

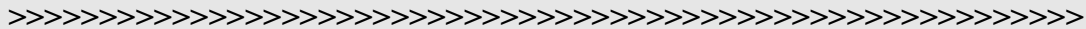


DISCOVERY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER – JULY 2007

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PRESIDENT' CORNER

Randy Cubero

Covenants Compliance Spring Review - 2007

Your Board of Directors will be taking on a review of all our Discovery Homeowners Association residences during the end of May and most of June. The review is designed to identify violations of the covenants and allow the homeowner to remedy the situation as soon as possible. What are the Board members looking for? At one of our recent monthly meetings we decided to focus on the following areas of interest:

1. Trailers or RVs parked on premise
2. Lawns, trees, landscaping in need of care
3. Fencing improperly located on perimeter of property or in disrepair
4. Residences in need of paint
5. Excess vehicles being stored at residence or being parked off pavement
6. Accumulation of junk or debris on property
7. Identification of Myrtle Spurge
8. Easy and clear access of sidewalks through property
9. Other, as noted

As we stated in the Spring Review worksheet we will make every effort to explain the alleged covenants violation to you in person. If, however, we can not make personal contact with the homeowner we will leave you the worksheet with our explanation of the violation and numbers to call if you have any questions. We would hope that this first notification will provide sufficient motivation for the homeowner to correct or remedy the violation as it is described in the worksheet.

Once your residence has been identified with a covenants violation whether it occurs during the Spring Review or at other times of the year, you will be given a “first notification letter” with a suspense date to rectify the violation. If you disregard this first notification suspense date and take no action to comply with the covenants, you will be then issued a more formal second letter from the President of the Association reiterating the violation, and requesting communications with you to determine if there is a specific problem or some extenuating circumstance that would preclude your complying with the covenants. Upon receipt of this second letter, the homeowner also has the option to request an appeal of the violation ruling. Naturally, disregarding the second letter will generate a final third letter from the Association’s Lawyer explaining possible legal action if the violation is not remedied. It is our sincere desire that we never have to issue a third letter to any of our Association members.

Your homes in Discovery are generally well cared for and attractive to the casual observer. Most all of us have a sense of pride in our immediate neighborhood and want to maintain the value of our properties and the appeal of living in our community. One of the best ways to ensure that our subdivision will not deteriorate or fall into any stage of disrepair is to support your Board’s resolve to participate in our Spring Review of our properties.

Warm regards,
Randy Cubero, President

VALUE, SAFETY AND COMMUNICATION

Architectural Control Committee Vinai Thummalapally, Chairman

“Your continued involvement in matters concerning our Home Owners Association directly impacts the look and feel of our beautiful neighborhood. When you look around the various neighborhoods in El Paso County, you can quickly conclude that Discovery ranks at the top. In recent years, the Board of Directors, along with the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) and others, has taken proactive steps to ensure that the over all condition of our neighborhood is maintained. These groups are made up of individuals such as your self, volunteering their time and resources.

If you have not already done so, I urge you to consider joining one or more of the volunteer

groups. Board members are elected annually, at the General Membership Meeting which takes place in November, however during the year we are frequently looking for help in other areas, such as serving on the ACC, or with special projects such as spring clean up.

Please be aware that the ACC meets once per month, hence provide us with ample time to review and respond to your applications. Should you have questions please do not hesitate to call.”

Warm Regards
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Myrtle Spurge and Mistletoe

By David Adair

We have botanical invaders in our neighborhood! Myrtle Spurge is not a character from a 60's sitcom, but is a noxious weed that invades garden and landscape and can cause serious injury. Mistletoe is a parasitic plant that attacks pine trees and deforms and eventually kills them.

Myrtle spurge is a perennial that has trailing stems, growing close to the ground. Stems and leaves are fleshy and grayish-green in color, and the leaves are attached to the stems in close spirals. Inconspicuous flowers, with showy yellowish bracts, are borne in clusters at the ends of the stems. The plant contains a milky sap that can cause blisters and burns that may need emergency care.

Originally sold for rock gardens, this plant is on Colorado's noxious-weed "A list," which mandates immediate eradication. Although there are other weeds on the list, none pose as great a health threat as myrtle spurge, said Mark Johnston, deputy director of the Environmental Services Department for El Paso County.

APPEARANCE: Myrtle spurge is a low-growing yellow-flowering perennial with tail-like stems of leaves. It can project its seeds as far as 15 feet.

ERADICATION: When dealing with this plant, be careful. It has toxic, milky latex that can cause severe skin irritations. Wear rubber gloves, long sleeves, pants and shoes when removing it. All parts of the plant are considered poisonous.

Myrtle spurge can be eradicated by pulling

the plant or spraying it with herbicides. Johnston urges people to get rid of the plant now, before it begins releasing seeds, which is likely to happen in May. "If you get it now, before the seeds pop out, you're going to see 80 to 90 percent control (next year). That timing is really crucial," he said.

For additional advice on removing myrtle spurge, call the El Paso County Environmental Services Department at 520-7656. You can also read a Colorado Springs Gazette article about Myrtle Spurge at <http://www.gazette.com/onset?id=21515&db=&pub=&template=article.html>

Dwarf mistletoes are small, leafless, parasitic flowering plants. They cause major damage to ponderosa, lodgepole, limber and pinyon pines as well as Douglas fir. Hardwood trees aren't affected.

Infection starts when a dwarf mistletoe seed comes into contact with a suitable host. The seeds are explosively discharged at speeds up to 60 miles per hour. The seeds are sticky and adhere to any surface they strike. As the seed germinates, it grows into the bark and tissue of the host tree. The parasite produces root-like structures called sinkers that take water and nutrients from the host.

Tree death occurs slowly as it is robbed of essential water and nutrients year after year. Look for yellow foliage and branch mortality in the upper portion of a tree. The parasite is identifiable when their yellows to green to brownish-green segmented shoots protrude from the infected part of a tree. These woody shoots are one-half inch to six inches long and one-eighth inch to one-fourth inch in diameter. Shoots form two to three years after infection. As a tree dies, it will suffer growth reduction, loss of wood quality, poor tree form, predisposition to

insect and disease problems, and reduction in seed crops.

The best management strategy (if it is not in the tree trunk) is to prune out infected branches. If possible, completely remove severely infected trees. If they aren't removed, trees with high, unreachable mistletoe infections will continue to shower seeds on nearby trees. Replace removed trees with dwarf mistletoe resistant species such as Austrian, mugo or Scotch pine.

For more information on mistletoe, refer to the following web sites:

Colorado State University Cooperative Extension
<http://www.ext.colostate.edu/ptlk/2106.html>

City of Colorado Springs
<http://www.springsgov.com/Page.asp?NavID=6112>

US Forest Service
<http://www.rms.nau.edu/mistletoe/>

If you have mistletoe and need to remove trees; you will need to submit a request to the Discovery Homeowners Architectural Control Committee. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me: David Adair at 330-9556.

“Safety” – Communication

Vehicle Parking “Off-Pavement“ an increasing problem in Discovery

As a reminder, the parking of vehicles on your landscaping (dirt, rock or grass) is a Colorado Springs city code violation.

If you need additional parking space beyond your original drive way, please submit your request for additional parking space to the ACC for approval. If you have previously expanded your homes parking plan outside the confines of your drive way without Discovery ACC coordination, you need to submit your parking plan to the ACC for review and approval.

To be specific, parking your vehicles partially on / off of your drive way detracts from the overall community appearance and thus decreases the value of the neighborhood property values.

Vehicle parking needs to be confined to appropriate and approved parking areas. Pickup Trucks of ¾ Ton rating or lighter are authorized to reside with in Discovery Properties. Commercial vehicle parking is not allowed.

Safety – Communication – Value

Annual Dues - Follow-up

A note from your Discovery Homeowners Association Treasurer,
Jerry Farney,

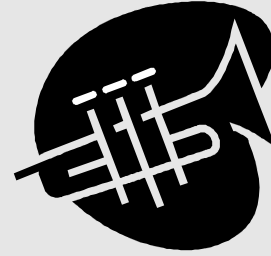
PLEASE PAY YOU DUES.

The first notice for our annual dues went out more than six weeks ago and in that time we have received well over 250 payments out of the 329 due – thanks to those of you who paid promptly. The second notice went out on June 8 to 52 properties that have not yet paid. **Note: 7-2-07 there are 21 not paid.**

Our annual dues of \$30.00 for an association of our size is extraordinarily small compared to the value of our property and the services provided. I might add, that when I moved into Discovery 30 years ago my annual dues were \$30.00. How's that for controlling inflation! If it were not for all the dedicated volunteers from our Discovery homeowners, the annual fee would be much higher.

As required by state law, each of us received a copy of the Discovery covenants and the associated by-laws when we bought our homes here. One of the stipulations we understood and agreed to, were the payment of an annual assessment to handle all the administrative, legal, and compliance activities as delineated in the covenants.

As the elected president of our association, Randy Cubero, constantly reminds all of us that our covenants were created and put into place solely to enhance each of our property's value, ensure the safety of all our residents, and to encourage effective communication. **Thirty dollars, once a year**, is a small price to pay to help maintain our investment and lifestyle in this beautiful community. **THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**



ANNUAL JAZZ IN THE PARK

BAND:
PROMISES (with a) SINGER

Music
Food
Dancing

WHEN: WEDNESDAY - JULY 18
6:00 TO 8:00 P.M.

WHERE: FOOTHILLS PARK ON
ALLEGHENY DRIVE

This is the place to be with your picnic dinner, blanket, friends, family, etc.

It's a premier summer event and once again Discovery HOA is a sponsor with the Comstock Village HOA.

If you don't want to bring your dinner there will be a "food truck" on location.

Note: Rain date is Thursday, July 19



DO ELEPHANTS REALLY HAVE MEMORIES? AN INTERESTING STORY!



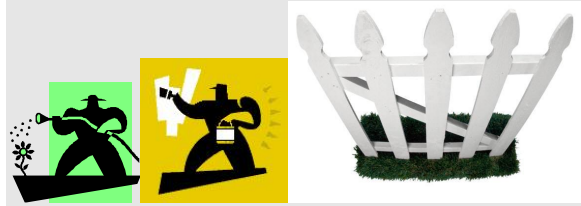
In 1986, Mkele Mbembe was on holiday in Kenya after he graduated from Northwestern University. On a hike through the bush, he came across a young bull elephant standing with one leg raised in the air. The elephant seemed distressed, so Mbembe approached it very carefully. He got down on one knee and inspected the elephant's foot and found a large piece of wood deeply embedded in it. As carefully and as gently as he could, Mbembe worked the wood out with his hunting knife, after which the elephant gingerly put down its foot. The elephant turned to face the man, and with a rather curious look on its face, stared at him for several tense moments.

Mbembe stood frozen, thinking of nothing else but being trampled. Eventually the elephant trumpeted loudly, turned, and walked away. Mbembe never forgot that elephant or the events of that day.

Twenty years later, Mbembe was walking through the Chicago Zoo with his teenaged son. As they approached the elephant enclosure, one of the creatures turned and walked over to near where Mbembe and his son Tapu were standing. The large bull elephant stared at Mbembe, lifted its front foot off the ground, then put it down. The elephant did that several times then trumpeted loudly, all the while staring at the man.

Remembering the encounter in 1986, Mbembe couldn't help wondering if this was the same elephant. Mbembe summoned up his courage, climbed over the railing and made his way into the enclosure. He walked right up to the elephant and stared back in wonder. The elephant trumpeted again, wrapped its trunk around one of Mbembe's legs and slammed him against the railing, killing him instantly.

Probably wasn't the same elephant.



LANDSCAPING – HOUSE PAINTING FENCES

It's definitely that time of year...the hammers, shovels; paint brushes and all the other tools for maintaining your home are being used.

Everything that a Discovery property owner does to improve the appearance of their property helps to maintain individual home value, as well as the value of all the homes in the neighborhood

BEFORE YOU BEGIN - Please contact the Architectural Control Committee for approval of any outside projects.

Vinai (ACC Chairman) can be reached at 536-9068.

“COMMUNICATION – VALUE”



DEAD TREES

Dead trees are a fire hazard. Due to the severe winter this past year there are a number of dead trees that need to be removed. Please check your property for dead trees

We have applied to participate in the FireWise program again and will notify you of the dates and the procedure as soon as we know.

