



# Douglass Ranch News

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## From the President

The Douglass Ranch POA Annual meeting is fast approaching – this year we have reserved the Elk Creek Elementary School at 7 pm on Wednesday October 14<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars.

House plans for 24 Douglass Ranch property owners – in various stages of development – have been retrieved from archive storage and will be made available at the annual meeting.

Four vacancies on the Board need to be filled this year. Tom Washburn and Susan Festag are running for re-election and two new board members need to be elected. It appears that, since the neighborhood was created more than 10 years ago, (when 97?), nearly everyone has served a stint on the Board. Please consider that it may be time for “round two” where we all serve once again. Since development of the neighborhood is largely behind us, the amount of time required to serve on the board is minimal.

Over the summer the board has solicited informal comments on a

proposal to change Douglass Ranch front entrance colors. To date, the response has been more negative than positive. Given this headwind, the board has decided to shelve the proposal.

With the wetter-than-usual weather, roadside weeds have grown to where a reasonable argument can be made that they present a danger in the event of a fire. Additionally, trees growing near the road present not only a fire danger but a safety danger – perhaps a liability danger. Please take a careful look at your property and your roadside weeds and trees and trim them. Let's each solve these conditions before they become problems.

## Notice of Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Douglass Ranch Property Owners Association (DRPOA) will take place at the Elk Creek Elementary School, on Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009 starting at **7:00 p.m.** Board members will report on activities and conduct association business as required. Any DRPOA member wishing to be nominated for election to the board or wishing to add items to the agenda should contact a current board member.



**Thank you**  
Robin Barth

A **SPECIAL THANKS** to all those who donated to **ECHO (Evergreen Christian Outreach) food pantry this past month.**

The Conifer/Evergreen corridor collected over **1747 pounds of food** at our annual Football Fundraiser for ECHO in Marshdale!!

They were incredibly grateful!

Thanks again, as this will fill some needs and help a great many families in need!

Sincerely,

Robin Barth

### **Additional Notes**

Your Board of Directors would like to thank those of you with travel trailers and motor homes for removing them to appropriate storage spaces on a timely basis.

It is important for home values and resale that we keep our community in the best condition possible. With that thought in mind, thanks also to those who have helped maintain the entrance and fire tank areas with flowers and mowing of grass.

Many of you have also worked to trim road shoulders along private roads and Douglass Ranch Drive. As the president's letter points out, and our local fire department has stated in the past, trees and weeds present a fire danger to our community, and they strongly recommend removal of all trees and shrubs within 3 feet of the roadway. If anyone has questions or needs help in this area, please contact a board member for that help.

Painting and upkeep of mailbox posts are also an issue when considering the general appearance of Douglass Ranch. Currently there are some posts in need of upgrading and painting. Please look at your situation and make necessary improvements per your CC&Rs and Design Review Guides.

Our private roads are in need of some crack filling this fall, and we are presently looking into that issue to ensure that we have good roads for the future. In order to do that we will have to cut back some small trees and shrubs to protect the road bed from overgrowth.

Lastly, some road signs are quite faded and we are looking into repainting the signs in the near future.

Thanks for your consideration of the above items that are within your control.

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