



Douglass Ranch News

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A Message from the President

Douglass Ranch Neighbors –

- The board met May 14th to conduct normal business. We drafted the 8 DR Governance Policies and will publish them by the fall annual meeting. We are following established guidelines required by state statute; which also allows board approval of these documents.
- No new submittals on the Shaffer's Ranch Development
- The board agreed not to plan an annual picnic this year, due to lack of attendance.
- A reminder – all renovations or additions to a property, including repainting, must have approval from the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Contact Tom Sosnowski.

As usual, please contact any board member with your issues or concerns. Have a great summer. Rick Koth

Hospitality Committee - The purpose of DR Hospitality Committee is to welcome new families and to recognize significant family events. These neighbors have volunteered their time to continue this tradition. Please contact them as a need arises within the community.

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Fire Mitigation Plan

Homeowners,

The HOA will once again be sponsoring property clean-up days for fire mitigation.

The first day will be Saturday, June 28th. We will rent a chipper and make the rounds as we did last year. We will not be able to leave the paved roads this year because we will be renting a large truck for towing. We have established 45 minute windows starting at 8:30 – 4:30. Please, only one slot per homeowner at this time. This will accommodate 12 lots during the day.

Homeowners should contact Terry Sickler by email at ptsickler@aol.com or phone/message at 303-816-2090 to schedule a time. Time allocations will be on a first come first serve basis. We will not be able to accept slash diameters larger than 6 inches and will deposit the chips back onto your property from the chipper.

The second day will be Sunday, July 27th. This day will be a slash “pick-up” day only. We will be delivering the slash to Conifer High School for the Elk Creek Fire Dept. We will accept piles of slash equal to six trash containers, no larger than 6’ in diameter and 5 feet in length. Contact T. Sickler to arrange the pick-up. The actual pick-up will be at your mail box between 10 am and 3 pm.

There will be no cost to the homeowner for either service; however we do expect the homeowner to assist with chipping and loading operations. We will stop taking reservations for both days one week prior. In the event that an insufficient number of participants respond for either day, we will notify scheduled homeowners of cancellation 5 days in advance.



Douglass Ranch Calendar of Upcoming Events for 2008

- June - Newsletter
- July - Open
- August - Board meeting, Snowplow contract
- September - Newsletter
- October - DR annual meeting
- November - Board meeting, Installation of officers, New business proposals
- December - Newsletter

FIREWISE Community/USA

Joe Page, Firewise liaison for the Elk Creek Fire Protection District, held an informational meeting on May 29th to introduce the FIREWISE Community/USA Program. This program is designed to help communities like ours determine and implement steps we can take to reduce our vulnerability and best protect ourselves in the event of a wildland fire. The cornerstone of this program is citizen involvement.

This program offers us an opportunity to determine and implement fire wise practices that are tailored to our individual and community needs. As our Firewise liaison, Joe can conduct an on-site survey of Douglass Ranch to make specific recommendations to best protect our individual homes and the community at large. Joe will help us asses our risk and identify local solutions that we can implement.

You can find more information about the FIREWISE Community/USA program on its website: <http://firewise.org>. You can also link to this website from the Elk Creek Fire Protection District website: <http://elkcreekfire.org/> (Under Defensible Space).

If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact Susan Festag at 303-816-1348 or by e-mail at kpfestag@wispertel.net. Once we determine the level of interest, we will contact Joe to schedule an on-site visit.

DR Weather History (by Tom Sosnowski)

Liquid Precipitation by Month

	2007	2008
Jan	1.05"	1.43"
Feb	0.46"	0.88"
March	1.41"	1.12"
April	3.43"	1.00"
May	3.85"	1.32"
June	1.22"	0.36"
July	2.97"	
August	3.27"	
September	0.43"	
October	1.40"	
November	1.48"	
December	1.21"	
Total '06	20.25"	
Total '07	22.18"	
Total '08 (to date)	5.11"	

Total Snow

Winter '06-'07	153.0"
First Snow 10/18/06	5.5"
Last Snow 05/24/07	2.0"
Winter '07-'08	80.7"
First Snow 10/21/07	1.2"
Last Snow 05/15/07	3.7"

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