



Shanahan Ridge Four Homeowners Association

June 2007 Newsletter

Bear Alert!

We live close to nature on Silver Plume, and here's more proof. A black bear recently climbed a tree to get to the deck of a home in Silver Plume Court, drawn by spills from a bird feeder (and maybe the residue on a grill). Worse, the bear reacted aggressively when startled by the homeowner. So don't leave anything around your home that could draw a hungry bear, from bird food to pet food to tasty trash/compost. Let's not train the bears to dine at Café Silver Plume.

Silver Plume House and Garden Tour

Save the date! The first-ever Silver Plume home tour is Saturday, June 16, from 2 to 5 p.m. Several recently remodeled houses and well-loved gardens will be open that afternoon for you to visit. Here's your chance to be inspired by your neighbors' creativity. See the flyer with this newsletter for the names and addresses of participating homeowners.

Fire Season

Our wet winter and spring have filled our open spaces with long, lush grass. Beautiful now, but if (when) the weather turns hot and dry, it could become extra fuel for fire. If your home abuts our grassy open space and you're concerned about fire, please consider mowing/weed whacking a firebreak of several feet behind the split rail fence. When you do, be sure to remove the cut grass.

Home Remodeling and Repair

It's construction season again, and time to remind everyone to contact the Architectural Review Committee for approval before you do anything at all to the exterior of your home. That includes painting (even repainting the same color), roofing, window replacements, garage door replacements, fences, swamp cooler and air conditioner installation — everything.

The ARC has lists of preapproved colors and materials, and is always ready to review new ones if none of the preapproved choices suit. Three of the four members are registered architects, so they're a great source of (free!) knowledge and advice. Take advantage of it! Contact Jere Eggleston at 303-494-2304.

Weed Season: No Chemicals

For the sake of our children, our pets, ourselves, and our planet, Silver Plume residents have long agreed to forgo the use of chemical herbicides in our common areas. This year we have a crew of hand weeders tending our parking islands, and we'll again be addressing weeds that grow in the street with vinegar applications and other nontoxic control methods. So if you're tempted to take Roundup in hand and head for the street, please stop and respect the wishes of other Silver Plume residents.

Wanted: More Volunteers

Great thanks to all who came out for our spring cleanup, and to Linda Baran and Karan Kozelko for organizing our home tour. We still need a few good folks to step up for the block party in August and for the neighborhood garage sale, if there's enough interest to hold one this year. If you'd like to volunteer a little time and effort for either event, please contact a board member.

Discount on Photovoltaics?

A company called REC Solar is offering a community group discount on solar systems, in addition to the rebates currently offered by Xcel, and is willing to consider all of Shanahan Ridge a single community for purposes of the discount. If you'd like to know more, call Marty Hoerling at 303-554-7367.