

April 18, 2010

We had our first rainstorm of 2010 yesterday. The seasons are actually changing! The Bear Aware Team reported that the bear will be coming out of hibernation in stages over the next few weeks, and the Team strongly urges everyone to remove the seed birdfeeders now. We must all be diligent in discouraging the bear from forming bad feeding habits – no garbage, no bird seed, no hummingbird feeders after sundown tempting them to start looking for other tasty snacks on your lot. If you have gotten out of the habit, start locking your car again so the bear can't find an easy way in to those enticing french-fry or burger wrappers and crumbs. Let's keep the break-in report at zero for the entire summer!

New Restaurant hours will begin May 13th with dinner served from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursdays, Friday hours beginning May 14th will include lunch and dinner, opening at 11 a.m. for lunch and remaining open through dinner, closing at 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday hours will remain the same. Watch for May Specials next week.

We've set two dates for Special Trash Days this summer: June 19th and August 21st. There is a fee per cubic yard of trash, but this does provide owners with an opportunity to dispose of non-household items without the trip themselves to the Larimer County landfill. We staff the Special Trash Dumpster from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to accept non-household trash from Crystal Lakes property owners - first come, first served until the container is filled.

From the Newsletter:

The newsletter committee is looking for a Crystal Lakes member who would be willing to serve as the committee's photographer, attending events and getting photos of participants as well as capturing pictures of the many photo ops. available in Crystal Lakes year round.

From the Web Master:

Along the same vein, pictures are also needed for the web. Details are being finalized for a photo contest for Crystal Lakes pictures for the web, to include several categories. Our web master is looking for photos from C.L. property owners of events, kids, animals, fishing, scenery, flowers, seasons, etc. So, as you snap pictures, think of saving them and entering them in the photo contest. Watch for more details. Meanwhile, if you would simply be pleased to see one of your photos selected for presentation on the Crystal Lakes web, please feel free to send those photos with the photographer's name, filing and lot, and the approximate date the photo was taken to the office and we will forward them on to the web master.

Although temperatures have warmed, the Fishing Board reported there is still quite a depth to the ice covering Crystal Lake and most of the smaller lakes and ponds. There is some open water on Snoopy Pond, but this is a very unusual year to have such a depth of ice on the larger bodies of water this late. This gives credence to the fact that some of the 11th Filing WS systems and several privately owned water and wastewater systems are

still frozen. Even though there is ice on the lakes, the conditions can change quickly and the ice may become very hazardous within a few hours. Weather events such as the rainstorms yesterday directly impact ice conditions and safety. Please don't take risks. Wait until the water opens to catch that fish!

The Bear Aware Team will meet next Sunday at 10 a.m. They plan on having a presentation by Mary McCormick with results of the Mountain Lion Study in Boulder County, the Roaring Forks Bear Study and some information about Coyote Training and urban coyote problems. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this first meeting of 2010 for the Bear Aware Team.

As you plan your summer weekends, you are reminded that the Greenbelt Management Committee will have the seedlings here for those folks who have ordered them on Saturday, June 12, from 8 a.m. to noon in the parking lot at Basecamp. Be sure to come pick up your seedlings at that time if you have placed and paid for an order.

The streams are beginning to show faster moving water. Be very aware that as the thaw continues, the run-off can be life threatening in the fast moving waters. Stay safe.

I'll keep you posted.
Jody