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## NORTHMOOR ACRES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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### COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE JUNE 12 AND 13

The annual Northmoor Acres garage sale is scheduled on Saturday and Sunday, June 12 and 13 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Homeowners do not have to participate both days. The Board (Director Anne Calvert) will take care of the advertisements. Signs will be posted. You just have to clean out your attic or garage, find those hidden treasures, and put them out in your driveway.

### CAR SHOW AND ANNUAL PICNIC

This summer we are also planning a car show in late summer and a picnic. If anyone is interested in helping to plan and make the picnic a success, please contact one of the Directors. These events will be announced in future newsletters and on the Northmoor Acres HOA website: [www.northmooracres.org](http://www.northmooracres.org).

### MOSQUITO SEASON IS HERE

With mosquito season upon us, residents are reminded to not leave standing water on their property as a breeding place. The CSU Extension Service has an excellent website on this issue: <http://www.ext.colostate.edu/pubs/insect/05526.html>

There is also one from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment specific to the West Nile Virus: <http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/dc/zoonosis/wnv/index.html>

### DUES STATEMENT COMING OUT SOON

A statement for the 2010 - 2011 Northmoor Acres HOA annual dues and special assessment for trash will be mailed out to homeowners soon. Annual assessments and first half trash assessments are due July 1, 2010. If not paid by July 31, 2010, they will be considered delinquent and subject to interest at the rate of 8% per annum. The annual dues will be \$100, and the trash assessment will be \$120, a total for the year of \$220. These assessments are the same as last year.

### PINE BEETLE INFORMATION

As mentioned at the February Homeowners' Meeting, Northmoor Acres now apparently has some trees infected with pine beetles. The Northmoor Acres HOA Board (Director Shawn Rieke) has been investigating how to recognize and treat pine beetles. Information obtained

from the Colorado State Forest Service has been posted on our website. Also, here is a link to a good information site about pine beetles by the CSFS:

[http://csfs.colostate.edu/pdfs/MPB\\_Newspaper\\_Insert\\_Final.pdf](http://csfs.colostate.edu/pdfs/MPB_Newspaper_Insert_Final.pdf)

## **ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE**

If you are adding or altering a fence or structure, please contact the ACC secretary, Joanne Stroud, at 587-0282, to discuss the process to obtain the required approval.

## **SPRING CLEANING**

This is the time of year when all of us need to be cleaning up our properties by mowing the yard, looking at our homes to see what needs to be painted/restored/replaced, etc.

Weld County has two permanent Household Hazardous Waste facilities, which can help in this process. The first is located in Greeley at 1311 N 17<sup>th</sup> Ave – the hours are from 8am-5pm every Tuesday and Saturday. The second facility is located at 5500 Hwy. 52 – the hours of operation are every Friday and the first and third Saturday of each month, from 9am to 4pm. Additional information can be obtained from the Weld County Environmental Health website (general info): <http://www.co.weld.co.us/departments/health/> or the Weld County Hazardous Waste website (household):

<http://www.co.weld.co.us/departments/Health/EnvironmentalHealth/HazardousWasteHousehold/index.html>

Weld County also has a hot line to call for assistance in finding other disposal options in the county (970-304-6415 x 2233).

Recycle and trash facilities in Berthoud are located south on County Line Road from Highway 56 at the transfer station (from Highway 56 turn south on County Line Road, travel about ½ mile and turn east on the first gravel road). They are only open on Wednesday and Saturday between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm. The facility now has an attendant to help make sure the correct items are placed in the bins; they have a handout summarizing that information.

## **BURN PERMITS**

When cleaning up dead branches and plants, remember that Roy Rutt will obtain burn permits for Northmoor Acres for the end of March through June 1 and September 1 through approximately November 15. If homeowners/residents want to burn outside of these dates they need to obtain permits on their own. Burn permit status during those two time periods will be posted on the Association entrance signs as has been done in the past (YES means you can burn, NO means you can not) and also on the Northmoor Acres website. You should put everything you want to burn in a pile so it is easier to contain, and it is recommended that residents also call the local fire department in advance if a large burn is planned so that they are aware and can assist if necessary. For any questions about the burn permits – please send questions to: Attention Roy Rutt through [BOD@northmooracres.org](mailto:BOD@northmooracres.org).

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Go Green/Get Notices immediately. If you are not already receiving newsletters/information by email and would like to receive this newsletter and other important HOA announcements via email, please send your request to [BOD@northmooracres.org](mailto:BOD@northmooracres.org). Recently there has been a need to get complex information out very quickly to residents (which are better sent out in written form than by an automated phone call) on neighborhood safety issues affecting all homeowners. We therefore urge residents to provide/update email addresses. A blanket email can go out very quickly while newsletters/safety notifications that need to be sent by regular mail take longer and cost your HOA more money.
- The Northmoor Acres HOA community notification system allows the Board to create and rapidly disseminate time-sensitive messages to every telephone number stored in the database. Therefore, we request that any changes in phone numbers be sent to the Board through [BOD@northmooracres.org](mailto:BOD@northmooracres.org).
- Neighborhood Safety. We request that residents continue to inform the Board either by email to [BOD@northmooracres.org](mailto:BOD@northmooracres.org) or to individual Board members by phone (see below) about any safety issues they observe (aggressive/dangerous dogs, discharge of firearms, etc).
- It is also very important that residents continue to report any safety issues to the proper Weld County agency. The Weld County Sheriff's Office has emphasized to us the importance of notifying them IMMEDIATELY (same day or next day) whenever residents are threatened by aggressive dogs. The phone number and website for reporting aggressive dogs is as follows:  
Phone: 970-356-4015 ext 2849  
Animal control website: <http://www.weldsheriff.com/PublicSafety/index.html> (general information) or <http://weldsheriff.com/apps/animalcontrol/> (making a report by email)
- Information about the Colorado Dangerous Dog act can be accessed at <http://www.michie.com/colorado/lpext.dll?f=FifLink&t=document-frame.htm&l=query&iid=3e560e4d.76343909.0.0&q=%5BGroup%20%2718-9-204.5%27%5D>
- It is recommended that when residents are walking at night in the neighborhood that they wear light clothes or reflector vests/strips so they can be seen. Dogs should also be on leash – there have been recent incidents where both people and dogs were almost hit at night because they were not highly visible.
- Please keep dogs in your yard or on a leash, there are still complaints of loose dogs in the neighborhood.
- Please monitor your dogs that are tied outside – the Board has received numerous complaints of dogs tied/left outside that bark for long periods of time. This is especially annoying to neighbors when the dogs are outside and bark early in the morning or late at night.
- Anyone who either finds or loses a dog or other animal can go to the Northmoor Acres website to post the information.
- The Northmoor Acres HOA website continues to be upgraded and improved (thanks to previous director Jim Russo). Board policies, covenants, articles, bylaws, budgets, and Board minutes and newsletters are available in pdf format. You can use the website as a bulletin board for issues. Please note the links to Weld County sites that post information relevant to our neighborhood (hazardous waste program, pest and weed control division)

- Remember to spray goat heads as soon as possible in the spring. Roy Rutt has suggested homeowner's use 2-4-D (chemical weed killer) on the goat head weeds, and said they need to be sprayed when the little yellow flowers are blooming (if you try to kill them once the weeds have matured, they continue to produce stickers).
- PLEASE remember the subdivision speed limit is 30 miles per hour and be mindful of the number of small children and people who walk in Northmoor Acres.
- Our trash service limits pick up to four 30-gallon containers each week (each container can be no more than 50 pounds - this is an OSHA limit). You will be billed directly by Royal Trash for extra containers/additional trash.

### **Volunteers working for your community - Board Members**

Bill Skeldum	President	587-0570
Mike Martin	Vice-President	587-2557
Anne Calvert	Treasurer	587-4982
Ginny Hersch	Secretary	587-5627
Shawn Rieke	Director of Property	587-0959
Joan Waser	Director of Events	590-7059
Joanne Stroud	Director of Members	587-0282
Susy Ruof	Director of Correspondence	587-2596

### **Architectural Control Committee**

	Joanne Stroud, Secretary, 587-0282	
Dave Schnitzler	Barbara Ding	Michael Gibbs
Chuck Krueger	Dave Klink	Ginny Hersch