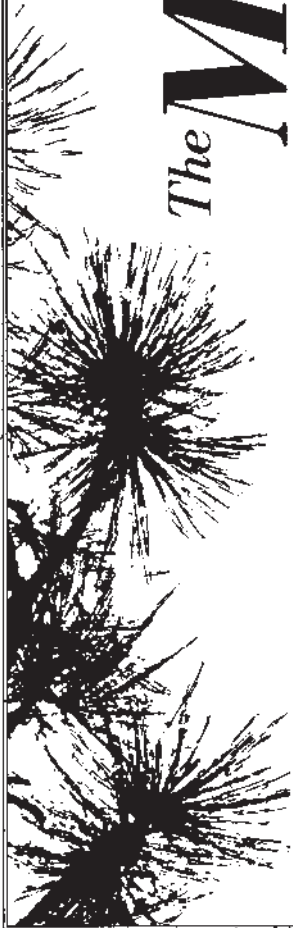


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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Glen Mizenko

As I write one of my final "Corners", a couple of things are worthy of noting. First, the weeds are here! Thanks to all of you who participated in our first Weed Day on July 30. Gayle Gordon has made great progress in raising awareness of our problem with noxious weeds and calling the "troops to action" in managing the problem. She also deserves our collective thanks for making our common property the envy of the neighborhood. To those of you that have been in the yard pulling, contracted with one of our local services to spray your property, or hired one of our youths to do the heavy lifting, thanks! Our continued efforts have, and will, pay off. To those who need some advice, please start with Gayle at weeds@emha.us. Please join your neighbors in attacking this problem and we'll all be better off.

Second, please attend our community picnic on August 20, 2005 from 11am to 2pm at the ball field on the east side of the neighborhood at the corner of Armadillo Trail and Prairie Dog. We'll be barbequing (fire restriction permitting, of course) dogs, chicken and burgers and would like to see you. It's a good chance to meet your neighbors and have fun. See you there and bring your Frisbees!

Third, our Annual Meeting of Members will be held on September 29 at 7pm at Conference Baptist Church on the corner of Hwy 73 and North Turkey Creek Road. If paying your dues has slipped your mind, we'll be signing up new Members at the door. We need a quorum (20% of Members) present, in person, to conduct the meeting so please join us so we can conduct the meeting on time. In addition to electing a slate of board members for 2006, the 2005 board will be soliciting a vote on another important measure. After conducting business since 1990 with dues of \$25, the board will seek the Members' approval to amend our By-Laws and allow maximum dues of \$50 with a limit on increases of \$10 per year. We will explain our financial situation and a proposed budget for 2006 and give our reasoning for the need to increase dues at the meeting. Please see our website at www.emha.us for further details as we get closer to the meeting and expect to see a formal notice of the meeting shortly. We are still seeking residents interested in working for the community on the board. Please consider offering a few hours a month to help your neighbors.

Finally, I would like to recognize the contribution that Kelly Schmeer has made in coordinating the Neighborhood Watch program for our community. Kelly keeps a call list in case an emergency requires quick notification of all Evergreen Meadows residents. This is especially important during wildfire season. Please take a moment to recognize Kelly for her contribution to our community. Also, please join me in praying for her as she successfully battles breast cancer.

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FIRE BAN

BY LYNN LEWIS

 On Friday, July 22, a complete fire ban was implemented for unincorporated Jefferson County. The following activities are **strictly prohibited**:

- Anything that produces an open flame or has the potential to create an uncontrolled fire.
- Building, maintaining, attending, or using any fire to burn trash, debris, or any campfire or warming fire.
- Use of charcoal or open fires on any public or private lands.
- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, or a 3 ft. diameter barren area.
- Operating a chain saw without an approved spark arresting device properly installed and in effective working order and having a fire extinguisher and shovel with the chain saw operator.
- Welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with an open flame.

The complete information can be found online at www.co.jefferson.co.us, go to Divisions, then Sheriff's Office Public Information, then Fire Ban in Place for Jeffco.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

BY KELLY SCHMEER

- Do you know who your block captain is? (This is how you would be notified of an emergency)
- Would you like your business phone number added to the chain? (This number will only be used for a fire evacuation or similar emergency.)
- Did you know there is an "Emergency Fact Sheet" available? (Neighborhood Watch may be able to provide the Fire Department information regarding number of children, pets and other vital information during an emergency. These files are confidential.)
- This is your neighborhood and your Neighborhood Watch.
- You may call Kelly Schmeer (674-8335) with any questions or information you may need.

ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC

BY SUE FREYTAG



After a hectic summer of running here, there, and everywhere in search of a good time, we have a better alternative for you. Why not stay right here in the neighborhood for a relaxing afternoon picnic? You'll be able to visit with old neighbors and meet new neighbors. Softball, kickball, volleyball, and Frisbee golf will be provided. If you have a special outdoor game you'd like to share, bring it, too.

This year's annual summer picnic will be held on Saturday, August 20, 2005 at the EMHA ballfield (at Prairie Dog Way and Grizzly Way). It will start at 11:00 am and run until 2:00 pm. Drinks, eating utensils, hamburgers, hotdogs and chicken will be provided by the EMHA. There are two picnic tables at the ballfield. Bring a lawnchair or blanket to spread on the ground. We also ask that our neighbors bring a dish to share. If your last name starts with A-L, please bring a salad to share. If your last name starts with M-Z, please bring a dessert or chips to share.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS!

BY FREDDIE NEWTON

Thank you to all the neighbors who have joined the HOA. We are 27 homes short from last year. This is only 53% of our neighborhood. We need everyone to join. The HOA needs you! Please send your check for \$25 to EMHA P.O. Box 2228, Evergreen, CO 80437-2228. It's never too late to join. Can't remember if you sent your check, call Freddie Newton at 303-506-2080. Make sure you leave your name, phone # and address.

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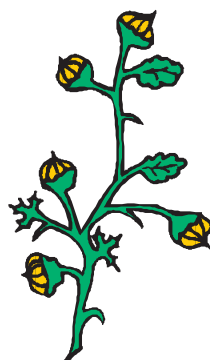
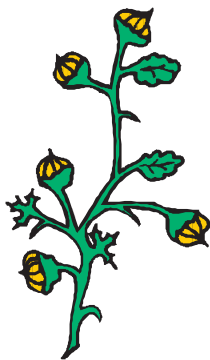
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NOXIOUS WEEDS

BY GAYLE GORDON

We are making excellent progress tackling noxious weeds in Evergreen Meadows. Many people are mowing in addition to pulling and spraying, and the general appearance of Evergreen Meadows is good.

Thanks to all the participants in EMHA's first Community Weed Day. Tim and Sandy Kenczewicz won the prize for the household with the most bags of weeds collected. (We appreciated Tatonka Nursery donating the award.) We also want to recognize the great work that Kathy Clifford has done in her 3 years of living in Evergreen Meadows. By using a combination of weeding, spraying and a lot of muscle and determination, she and Mike have made impressive progress removing weeds on their Whirlaway Trail property. We have a before and after picture on the web of Kathy and Mike's property. (Go to www.emha.us, How Can I Help?, see the photograph under the 2nd bullet point.) Kimberly Mizenko and Colin White stopped by to help on Saturday and reminded us all of their weed pulling business. Thanks to Donna Hanisch and Susie Beerer for removing weeds around their neighborhood and the common area. Lynn Westfall gets special recognition for her work on August 2nd, even though her baby was due in 2 weeks. That's real dedication! And finally, thanks to Judy Ostenaar for her work in organizing our Weed Day.



It's still not too late to remove and/or spray Knapweed, Musk Thistle, and Canadian Thistle (the smaller purple flowers.) Remember that Musk Thistle and Mullein (those tall spikes with velvety leaves) are generally biennial so you can have a big impact if you can remove their flowers before they go to seed. (Mullein seeds can last more than 60 years so the plant can really take over if not controlled.) We also have large patches of scentless chamomile, those daisy-like flowers that you can see along Armadillo Trail. We have patches of Oxeye Daisy, a similar plant. Although not official Jeffco noxious weeds, they are prolific seed producers and can force out native plants that are valuable to wildlife. And finally, we are seeing patches of yellow toadflax, the yellow flowers resembling snapdragons. They too can displace native plants and lead to soil erosion.

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/n ox/wfaq.htm. Several of us have excellent weed references and are willing to help you. Please call Gayle Gordon, EMHA Weed Coordinator at 303-679-0031, if you have questions.

EVERGREEN MEADOWS

ENTRY SIGNS

BY SUE FREYTAG



EMHA GARAGE

SALE

BY SUE FREYTAG

Have you noticed that the neighborhood entry signs look a little different, but just can't figure out how? Well they have changed a bit, and for the better. The signs have been repainted and the sign areas weeded and mulched. Thank you to the many volunteers that spent a few hours on two June Saturday mornings to weed and paint. Volunteers included Frddie Newton, Gene and Chris Enebo, Kim, Rachel, Nick, Clara, and Glen Mizenko; and Lindsey, Megan, Lauren, Steven, Andy and Sue Freytag. Many hands made light work. Thank you to all that volunteered.

Thank you also to Aspen Park Paints for supplying some of the paints and supplies. They are located on the west side of Hwy 285 just past the overpass. See ad in this issue.

Do you have ideas to further improve the entrance signs? Please call Sue Freytag 303-679-6303 with your ideas.

Many of our neighbors cleaned out their garages on June 10 and 11 for the EMHA garage sales. As it happened, it rained on the first day, leaving the bulk of sales on Saturday. Thanks to all that participated.

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DRIVING RULES

BY JUDY OSTENAA




It has come to my attention that people in our neighborhood may have forgotten certain driving rules that they learned a long time ago when they got their drivers license.


The first rule I can think of that is not being followed by all is when a left turner is taking the right of way ahead of someone that is turning right. This happens many times at the corner of Gray Fox, Citation and Highway 73. Often when I am stopped at the intersection and there is someone on the other side of the highway wanting to make a left turn. When traffic is clear, they assume it is okay to turn in front of me even though I am making a right turn and I have the right of way. This is a dangerous driving habit and could result in accidents. The left turner may even get to the stop sign first, but that does not give them the right of way. If you are a right turner and want to wave them ahead of you to be nice, be extremely careful, or better yet, don't. This can often be confusing and also makes people think that they, in fact, do have the right of way.

Another driving rule that is being broken is staying in your lane when you are making a turn. Instead of cutting the corner and crossing into the other lane, the driver should stay in their own lane while making the turn. Cutting the corner can be especially dangerous when another driver is approaching the intersection and is not expecting the other car to cut the corner.

I am sure we want our children to drive safely and we should also want ourselves to drive safely. Please respect these and other rules of the road so that we don't end up at the auto body shop, or worse yet, injured by a preventable traffic altercation.



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JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF SUBSTATION PROJECT - UPDATE



As you may know from recent articles in the *Canyon Courier*, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department is planning to move to a new substation from their existing location next to the library. Jeffco had contracted with the Evergreen Fire District to buy the vacant property at the corner of Malamute and Highway 73 next to the Mormon Church. Sheriff Ted Mink and his staff have generously and openly approached EMHA to seek its input on their plan to build a new substation prior to closing on the acquisition of the property. After hearing the sheriff's ideas at a recent board meeting and discussing the issue with the adjacent Evergreen Meadows residents on Malamute, I have decided not to pursue a change to our protective covenants that would be required to accommodate the project. While I want to commend Sheriff Mink and his staff for their professional and neighborly approach in dealing with us, the potential change away from our current rural feel outweighed the benefits of greater safety of having the sheriff substation located so close to us.

LIFE ON A MEADOW WATCH THOSE CRACKS IN THE ROAD!

BY NANCY MACK

It took a split second. I was enjoying my daily ramble around the meadow when I saw wiggly movement in one of the cracks on the pavement out of the corner of my eye. I emitted a sound like "Ahh!" and awkwardly leaned to my right on one foot, and the snake who undoubtedly saw the shadow of my left foot cried "Ahh!" and disappeared into the grasses at the side of the road.

To be honest, I'm not actually sure I heard what the snake said, but we both startled each other. It was not a big event, but it's put a definite damper on my walks because I have to examine each crack to make sure there isn't a snake hiding in the cracks. Do you know there are horizontal cracks on our roads on the average of every twenty steps?

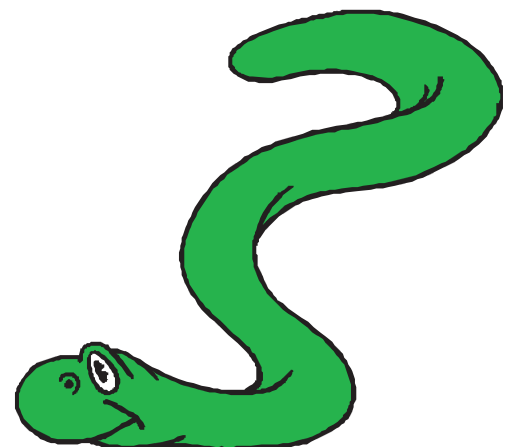


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August 20, 2005, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, (Saturday) EMHA Annual BBQ/Picnic, at the ballfield, bring a neighbor!

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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 or 303-670-1716) to confirm the date if you want to attend.



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