



# Douglass Ranch News

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## From the President

Greetings Douglass Ranch!

As we approach the end of spring and the beginning of summer, I see that flowers are blooming all over Douglass Ranch. I particularly noticed the flowers in the barrels painted in the traditional Oakbrook colors. Thanks to **John and Jean Alme, Colleen Jorgensen, Bud Lewis & Bobbi Kay, Terry & Pam Sickler, and Jane Spooner** for your efforts.

A special note of thanks and appreciation goes out to **John and Kassie Allen** for the beautiful flowers at the front entrance sign. The flowers provide a warm and inviting touch to the entrance of Douglass Ranch.

## Updated Homeowners Directory

The board has updated the Homeowners' Directory. We extend a warm welcome to our newest homeowners – **Landon & Jill Sams** on Baldwin Court and **Jason & Jennifer Mahoney** on Drake Court.

## Dog Lot Restrictions

Information collected from Jefferson County Planning and Zoning indicates that pursuing the formal rezoning process to remove the dog lot restrictions could be both expensive and time intensive. We are exploring one alternative that may offer a simpler solution. We will provide more information after we receive the results of this alternative action.

Once again, our goal is to determine if there is a reasonable chance that the request would be approved before committing substantial resources to this process. Input from the membership will be solicited before any final decisions are made.

## 2012 Annual Dues

The board is pleased to report that all the 2012 annual dues have been paid.

## Parking Covenants

The parking covenants working group is still trying to determine if they can find common ground in our effort to draft a covenant that is both reasonable and enforceable.

As always, if you have any questions or problems feel free to contact any board member.

Best Regards,

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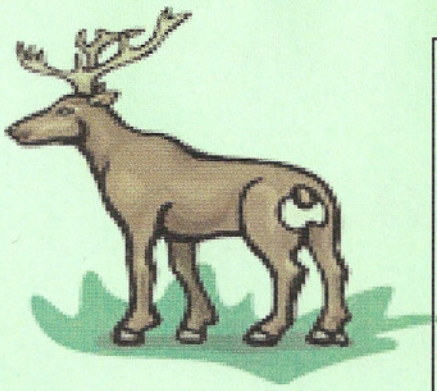
## Annual Firefighters Dinner By Jean Alme

Thanks to all the Douglass Ranch residents who contributed food and monetary donations to our annual Dinner for the Firefighters at the Elk Creek Fire Dept. on May 3.

We had the best turnout of firefighters ever, and they were all very appreciative of the wonderful Mexican dinner that we served them. Douglass Ranch was acknowledged during their meeting and they send a big thank you back to all who participated in the dinner.

The Board and the Dinner Committee also appreciate the response this year of 23 households, which after deducting for vacant and rental houses, plus two new homeowners whom we decided not to contact this first year, comes to 72% participation.

Thanks one and all.



### **Upcoming Key Events:**

**June 23 & 24 – Remote Slash Collection**

**Location: Station #2 @ Hwy. 72 & Camp Eden Rd.**

**Host: Coal Creek Fire Dept.**

**July 24 – Next Board Meeting**

**August 11 & 12 – Remote Slash Collection**

**Location: Near station #3 on Settler's Drive @ 8445 S. Hwy. 285**

**Host: InterCanyon/Indian Hills Fire**

### **Noxious Weeds & Fire Safety**

The Colorado Noxious Weed Act (CRS 35-5.5) was passed in 1990. This law requires all public and private landowners in the State of Colorado to maintain control over certain noxious weeds. If landowners have noxious weeds on their property, they are required to prevent their spread. The Jefferson County website has information regarding the identification, control, and prevention of noxious weed infestations. You can find more information on the Weed and Pest Management page of the website. The link is:

<http://jeffco.us/weed/index.htm>

While you are on the internet, you could also check information on the Fire Wise page of the Elk Creek Fire Protection District website. It looks like we could have a long dry summer and one of the keys to life safety and property preservation is for every home to have conforming defensible space. The link is:

[http://www.elkcreekfire.org/ECFD/Fire\\_Wise.html](http://www.elkcreekfire.org/ECFD/Fire_Wise.html)

Have a safe and fun summer!

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