

June 7, 2010

FROM THE GREENBELT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

1. If you have dead trees on your property that are endangering power lines, call Poudre Valley REA Operations at 970-226-1234. They will ask for an address to send a tree crew to remove the trees. Also, report any dead trees that are endangering power lines on the greenbelts in your area! Thanks.
2. Be sure to pick up your seedling order Saturday, June 12th . The GMC will have your order available for pick up Saturday morning by the Wapiti mail sheds from 8 a.m. to noon.
3. Fertilizer tablets will be available for purchase Saturday morning also. You can get 30 tablets for \$2.00.

BREAKFAST AT THE LAKE:

June 13th at Lakeview Park from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Adults \$4.00 and Kids \$2.00. Sign up by close of business Tuesday afternoon, June 8, 4:00 p.m.

THE R&R ANNUAL REPORT IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEB.

Check out the FY 09-10 CLRRRA Annual Report on the Associations' Web:
www.crystal-lakes.org

FISHING BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED TO FOLLOW THE R&R ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2010.

The Fishing Board will hold their June meeting in the Water & Sewer Building following the Road & Recreation Association's Annual Meeting. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 5:00 p.m. Members are welcome to attend.

BEETLE SPRAYING:

If you have chosen to spray trees on your property yourself, you are reminded to avoid spraying too much insecticide per acre. Details for spraying should appear on the product. Some folks who have sprayed their own trees report that beetles infested the trees above the line they could reach with their sprayer. Marian has the names of the companies participating in the CLA tree spraying project. Although time has passed to sign up with the office for preventative spraying, you may contact the companies yourself and possibly schedule a time individually to have trees sprayed.

We have information provided by a CL property owner available in the office about a product called "Pentra-Bark". This is another treatment option, but we are not aware of the pros and cons with regard to it. The TDS (Technical Data Sheet) is available to you so help you investigate this product. Ask Marian or Bev for a copy.

Remember the Road & Rec. Annual Meeting is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, June 12th in the Water & Sewer Building. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. The office will be closed from noon through the meeting to allow office staff to assist you with registration at the meeting. After hours fishing passes will be available by the payphone while the office is closed. Phone the office for fire permits in inspected and approved fire

pits while the office is open. If you have an emergency, call 911. The annual R&R barbecue follows the Annual Meeting at the Restaurant. Attendees at the R&R meeting will be provided tickets for 50% off each meal at the Restaurant, a \$10.00 value for only \$5.00/meal. The barbecue will include pulled pork barbecue sandwiches on a bun, potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw, dessert and ice tea, lemonade or water. Beer, wine and sodas will be available for purchase at regular prices. Entertainment begins at 5:00 p.m.

Badge and car stickers are available for pick up in the office after we receive notice from the bank that your FY 10-11 Assessments have been paid. Your FY 09-10 stickers are good until June 30th. Assessment payments must be mailed to the lockbox address, which appears on the statement stub.

The streams continue to increase in flow rates. **DO NOT HIKE OR WALK BESIDE THE STREAMS AT THIS TIME.** The fast moving waters pose a real danger if someone were to slip into the water. We have had some wash-outs at the culverts along Snoopy Pond road, the foot trail to Otter Pond and at Ottawa Way N/S at the west edge of Crystal Lakes. Staff members continue to monitor the water levels and make adjustments where they can. Culverts are checked each day and cleaned of debris frequently. Please stay away from the moving water; Stay Safe!

The warning sirens will be sounded following the Road & Rec. Annual Meeting and again on Sunday, June 13th at 10:30 a.m. These soundings will be a demonstration only of the siren tone. If you hear the sirens at any other time, please evacuate the subdivision in a safe and prompt manner.

The Boards will hold their regular monthly meetings June 19, 2010. Water & Sewer at 8:00 a.m., the Joint Boards at 10:00 a.m. and the Road & Rec. at 1:00 p.m. All members are welcome to attend. The meetings are held in the Wapiti Center.

I'll keep you posted.

Jody

June 20, 2010 (Sent 6-21-10 since the DSL lines were down until Monday morning. Sorry for the delay!)

Happy Father's Day to all the Dads!

What a difference a week makes. Last Sunday we had a couple of inches of snow for "Breakfast at the Lake", which was held in the protection of the Wapiti Center! Great breakfast burritos topped with Tamala's special green chili warmed the dozens of attendees. Today many of the Dads must be fishing, because there have been lots of folks picking up badge stickers and getting passes for guests to fish. The office is a busy place.

Everyone is reminded to be vigilant about educating the bear. **DO NOT ALLOW THEM TO DRINK FROM THE HUMMINGBIRD FEEDER OR MUNCH ON THE BIRD SEED.** Let them know it is **NOT** a pleasant experience. Taking time for the photo is **NOT** acceptable. They need to learn immediately and be reminded that there are natural foods that aren't accompanied by loud whistles and noisy people. Because of several bear sightings and reports of them sipping from hummingbird feeders in the middle of the day, which is alarming this early in the season, we must renew our efforts to protect the bear by **YELLING LOUDLY AND SCARING THEM AWAY.** I would encourage you to remove all bird feeders, so we can again educate, especially the younger bears, that proximity to people is not where they should be. Also **LOCK** your vehicles. I understand we've had a bear get into a vehicle this week. There's plenty of natural food for the birds and the bears. Don't trade the life of a bear for some seed or syrup, which you are doing if the bears learn that those feeders are available. That's the first step for them in becoming accustomed to humans. Then comes exploration of the car or the kitchen in pursuit of other yummy smells that may have easy food available. Remove all trash and close any lower windows so there is no easy access. Use the humane (1/2 inch extension only) unwelcome mats. Be a true friend to the bears; keep them alive, wild and well in Crystal Lakes; **SCARE THEM AWAY** from your tent, RV, cabin or car!

For more information on Living with Bears, look on the Crystal Lakes web site, attend the next Bear Aware meeting June 27th in the Wapiti Room at 10:00 a.m., come to a New Owners' Meeting – next scheduled for August 14th at 1:00 p.m. or pick up a brochure from the office.

On to other things. . .

The high water levels of last week have dropped, but the streams are still moving very fast. The water is extremely cold, since that stream water was snow pack yesterday. Hypothermia is a very real concern in the cold waters at Crystal Lakes. Be aware.

Sign up to participate in the July 4th Parade. The sign-up sheet is in the office. There are several categories, and prizes will be awarded. Participants are to meet at the Fire House at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 4th. Don't miss all the fun – strut your stuff, or come cheer on the parading units.

HELP WANTED: Part-time wait persons and a part-time dishwasher are needed at the

Restaurant at Crystal Lakes. Applications can be picked up at the CLA office. Other positions may also be available.

Plans for the Fishing Derbies are nearing completion. Don't miss the fun. Details for times for the various categories are listed in the last Bugle. July 3rd at Beaver Lake.

Fireworks display is set for July 3rd at dusk in Red Feather Lakes. The discharge of guns and the ignition of fireworks are prohibited in Crystal Lakes.

I'll keep you posted.

Jody

July 25, 2010

Everyone's help is needed. We have a serious concern about some of the bears' behavior.

DO NOT FEED THE BEARS. There have been 74 sightings so far this summer and 5 break-ins, two vehicles, two houses, and to the back of the Restaurant. Be sure to lock your vehicles so the bears can not get inside. We have installed a motion detector called a "Critter Gitter", which activates with a variety of lights and sounds, to hopefully discourage any curious bears behind the Restaurant. So far we know we've managed to thoroughly startle Mountain Security personnel; and may have frightened the bear as well because it has not returned to cause damage. If you are interested in acquiring this device, you can find it on the internet at www.CritterGitterSensor.com. Unwelcome mats are very effective; but must be correctly constructed so that the bears are not crippled.

- **DO NOT FEED THE BEARS!**
- **DO NOT CLEAN FISH LAKESIDE.**
- **DO NOT LEAVE ENTRAILS ALONG THE SHORE OR STREAMSIDE.**
- **DO NOT LEAVE BAIT OR BAIT CONTAINERS ALONG THE SHORE OR STREAMSIDE.** (Don't leave trash of any sort!)
- **DO NOT CONFRONT A BEAR.**
- **DO NOT RUN FROM A BEAR.**
- **WHEN SAFE TO DO SO, MAKE NOISE, THROW ROCKS AT THE BEAR, MAKE THE BEAR KNOW THAT IT IS NOT PLEASANT TO APPROACH HUMANS.**
- **SPRAY THE BEAR WITH PEPPER SPRAY - IF SAFE TO DO SO WITHOUT SPRAYING OTHER FOLKS OR INTO THE WIND WHERE YOU WILL BE IMPACTED BY THE PEPPER SPRAY.**
- **ONLY FEED BIRDS DURING THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY. REMOVE FEEDERS BEFORE DUSK AND DON'T REPLACE UNTIL WELL AFTER DAWN. NEVER LEAVE FEEDERS UP WHEN YOU LEAVE.**

Because of reports of a bear taking a stringer of fish while a property owner was fishing, and another day a bear taking a bag of jerky from beside a youngster at Catawba, the level of concern has been elevated; that bear behavior has been reported to DOW. The Bear Aware Team in cooperation with DOW has organized a plan to address this serious concern. If you are interested in helping protect CL owners and guests as well as our variety of wildlife, attend the next Bear Aware Team meeting.

At this time you can take the following steps:

- If you have a stringer of fish, be sure to put in on a long rope so that the fish are not evident if a bear walks along the stream or lake.
- Avoid placing your lunch or snack, or bait containers within easy reach of a bear as it passes by.
- There is excellent information available on the Bear Aware Team's link from the Crystal Lakes web site at www.crystal-lakes.org about how to stay safe if you encounter a bear. There are brochures available at the office on "Living with Wildlife – Bears" as well as brochures about other wildlife seen in our area.

- Keep in mind that Crystal Lakes' policy prohibits the discharge of a weapon within the subdivision. If you are threatened within your home, that policy does not apply.
- If you see a bear, report the sighting to the Bear Aware Team representative from your Filing, or to the office at 970-881-2250.

We all need to work hard to re-educate the bear, so they know that being close to people is not comfortable or an easy way to get food. These beautiful animals learn quickly, and right now a few of them are pretty sure that people can provide tasty snacks including salmon eggs and power bait, yummy fish and high calorie fish entrails. Power bait doesn't sound appealing to me, but the bear also like salty snacks like jerky as well as sugar from Root Beer sodas and Oreo cookies! Let's all work to convince them that wild berries and grasses are far more peaceful meals, and that we don't object to them enjoying those natural foods!

**I'M SURE WE WOULD ALL HATE TO THINK A BEAR HAS TO BE DESTROYED
BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN CARELESS.**

I'll keep you posted.
Jody

August 1, 2010

Thanks to all who have been more vigilant about activities around our lakes, ponds and streams. We enjoy seeing and knowing that the bears are busy behaving like bears, following natural animal trails and munching on their natural foods. Thanks to the Bear Aware Team and other volunteers for monitoring the lakes to help with the aversive conditioning. Additional sites that have caused concern are the trash cans at the mail sheds. Do not leave any garbage or food wrappers in those cans, which are placed in the mail sheds for your convenience. If inappropriate items are thrown away, those trash containers will have to be removed to prevent bears from exploring them during the night. Stay safe!

All members are reminded that the Larimer County Leash Law is in effect in Crystal Lakes. Dogs must be on leash or under immediate voice control. There were two alarming attacks by a pair of pit bulls; both attacks were reported to the appropriate County authorities with charges filed. If you see a dog off leash, you may, as a "good neighbor," want to mention to the owner that the Leash Law is in effect and enforced here in Crystal Lakes. Owners, guests and their leashed animals have the right to be safe from unleashed and uncontrolled animals. Larimer County Animal Control may be contacted to report incidents.

The two Boards are organizing the Wage & Benefits Ad Hoc Committee and invite property owner participants to join the committee. Several meetings are usually scheduled, and there is research work to be accomplished before some of the meetings. You may notify the office (970) 881-2250, or any CLRRA or CLWSA Board member if you are willing to serve on the committee.

The slash pile is quickly reaching capacity this summer as members haul slash from their properties to the site. There is a very good chance that the area will be filled to capacity in the near future. The slash pile has been a site made available to Crystal Lakes property owners for more than ten years, but announcements have continually been made that it is only a temporary convenience. Signs will be posted when the designated slash pile area is full. At that time no further slash may be hauled to the slash pile. If you are fortunate enough to still find the slash pile open, be sure you have fully secured or even covered the slash before you haul. Slash falling from vehicles headed to the slash pile has created another road hazard.

Board discussions have been held on other sites or options for CL owners. No other sites have been selected at this time. Chipping of debris is one option that individuals may select from services provided by private contractors, as is hauling slash to the Larimer County Landfill. Burning of the slash at the current pile occurs when conditions are met for that burning as specified by the EPA. Those requirements are weather dependent – to include twelve inches of snow on the ground and little wind. We are likely several months away from meeting the requirements to ignite the pile.

Some owners have questioned the ATV policy, which includes the requirement that vehicle operators must hold a valid state operator's license to operate any vehicle in

Crystal Lakes. The entire policy is available at the office for anyone interested. Some of the additional requirements include registration with the office with proof of insurance, displaying a current CL plate on the ATV, and having a flag attached for visibility. The volunteers who have responded to several serious ATV accidents involving children here in Crystal Lakes are well aware of the reasons that the policy lists the operational requirement. I never again want to be called to respond to a fatal ATV accident involving the tragic death of a youngster. The policy is in place to help protect CL children. Do your part to keep them safe.

In that same vein, I received a report today from a property owner who met two children riding bicycles side-by-side and quite fast on one of our roads. On that property owner's return trip three children were riding side-by-side on the road, and taking the entire road near a curve. Fortunately the vehicle driver was going well under the speed limit and was able to avoid an accident, but was still upset at the danger those children posed to themselves as well as to other traffic. I would ask that all parents take the time to review some basic driving rules: bicyclers must ride on the right hand side of the roadways, should be extremely cautious on curves and hills, and that they, too, should not travel faster than is safe. As we often hear, the kids fully believe they are invulnerable. Be sure your youngsters begin to learn responsibility for their own safety.

The Fishing Board recognizes the following volunteers for their help with the Fishing Derbies: Bryon Fessler, Tom Finley, Judy Randol, Lenny Hochnadel, Doug Durica, Lou Phillippe, Bob Rogers, Bill Popejoy, John Sprackling, Dorothy Sprackling, Kathy Dillon-Durica, Christy Hochnadel and Jo Rogers. The derbies were very successful and participants had a great time.

Mother Nature tried hard to wash us down the mountain Friday. I measured .83 inches of rainfall in about 45 minutes. Other reports are of 2 inches in Red Feather and more than 3 inches up the mountain. The roads were all hit hard, two in particular resemble a river bed more than a roadway now. Crews will begin the process of cleaning culvert pockets and borrow ditches as soon as possible. Your patience is appreciated. That one storm seems to have taken out a good bit of the road work accomplished so far this summer. And, of concern as well is that predictions are for additional thunderstorms with the possibility of flash floods in some locations along the Front Range. One prediction even forecast up to 3 inches of rain an hour possible from some of these storms through the coming week.

The Fishing Board has scheduled a special meeting for Monday evening, August 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wapiti Center to discuss fishing privileges, membership procedures, etc. Members are welcome to attend.

Welcome our new chef, Greg Peck, to the Restaurant at Crystal Lakes. Stop by, say "Hi," and sample some great food.

I'll keep you posted.
Jody

August 9, 2010

Just a reminder: The August New Owner's Orientation will be held this coming Saturday at 1:00 p.m. in the Wapiti Center. Everyone is welcome.

I'll keep you posted.
Jody

August 16, 2010

The summer's second Crystal Lakes Special Trash Day is scheduled for this coming Saturday, August 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or to the time that the special trash container reaches capacity. Non-household items will be accepted, the fees per cubic yard are established to help cover costs of disposal at the Larimer County Landfill. Hazardous waste and oversized items will be collected and disposed of appropriately, again for established fees. Work orders are written at the container, so you don't have to bring money with you; your account will be billed and you will receive a statement in the mail. This service is for Crystal Lakes members.

Remember, your well flow meter readings are due no later than August 31st. Be sure to get your meter reading in prior to that deadline to avoid a fine.

WiFi is provided by both Associations for the convenience of members and their guests. There is not a fee to connect to WiFi; users can access the service from the walkway or parking area in front of Basecamp. Please remember that neither office staff nor restaurant personnel provide technical support for WiFi. There have been times over the last few weeks when some folks have had difficulty accessing the service. That has also been the experience of property owners in the area who have DSL service. Usually WiFi service resumes within an hour, sometimes much more quickly.

The 32nd Annual Crystal Lakes Photo Contest is underway, so get out your cameras and capture the beauty of Crystal Lakes to share with your neighbors in one of three categories: Wildlife (in natural settings only); Nature & Landscapes; and Seasons. Prizes include bragging rights; gift certificates to The Restaurant for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for each category; recognition on the C.L. website and in the Wapiti Bugle; and the winning photos will be displayed in 8" x 10" frames in Basecamp for everyone to admire. Photos must be of Crystal Lakes and the surrounding area, and must have been taken within the last year (September 1, 2009, to August 31, 2010) to be included in this year's contest. The deadline to submit photos is August 31st. Photos must be submitted by registered property owners, who can also submit photos on behalf of family members. There is a limit of six photo entries per property owner. Photo submission guidelines and other contest information are available on the C.L. website (www.crystal-lakes.org). The winners will be announced over Labor Day weekend. Good luck!

The Crystal Lakes Arts and Crafts Sale is coming up on Sunday, September 5th at the Water & Sewer Building. Watch for more information.

I'll keep you posted.

Jody

August 22, 2010

The Road & Recreation Board has approved hiring the contractor with the tub grinder for a full day to chip as much of the slash pile as possible in that time. It is the hope of the Board that at least one of the win-rows of slash can be chipped, and it would be wonderful if more can be chipped in that time-frame. The chipped material will be available to property owners to haul and use as they choose. The Water & Sewer Board will explore the possibility of using the dump trucks from private contractors who haul road base up to our road improvement project, to see if they would be willing to haul the ash and burned material piled at the south end of the slash area back down to the landfill. That would mean that the contractors would haul a load of dirt up the mountain and haul a load of debris down the mountain on a round trip.

I plan on contacting the contractor doing the chipping tomorrow to make arrangements. The slash pile remains open, but is bulging at the edges! I understand it takes a few days to get the equipment in place. It is my expectation that the entire slash area may need to be closed while the chipping is being done due to safety concerns. I will ask the contractor tomorrow and let you all know via email of the results of my findings. There may be serious safety issues in having folks disposing of slash while the heavy equipment is moving and sorting the slash in the area. The inconvenience of having the area closed for a day is minimal compared to the opportunity to have it open for several additional weeks, however. I'm sure you agree.

It is the hope of both Boards that this plan will at least give members the opportunity to continue cleaning and removing slash from their lots into the fall. I appreciate the Boards' sincere approach to finding solutions to the immediate problem. The issue will remain an agenda item for discussion following this trial chipping.

I'll keep you posted.
Jody

August 23, 2010

Special Reminder!

The Annual Crystal Lakes Arts & Crafts Sale will be held on Sunday, September 5th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Water & Sewer Building. The popularity of this event and the additional number of crafters who want to participate sent the Recreation Committee in search of a larger facility in which to hold the event. Don't miss the opportunity to find unique and great quality items for fun, for gifts, and for those special keepsakes.

The Crystal Lakes Community Fund Association will be having its annual Bake Sale on Sunday, September 5th from 9 a.m. until everything is sold. CLCFA's delicious goodies will be found at their booth at the Arts and Crafts Sale. Donations of baked goods will gratefully be accepted Saturday evening from 5-7 p.m. and Sunday 8 a.m. and after. There have been several requests for diabetic selections. We would appreciate any items that would meet this need. Thank you very much for your donations, and for your enjoyment, your purchases.

I'll keep you posted.

Jody

Special Notice Regarding Slash Pile

August 26, 2010

Apologies for not getting this to you yesterday. Our internet connection was not functioning - as some of you may have also experienced. Anyway, it looks like we are back in business today.

Slash Pile Updates:

The contractor with the tub grinder has had to make repairs to some of the grinding equipment before moving it to our slash pile area. According to the contractor, the equipment should tentatively move in by next Monday. We will continue to pile slash up as much as possible this weekend in anticipation of getting the grinder working at the beginning of next week.

While the grinding operation is underway, the slash pile will be closed. We will post signs at the slash pile, office, etc. to let you know when the pile is closed for chipping. **DO NOT DUMP SLASH WHILE THE CHIPPING OPERATION IS UNDERWAY.**

I'll keep you posted.

Jody

September 2, 2010

The Slash Pile on Tiny Bob Road has closed during the chipping process. Plans are to do chipping on Thursday and Friday. Do not plan to use the slash pile until this procedure is complete. If you have questions, you may email, phone or stop by the office. I will let you know as soon as the slash pile reopens.

I'll keep you posted.

Jody

September 3, 2010

The Slash Pile has reopened for this weekend. Conveyor belt malfunctions made it necessary for the operator to take the tub grinder back for repairs. We HOPE it will be back in operation next week. He was able to chip approximately 75 yards of slash, so there is again some room for more slash this weekend.

When the grinder returns to operation and the Slash Pile is closed, PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE WORK AREA. DEBRIS FROM THE GRINDING OPERATION MAY FLY OUT OF THE GRINDER AND CAUSE INJURY OR DAMAGE TO A VEHICLE.

Have a great weekend.

Jody

September 6, 2010

The Recreation Committee announces that Oktoberfest will be held in the Restaurant and Wapiti Room on October 9th this year. There will be a sign-up sheet in the office. The special Oktoberfest dinner will be buffet-style. Watch for more details in the coming weeks.

Photo Contest Results were announced Saturday at noon in The Restaurant by CLRRA President Steve Smalley and Bryon Fessler, our Photo Contest organizer, who shares the following:

The 32nd Annual Crystal Lakes Photo Contest was a big success this year. We received 101 photos from 22 property owners. The prizes this year included gift certificates to The Restaurant for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the amount of \$50, \$30, and \$20 for each category; recognition on the Crystal Lakes website (all 101 photos) and in the November/December edition of the Wapiti Bugle (winning entries); and framed 8x10 prints posted in The Restaurant for everyone to admire (winning entries). The goals for this year were to have fun and revive an annual tradition for Crystal Lakes. We think we accomplished both goals; however, like any other "all volunteer" event, there is always room for improvement and we invite you to email the webmaster with your suggestions and comments for next year. Finally, it is never too early to start taking pictures for next year's photo contest! Here are the winning entries for this year (HM = Honorable Mention):

Nature & Landscapes Category

1st Place – Jeff Koska (River Near Panhandle Creek)
2nd Place – Carol Jackson (Paintbrush in the Mist)
3rd Place – Carol Jackson (Evening Reflections)
HM – Kathy Hacker (Feathers Blowing in the Wind)
HM – Kathleen McKinney (Sun is Good After a Rain)
HM – Yvonne Fox (Purple Fringe)

Seasons Category

1st Place – Laney Howard (Sun on a Spring Snowfall)
2nd Place – Carol Jackson (Cutthroat Splendor)
3rd Place – Jeff Burling (Frozen Crystal Lake)
HM – Bill Twinem (First Day of Summer)

Wildlife Category

1st Place – Kathy Simpson (King of Our Hill!)
2nd Place – Sherry Alexander (I See You)
3rd Place – Jeff Koska (Butterfly Rests on a Pine Tree)
HM – Harold Alexander (Lunch is Served)
HM – Harold Alexander (New to the World)
HM – Dennis Fox (Doe with Nursing Fawn)
HM – Kathleen McKinney (Can You See Me?)

Special thanks to Sharon Fessler for contributing the picture frames for the display in The Restaurant; and thanks to Ann Watson, Bill Popejoy and Bryon Fessler for serving as contest judges.

As the summer season draws to a close, please keep in mind that the Water & Sewer Association is limited by State directive to dumping a maximum of 2000 gallons of wastewater in the Association's digesters daily. The work orders for sewer hauls will be completed in a first come, first served order. Your patience is appreciated.

Dozens of owners took advantage of having the Slash Pile open over this holiday weekend to continue their efforts to clean their lots of slash and beetle killed trees. The slash pile area is again reaching full capacity. We hope to have the tub grinder back this week to continue working on chipping a portion of the slash. Your cooperation is requested if it becomes necessary to temporarily close the pile until the chipping can be accomplished, and the slash pile MUST be closed while the grinder operates.

The Fire Danger remains extremely high, even at Red Flag levels, as is evidenced by the wildland fire near Boulder. Conditions may well reach the point where a fire ban must be initiated in Crystal Lakes. If that occurs, I will send out a Special Notice, and signs will be posted in the mailsheds, at the office, on the bulletin board, etc.

Finally, a special thanks to Jeanette Williams and Bryon Fessler for their help this weekend. Each of them kindly and generously donated their time for two days to assist in the office. Their help was invaluable!

I'll keep you posted.
Jody

September 7, 2010

Due to extremely hazardous fire conditions, a Fire Ban is in effect in Crystal Lakes until further notice.

- No campfires. All fire permits are cancelled.
- No charcoal grills.
- No outdoor candles.
- No tiki torches.

- You may use propane grills at this time, since you can switch them off. The CLRRA Board and the CLVFD Fire Chief will re-evaluate conditions on a daily basis, or more frequently if conditions warrant. Notice will be given if the use of propane grills becomes too dangerous.

- If you see smoke please call 911 to notify the Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Dept.
- Thank you for your cooperation

I'll keep you posted.

Jody

September 26, 2010

Both Boards are exploring options following the closure of the existing slash pile because it filled to overflowing. The Water & Sewer Board is exploring opening an alternative slash pile site. On behalf of both Boards I am investigating another option, which was brought to our attention by property owner Harold Alexander, who shared an email he received from a neighbor Lala Jacoby that mentions the air curtain burner. The unit is also referred to as an air curtain destroyer or air curtain incinerator, and seems to offer possibilities in answering many of the slash disposal challenges we currently face. I sincerely thank both these property owners for sharing this positive solution.

After researching the air curtain burners, I placed calls to companies in Colorado which have the units for sale or lease; as well as leaving a message for the person in charge of permitting the ACDs at the Colorado Air Pollution Control Division. I also left a message with the Air Burner, LLC since that appears to be the unit photographed in Rocky Mountain National Park. I hope to be able to see a unit in operation and explore answers to a number of questions specific to our situation; but this option looks intriguing. Apparently there is little residue, ~97% volume reduction per the advertising, with ½ to 1 ton of material burned in an hour in the contained unit. This appears to greatly reduce the risks of the open burn we currently face, and looks to be operable year round.

I also hope to attend the next County Commissioner's meeting in Red Feather Lakes to ask what solutions the County has found. As additional information becomes available, I will let you know.

For those who are interested the following web sites have basic information:

www.airburnertechnology.com

www.slashburner.com

I'll keep you posted.

Jody

October 1, 2010

Winter hours will begin this month, running October through April, when the office is closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. It is open Thursday through Monday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Maintenance staff members check for voice messages on days the office is closed, for maintenance requests, such as water deliveries, sewer hauls, or snowplow requests. Other messages will be addressed when office staff members return to work on Thursdays.

You may have noticed the fire boot on the counter in the office. The CLVFD is collecting monies for the two fire departments which lost their fire stations during the 4-mile Canyon Fire: the 4-mile Fire Department and the Sunshine Fire Department. The CLVFD will forward all monies collected in the boot to the two departments this month. If you would like to make a contribution, you may drop it in the boot, or mail it in care of the CLVFD at 237 Blackfoot Road, Red Feather Lakes, CO 80545, noting that it is a contribution for the departments which lost their stations in the 4-mile Canyon fire. Those firefighters were out trying to save other property, and lost their stations to the fire during that time.

For those of you wondering, Larimer County Emergency Information provided an update on the Cow Creek Fire in Rocky Mountain National Park today. It has been burning since late June, and according to their report was started by lightning. The smoke has been very visible this last week. The Park plans to continue work to strengthen containment lines in the area, but will allow the burn to continue naturally since it started naturally. We can expect to see an increase of smoke beginning Tuesday afternoon. It is burning in a rugged and remote area of the park, about seven miles northwest of Estes Park. For more information you may contact the park's information office at 970-586-1206.

The 6th Filing water system will be shut down Monday, Oct. 4th. We have had unusually warm weather for September, but several nights the temperatures have dropped below freezing. We need to get the system shut down before temperatures get so low that valves begin freezing and cracking. It has been nice that the weather has been warm enough to allow us to keep the system up longer than normal. We do need moisture, tho.

I'll keep you posted.
Jody

October 3, 2010

Many of you already know, but just to confirm – some plans have changed since the Bugle was published, for Oktoberfest. According to the Recreation Committee and the Restaurant Staff:

The Restaurant will host a buffet dinner beginning at 5 p.m. on October 9, 2010, which will feature your choice of beef cabbage rolls, brats, or roasted chicken with potatoes and sides for \$9.95. If you wear your Photo ID badge, you will receive \$1.00 off your meal.

Pot Luck Desserts follow in the Wapiti Center, so bring your favorite harvest/ethnic dessert to share with everyone.

Come join the Recreation Committee, Restaurant staff and your neighbors for this fall celebration.

ALso on October 9th Crystal Lakes property owner, Dr. Charlie Calisher, will speak about his trip to the Galapagos Islands at the Red Feather Lakes Community Library from 1 to 2 p.m. His presentation, "A Natural History", will feature photos of the islands, geography and geology, and the biology, history, flora and fauna of this fascinating part of the globe. You are invited to attend.

I'll keep you posted.
Jody

October 17, 2010

The Road & Recreation Board decided to continue the Fire Ban in Crystal Lakes, based on the weather condition parameters as previously established. The Board will review the need for continuing the Fire Ban at their next regularly scheduled Board meeting, November 20, 2010. The Larimer County Fire Restrictions are in place and will continue through November 1, 2010, per the Board of County Commissioners. Please keep in mind that the Larimer County Fire Restrictions prohibit smoking in the open.

There was considerable discussion about the slash pile, the alternate slash pile, and means of disposing of the materials collected at the slash piles. Initial information about the air curtain burner possibilities was discussed at length. Doug & Tracy Hoff, CL property owners, will bring additional information to next month's meeting, with proposals for operating a burner and costs associated with various options. The Air Burners are expensive, running from \$73,000.00 for a used 2006 S-220 unit to \$110,000.00+ for new units. The Boards examined photos of the S-220 burner operated in Nederland, which also incorporates an ember screen; the screen costs ~\$20,000.00 additional. I will be contacting contractors listed with the Colorado State Forest Service who advertise that they burn piles, to seek their proposed fees to safely burn our slash piles, and/or their recommendations on the best methods for burning them.

Additionally, with regard to the alternate slash pile, please be aware that when that pile reaches capacity, it will be closed until we are able to dispose of the current collected slash. The alternate pile was about ¼ capacity on Friday. We will continue to push the material up and maintain the pile, as was done with the original piles, until the alternate pile has been filled.

According to an article published in the Coloradoan on September 27, 2010, Larimer County residents or their family members may sign up through the Larimer County website (www.larimer.org) or by dialing 211, to register residents who may be disabled or elderly and need assistance if there is an emergency requiring an evacuation of their property. Emergency crews may check that registry in the event of an evacuation to determine if there are residents who need help getting out of an area. Evacuations brought on by the Reservoir Road Fire raised this question, according to the article.

The Fishing Board reminds everyone to avoid wading in the streams. Some of the fish species are spawning, and their spawning beds should not be disturbed.

As we approach the holiday seasons, please allow plenty of time (at least two weeks) if you need your sewer pumped. Because of strict regulations, we are limited in the amount of wastewater we can discharge in the digesters daily. The maintenance staff performs sewer hauls on a first come – first served basis. As some folks found at the end of summer, there was a several-day delay before we were able to pump their vault or septic, because of the discharge limitation.

I'll keep you posted,
Jody

November 6, 2010

We are soaking up the sunshine in these last spectacular days of autumn. I know those winter winds will arrive shortly, but we'll have thoroughly enjoyed this special Crystal Lakes fall until then.

Remember that Daylight Savings ends tonight. Turn your clocks back an hour and enjoy that extra time tomorrow morning before getting started with the day!

If anyone is interested in obtaining a free antique piano, please call me at (970) 881-2250, or email me at crystal-lakes@crystal-lakes.org. You would need some friends to help load it on your vehicle and haul it. The price is right. First come, first served!

The Restaurant is featuring a new winter menu. They remain open for lunch and dinner on Fridays, Saturdays for breakfast, lunch and dinner, and Sundays for breakfast and lunch.

The alternate slash pile is filling up. The Board determined that when it is filled to capacity, it will be closed until the material can be disposed of. Take advantage of this opportunity to haul slash from your CL property to the pile while it is available.

On November 11th special recognition goes out to all veterans who have so faithfully served our country. We are indebted to each of you for your service. Thank you each and every one.

I'll keep you posted.
Jody

November 21, 2010

Roads are still icy in patches, and there is quite a bit of snow on the ground in many areas. Predictions for the Thanksgiving holiday vary from day to day and sometimes morning to afternoon – but it seems that snow flurries and a "chance of snow" are typically listed. Most recently the predictions are for little accumulation, but as we all know, we could easily end up shoveling and plowing a lot of "snow flurries"!

The Fire Ban was lifted by the CLRRA Board. Campfires are allowed in approved camp fire pits. Please phone the office during business hours to notify us if you plan on having a campfire. The winds have been most capricious this last month, so be extra careful not to have a campfire if it's windy.

The Restaurant will be open for regular hours next weekend: Friday for lunch and dinner, Saturday all day, and Sunday breakfast and lunch. The Christmas Party is scheduled for December 11th, beginning at 4 p.m. The Recreation Committee will provide the entrée and table service (plates, forks, etc.); attendees bring potluck side dishes or dessert. The Restaurant will be open for alcohol beverages; and Santa has confirmed that the CL Party is on his list of events to attend. There is a sign-up sheet in the office; please do sign up so the Rec. Committee knows how many folks to plan for.

The Restaurant will be closed Christmas weekend; but will be open New Year's Eve, New Year's Day all day, and January 2nd for breakfast and lunch. They have fewer staff for the winter, and will gratefully accept volunteers, if anyone is interested in helping. Call Carrie to schedule a day and time to help – (970) 881-2106. There is a great crew on staff at the Restaurant, and volunteers will receive a free meal during their "shift". It's a super way to meet other CL neighbors, and make a valuable contribution to Crystal Lakes at the same time.

Remember the office is closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. There are no Association staff members on premises on those days. If you have an emergency, call 911.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, and as a cherished great grandmother used to say, "Eat slow, and eat lots." Thankfully.

I'll keep you posted.
Jody

December 5, 2010

Santa needs your help. As he was preparing for his many obligations this December, Santa's helpers here at Crystal Lakes discovered that his accessories are missing. Santa left them in a bag at the office last December after the Christmas Party. They were to be picked up by his elves to be cleaned, polished and readied for this year's big event. Does anyone remember picking up the bag (or box)? Please call the CLA office (970) 881-2250, if you know where Santa's elves can find those accessories. Thanks so much for your help. I'm sure Santa will share an extra "Ho, Ho, Ho" with the hero who helps his elves! (Those elves are very worried because they don't want to disappoint Santa or the young and young at heart children at the party.)

See you at the Christmas Party next Saturday!

I'll keep you posted.

Jody

December 19, 2010

The Boards continue to explore a variety of options to dispose of the slash piles. Burning one of the piles at a time remains an option, provided several weather and staffing requisites are met after agreements are signed between the CLVFD and the Association(s). An additional option of kiln burning has developed, and may be very viable. The Boards hope for definitive answers by their January meetings on the 15th.

Reserve Studies have been performed for each Association. Those studies will soon appear on our web site. By law Home Owners' Associations, such as Road & Recreation and Water & Sewer, are now required to complete reserve studies every three years. The Associations contracted with Association Reserves of Colorado, LLC, for the completion of a reserve study for each association. Each Board will be addressing the needs identified in their individual association study, and will be formulating a reserve study policy in the near future.

Crystal Lakes' maintenance staff plan on performing repairs to the plumbing system in the laundry beginning January 3rd. The Laundromat will be closed for several days during that maintenance and repair work. We apologize for any inconvenience; your cooperation is appreciated.

The Associations' office will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. No staff will be on the premises on those two days. If you have an emergency, please dial 911. The office will re-open December 26th and January 2nd.

Thanks so much to the many folks who have gifted the staff with delicious goodies over the holidays. There are amazingly good cooks and bakers in Crystal Lakes. We have all enjoyed each tasty treat. On behalf of the CLA office and maintenance employees, have a Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year.

I'll keep you posted.
Jody

December 30, 2010

The National Weather Service forecast for "5 Miles NW of Red Feather Lakes, CO" predicts 100% chance of snow today, 90% chance of snow tonight, and 60% chance of snow tomorrow. We currently to have light snow falling, with about an inch of new accumulation here at Basecamp. Predictions are for 3 to 7 inches today, and 3 to 5 inches tonight. Of more concern is the prediction for falling temperatures tonight and through the next few days. With winds ranging from 9 mph to gusts of 39 mph, and temperatures ranging from -9 to -11 degrees, the wind chill factor may drop to -38 degrees by tomorrow night. New Year's Day predictions list sunny and cold conditions, with "breezy" winds 21 to 25 mph, gusting to 40 mph. Be prepared for winter driving conditions, and take all precautions to avoid exposure to the bitter cold.

Our roads are currently plowed, icy and snow packed. County Road 73C is likewise icy and snow packed; chains or adequate snow tires are recommended. County Road 74E, the paved road, had light snow visible earlier this morning, but no accumulation. That, of course, may change as this storm progresses. Drifting will occur as the winds impact the falling snow.

The ACC will not be meeting this Saturday, New Year's Day. That meeting has been rescheduled for January 8, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. here in the Wapiti Center.

Stay safe and warm. Happy New Year from the CLA staff.
I'll keep you posted.

Jody

January 10, 2011

Weather forecasts are for more extremely cold weather for the next few days. We currently have a light breeze, after receiving approximately 4 to 6 inches of snow yesterday. This morning temperatures ranged from -3 to -12 degrees, but currently things have warmed slightly. Wind chill values may drive the below zero temperatures overnight as low as -30 degrees or lower. If you must be outdoors, please take precautions to wear plenty of warm clothing and keep your face, hands and feet protected and warm.

There will be a special Joint Boards meeting Friday evening, January 14, 2011, with the Crystal Lakes Fire Protection District Board invited to attend as well. The meeting agenda is posted for discussion of the slash piles. This meeting is open to the membership, and will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Wapiti Center.

There are two programs scheduled for this week at the Red Feather Lakes library, which might be of interest to you. On Thursday, January 13th at 2:00 p.m. a workshop to "Maintain Your Brain" will be presented by Emmalie Conner & The Alzheimer's Association of Colorado. On Saturday, January 15th at 2:00 p.m. the Larimer County Search and Rescue will present "Winter Safety and Survival". The RF Library is located at 71 Firehouse Lane in Red Feather Lakes. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Board will hold their regular monthly meetings Saturday, January 15th. All members are welcome. The Water & Sewer Board meets at 8:00 a.m., the Joint Boards meet at 10:00 a.m. and the Road & Recreation Board meets at 1:00 p.m. – all here in the Wapiti Center.

I'll keep you posted.

Jody

January 16, 2011

The Joint Boards, at yesterday's meeting, have tentatively scheduled another Special Joint Boards meeting for Saturday, January 22, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. to continue discussions regarding disposal of the slash piles. They hope to have additional documents by then to assist them as they proceed in finding solutions to safe and economic disposal. Please keep in mind that burning slash piles is limited by both Larimer County and the State of Colorado, so slash pile burning is not something that can be performed year round.

Safely disposing of the pile in the past has always included acquisition of the appropriate permits, and meeting the requisite depth of snow on the ground and additional weather condition considerations. In the last few years, the State permit was for burning a slash pile of up to 120,000 cubic feet. This year the original pile, as permitted, was measured by the State at 225,000 cubic feet; the alternate pile is over 200,000 cubic feet, although it is not as densely compacted. If anyone has questions about the slash piles, the staff is available to answer your questions during office hours. Disposal plans are the decision of the Boards.

US Senator Mark Udall has forwarded information to the Larimer County Commissioners regarding office hours he will be holding in Fort Collins at the City of Fort Collins Office Building, 215 N. Mason Street, Room 1B on January 18, 2011 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The notice states that if you are unable to attend, you may contact the closest regional office by calling 970-356-5586.

I'll keep you posted,
Jody

January 23, 2011

*Slash Piles Disposal Details:

Both Associations signed a contract this week with Colorado Biochar, a company which will place ten kilns, to begin, at the slash piles starting on March 1st. These kilns act like small incinerators, converting the slash into a biochar product rather than into ash.

Each kiln is 8 foot in diameter, and will process 2.5 cords of material at a time; each burn lasting approximately 10 hours. Colorado Biochar will be loading, burning and monitoring each burn. After the biochar has cooled, the contractor will remove the material for further processing to be used in a fertilizer, literally making this a very "green" project. As the project gets underway we may find that it's possible to increase the number of kilns in operation. The kilns may be operated throughout the year, so the processing can continue during the summer when state and county regulations do not allow us to hold controlled burns to dispose of slash piles.

It is the sincere hope of both Associations that this process will provide the Crystal Lakes members with a solution for both disposal of the current slash piles, and long-term disposal of slash as individuals continue to remove the beetle infested and killed timber from their properties. An additional benefit is that as the material is processed continually, the chance of beetles flying from the slash hauled to the site is greatly limited, since it can be burned in a timely manner.

The owner of Colorado Biochar will be setting up a demonstration kiln at the slash piles soon for members to see one in operation. I will let you know as I receive more information on the planned demonstration date.

There is no cash outlay by either Association for manpower or machines for this processing and removal of the slash material as it is converted into biochar.

The Associations will continue to explore other options for disposal of the slash piles on the chance that alternative solutions are needed.

The Greenbelt Management Committee will be hosting a Front Range Roundtable discussion next Saturday, January 29, 2011, from 1-4 p.m. in the Wapiti Center.

The next New Owners' Orientation is scheduled for February 12th at 1:00 p.m. in the Wapiti Center. Everyone is welcome.

I'll keep you posted.

Jody

February 7, 2011

Winter weather has stepped up the pace a bit here on the mountain. Predictions varied for snowfall this weekend, from ½ inch to 3 inches. Instead we received 10 to 12 inches. The guys have been plowing steadily and have opened roads on the plow route more than once. Unfortunately, the one prediction that was accurate for today is that we would have winds picking up; and they are – ranging from 20 to 30 mph, gusting to 50+ tonight. Temperatures are supposed to drop again today and tomorrow – so if that groundhog found an early spring arriving somewhere, it certainly wasn't at Crystal Lakes. If you or your guests plan on coming up to Crystal, be sure you and/or they are prepared for winter driving conditions. There were a number of folks in two-wheel drive cars trying to cope with the snow, the icy roads and mountain driving over the weekend.

The Fishing Board will have four positions open for election this year. Three incumbents plan on running for re-election, and there is another opening that was not filled last year. The Fishing Board is very active, and does a great deal of hands-on "Work". So they are looking for Board members who are willing to work side by side with them. The CL Fishing Board is not simply an administrative group. Among other tasks they stock fish, take census, and patrol to make sure those enjoying the "best fishing on the mountain" are not trespassing and/or stealing fish from you, the members. The entire membership benefits from the efforts of these dedicated volunteers. Consider if you would like to serve with this active group; and if so, please submit your resume before close of business February 28, 2011. The Fishing Board election is conducted by written ballot with the Road & Recreation written ballot and election. Candidate resumes will be published with that ballot information.

Remember, New Owners' Orientation (NOO) is scheduled for this coming Saturday at 1:00 p.m. in the Wapiti Center. Come join us, meet several of our committee volunteers, find out more about Crystal Lakes and the many opportunities open to you.

The bear may be snug in their winter habitat right now, but they will awaken hungry later in the spring; find out how to best discourage them from using your property as a lunch box. Our Bear Aware Team has been nationally recognized for their achievements.

Did you want to be a Firefighter when you were young? Learn about the CL Volunteer Fire Department; consider joining this vital group of volunteers: they have a team of "First Responders" for medical aid, the Supporting Firefighters lead in emergency responders and ambulances from other districts, serve as traffic control personnel and truck operators, or perhaps you would be willing to serve as a Firefighter, to be trained to fight both wildland fires and structure fires as well as serve in numerous other situations where the firefighter's knowledge and capability serves the community. There are training attendance requirements, so plan on coming to NOO and getting details.

Find out about the variety of ways our Greenbelt Management Committee is working to care for the greenbelts within Crystal Lakes as well as assist owners with forest management, fire mitigation, pine beetle infestation, etc. What is a Beetle Buster? Come find out.

Have questions about fishing? Come to NOO and get your questions answered.

Do you have questions about building that cabin you've dreamed of for so long? Come to NOO for answers.

Want to know what the "Augmentation Plan" is, or when the next recreation party will be, or simply where to dump your household trash? Come to NOO and get your questions answered. Are we a Firewise Community and what does that mean? Come to NOO and find out.

Kids are welcome; the Bear Aware Team usually has something for them to color, and youngsters of all ages learn about the wildlife in Crystal Lakes.

See you Saturday.

I'll keep you posted.

Jody

March 6, 2011

It's snowing – but only lightly right now. Some predictions are for quite a storm to hit us tomorrow evening into Tuesday. Be prepared for winter driving conditions if you are headed up or down the mountain!

Colorado Biochar began their kiln operation at the slash piles on Friday. One kiln was filled and ignited at 6 a.m. Friday morning. It operated throughout the day and the process finished after 10 hours, when oxygen was cut off to the kiln interior so the material could cool. The units are hot while operating, so please do not touch the surface of any of the kilns. Some may be burning; some may be in the cooling phase. Additional kilns will be delivered over the next several days. As room opens up by the piles, even more kilns may be installed to increase the rate of slash disposal and biochar production. The original slash pile was closed last summer, and the alternate pile is now closed as well, as the kiln operation gets underway. Please do not bring slash to the slash piles at this time.

The Laundromat will be closed for additional plumbing repairs tomorrow, Monday, March 7, 2011, provided the weather allows. If we have snow to a depth that the plows must be out, the Laundromat will remain open – since our maintenance personnel will be plowing instead of plumbing. Call the office if you have questions about the closure.

We received notice that Carolyn Huskey passed away in January. James and Carolyn have been long-time Crystal Lakes' property owners in Filing 8. Our sincere sympathies are offered to James, their family and friends.

I'll keep you posted.
Jody

March 14, 2011

Looks like we've begun to turn the corner as far as the accumulated snow. We are definitely moving into "Mud Season". There's still plenty of drifted snow, berms along the roads and in the ditches, and slick spots galore in the shady areas. BUT, there's also exposed ground at Basecamp parking – in the form of Mud, of course.

The [Beetle Busters](#) have worked hard on a new section of the Crystal Lakes web page that is worth taking some time to explore. There's lots on information, great photos of the infamous Mountain Pine Beetle and several of its "cousins", and sad pictures of their impact on the forest. Still, with the willing efforts of these Beetle Buster volunteers, each property owner can take advantage of their offer to examine your lot and learn about treatment options if infested trees are discovered. You should be able to access this section no later than tomorrow on the Crystal Lakes web site, www.crystal-lakes.org, click on the Greenbelt Management button and then select the [Beetle Busters](#) button to open this entire new section. A special thanks to Tom Finley, Beetle Buster lead, and Bryon and Sharon Fessler, the webmasters, for all their work at getting this new section of the web in place for you to use.

Several kilns are in operation at the slash pile, and more units have yet to be set up. Hats off to Steve Smalley, RR Board President, and the CLRRA Board for supporting this proposal early on. The Association members benefit by having the slash piles disposed of and at no cost to them, and the contractor has material to convert into a fertilizer enhancement that returns vital elements to nature. Don't you just love it when there is a Real "Win-Win-Win" situation? We hope to put some photos on the web page by this weekend, showing the kilns in operation, so you can all see them yourselves.

I'll keep you posted.
Jody

March 21, 2011

The Crystal Lakes Road & Recreation Association (CLRRA) Board of Directors has asked that the following be sent to the Crystal Lakes Group Email participants:

The ballots for the FY 2011-12 CLRRA vote are now in the mail and you should receive yours in the next few days. Since the number of resumes submitted for the three open CLRRA Board positions equaled the number of openings, there will be no election.

The one remaining issue is the request for an increase of \$75 in the annual dues. The increase was recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board after careful consideration. This is the first dues increase request in ten years, and is necessary to maintain the level of services that property owners expect and deserve. Crystal Lakes continues to evolve and grow. Almost half the lots now have houses on them. This results in more people at Crystal Lakes for longer periods, and increased demand for services in the office, for road maintenance and facilities maintenance.

At the request of the Finance Committee, the increase will be split into two portions. The amount of \$50 will be added to the general fund. Specific priorities for this funding are:

- 1) repair and upgrade the restrooms and showers at Basecamp. The plumbing is at the failing point, and a pipe rupture could result in them being closed for an extended period.
- 2) Replacement of the carpet in the Basecamp meeting room and the restaurant. This carpet is old, worn and torn and in some places constitutes a tripping hazard.
- 3) The addition of another person in the office for the summer. With the increased demand for fishing permits, fire permits and general assistance the existing staff cannot maintain the desired level of service on the seven day summer schedule. An additional part time person will help fill that gap.

The remaining \$25 will be maintained in a separate reserve fund to be used only for the scheduled replacement of major capital items, such as vehicles, graders, and Basecamp major replacements. This fund was required by the reserve study performed for both associations to ensure fiscal soundness. To ensure that the money is properly allocated it will take a vote of the Board for any expenditure from the fund.

The Board urges your approval of this modest increase to ensure that Crystal Lakes keeps up with our growth and maintains its status as the place we all enjoy being.

PLEASE VOTE. In order for each ballot to be valid and counted, you must insert your ballot in the return envelope provided and complete the certification affidavit on the outside of the envelope, one ballot per lot owned. Please be sure your ballot reaches the CLRRA office prior to close of business on April 21, 2011.

THANK YOU FOR VOTING.

Thursday, March 24, 2011

Special Notice regarding Fire Danger in Larimer County

The office received the following notice from Larimer County Emergency Services today:

"Due to unseasonably warm, windy weather and dry conditions, the Larimer County Sheriff's Office requests that residents exercise extreme caution with any potential source of ignition. Sources of ignitions that should be avoided include campfires, slash pile burns, cigarette butts, heat transfer from exhaust systems in grassy areas and any other heat source that could potentially start a fire. In addition to the dry conditions, a high wind warning is also in effect for this afternoon creating a dangerous combination for fires. We are also in a time of year where vegetation has yet to "green up" further increasing the fire risk. While we are not imposing a firing ban, we are requesting your assistance and vigilance. Please be careful and assist us to protect our county and its residents from fire danger."

I'll keep you posted.

Jody

March 31, 2011

Reminders:

There are still openings available if you would like to sign up to attend the Beetle Buster Workshop, to be held Saturday, April 2, 2011, at the Wapiti Center. The workshop includes a morning classroom lecture, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and a field training class on site in the afternoon. Lunch will be on your own.

Planners for the event encourage you to pre-register if at all possible by contacting the Crystal Lakes Beetle Busters with your name, contact phone number and email address to clbeetlebusters@gmail.com. Beetle Busters would appreciate a \$10/person donation at the door to help offset expenses. For more information about Beetle Busters and the many skills you will learn at the workshop, check out the Beetle Buster's section of the Crystal Lakes' web site at www.crystal-lakes.org, click on the Greenbelt Management page and then select the Beetle Buster's informational pages.

Additionally, Larimer County has issued a Red Flag warning today for our area. Fire danger is extremely high, with winds 20-35 mph, gusting to 50+ mph and very low humidity.

I'll keep you posted.

Jody

April 3, 2011

Although our fire danger, even with the snowfall today, remains at "Very High", our thoughts go out to the folks at Crystal Mountain who are dealing with a major wildland fire. The winds have been extremely vicious the last few days, reported as high as 90 mph in Red Feather according to one of the television stations. All Crystal Lakes property owners need to remain vigilant with regard to any fire ignition source, including cigarettes, matches, sparks from equipment or saws, campfires, etc.

Special thanks go out to the volunteers who helped with the Road & Recreation ballot mailing a couple weeks ago: Debra Adams, Margaret Hutchinson, Sharon Cooper, Doug & Shirla Race, Sue and Jon Gessert, Helen Norton, Harold Alexander and Helen Koller. Preparation of the envelopes for mailing took this volunteer group one morning, and they had the trays ready for pick up by the USPS mail route person. Thanks to each and every volunteer for their willingness to help with the project.

The office has received copies of the email notice that is being promoted by Senator Mark Udall asking for folks to add their name to his petition website, which urges the USFS to address the bark-beetle epidemic. You may reach the website and fill out the petition by contacting Senator Udall at <http://markudall.senate.gov/forest>.

Remember, the Slash Pile is currently closed. There are now nine kilns on site, and more have been ordered according to Colorado Biochar, LLC. Please avoid the area until further notice, as it is a worksite with logs, debris, kilns and heavy equipment in operation. Your safety and the safety of the kiln operators is important, so please refrain from accessing the site.

Remember the 9th Filing/USFS Boundary discussion with Senator Udall, Senator Bennet and Congressman Gardner, scheduled for April 12th from 3-5 p.m. at the Foothills Gateway Courtside Conference Room, 301 Skyway Drive, Fort Collins. Make your reservation by noon Monday, April 11th by calling James Thompson at Senator Bennet's office at 970-224-2200.

Be sure to cast your vote on the Road & Recreation ballot issue. Your ballot must be received in the CLA office by close of business (4 p.m.) April 21, 2011, for your vote to be counted.

The office and Restaurant will be closed on Sunday, April 24, 2011, for the Easter holiday. No staff will be on the premises on April 24th. If you have an emergency, call 911.

I'll keep you posted.
Jody

Saturday, April 09, 2011

Special Notices

Item 1.

9th Filing Boundary Meeting Postponed:

The office received a notice from Senator Mark Udall's office, sent out yesterday evening as follows:

"Ladies and Gentlemen,

I regret to inform you that based on the fact that the government shutdown is looming at midnight and the fact that the Forest Service has been caught up in numerous wildfires in this region, we will have to postpone our meeting scheduled for the April 12th. Our office will be making phone calls to you on Monday. We are hoping that the situation has stabilized by then.

Thank you for your patience.

Pam Shaddock, Regional Director
Northeast Office
U.S. Senator Mark Udall"

Item 2.

Hopefully you have noticed the fire danger signs if you arrive at Crystal Lakes, but as additional information I wanted to be sure you were aware that Larimer County has posted Fire Restrictions within the county until May 5th. Fire Restrictions prohibit smoking outdoors and prohibit open campfires. Campfires are allowed in permanent masonry or steel campfire sites (which includes the campfire pits approved by the CLRRA.) You would still need a permit to have a campfire in Crystal Lakes, as usual. If Red Flag notices are posted by the County, no open burning is allowed.

Item 3.

A small white dog is waiting in my office for his humans to come claim him. He scooted out of the willows near the airstrip this morning and greeted me on North Ottawa. He is a very friendly adult male terrier, mostly white with brown and black markings. He is hoping his family comes to take him home soon. Call the office at 881-2250 or come see if this little guy is your family member.

I'll keep you posted.

Jody

Update

April 11, 2011

Additional information about the funeral service for Don Weixelman: The office has been informed that his service will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 127 N. Howes, in Fort Collins at 10:00 a.m. Thursday morning.

Jody

April 11, 2011

Sad news today. The office received word that Don Weixelman, Crystal Lakes Developer and the owner/operator of Beaver Meadows Resort Ranch, passed away last night. Our sincere condolences to his wife Diane and the Weixelman family. As more information becomes available, I will share that with you.

Jody

April 18, 2011

Reminder: Get your ballot back to the office so that your vote will be counted. The ballots must be received by close of business (4:00 p.m.) on Thursday, April 21, 2011. Ballots will be counted by the panel of judges on Saturday, April 23, 2011. Notification of results will be posted on the "Official" bulletin board in the office entryway as well as by group email, on the web and in the newsletter.

I'll keep you posted.

Jody

Road & Recreation Ballot Results

On behalf of the CLRRA Board of Directors, Steve Smalley extends sincere thanks to each and every property owner who voted their preference in response to the dues increase ballot proposal.

Total Number of Ballots Returned: 1108

Total Number of Invalid Ballots: 23

Total Number of Ballots Returned Late: 2

Total Number of Valid Ballots Returned: 1085

Yes: 455

No: 630

The Dues Increase Proposal failed.

I'll keep you posted.

Jody

April 25, 2011

URGENT – YOUR RESPONSE NEEDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Numerous owners have inquired about a site to take slash since the site at Upper Lone Pine Lake on Tiny Bob Road has been closed for biochar processing. The Boards have closed the slash pile/kiln worksite because it can be hazardous during processing operations with personnel loading, unloading and monitoring the kilns being fired on a given day, heavy equipment moving slash & logs, and the biochar grinding and packaging operation. There is also a real possibility that the property where this slash pile is located may change ownership in the not too distant future.

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Jody

April 28, 2011

Correction to Monday's Crystal Lakes Group Email

There was a typographical error in the email I sent out Monday afternoon. Under Site 1), it should read Tract J, Filing 11. The description of the location is accurate. My apologies to the CLRRRA Board and CL members for any inconvenience or confusion this error caused.

Sincerely,
Jody

April 25, 2011

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Jody

May 6, 2011

More sad news to share with the membership. We have received word that Crystal Lakes property owner John Lang passed away Sunday, May 1st in Longmont, CO. John and his family have been building a home in Crystal Lakes, and he was serving the community as one of the Assistant Chiefs on the CL Volunteer Fire Department. Funeral services for John will be held at 4 p.m. tomorrow in Longmont at Howe Mortuary, 439 Coffman St. The family has asked that contributions be donated to the CLVFD in lieu of flowers. Copies of John's obituary are available at the office.

Peak 2 Peak Forestry Services will begin mitigation efforts to remove many of the dead and MPB infested brood trees around Basecamp, as contracted by the Greenbelt Management Committee. Much of the work is weather dependent, but plans are for the company to move equipment into the area tomorrow, Saturday, May 7. Wapiti Drive between the mail shed and the shop may be closed for felling and tree removal at various times over the next few weeks. Blackfoot Road will serve as your alternate route to reach the Fire Station, shop and trash compactor if Wapiti Drive is closed.

Maintenance has been performed today on the trash compactor's electronic operational parts. Those CL owners who have held compactor keys will find that the old keys no longer function. New keys have been provided by the company, but we must have copies made for those who would still like to help with the compacting operation. Stop by the office next week to pick up a new key. **DO NOT TRY TO FORCE YOUR OLD KEY; IT WILL NOT WORK.**

CLVFD volunteers will be accepting items for the annual rummage sale on the following Saturdays in May: the 7th, 14th, and 21st, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fire Station. The Rummage Sale will be held on May 29th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. If you have questions, contact Kate Kelly at 881-2049 or Jeanette Williams at 881-3612.

Mass at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church will be held at 5:00 p.m. on May 28th (Memorial Day Weekend) and continue every Saturday at 5:00 p.m. through September 4th.

Thanks to everyone who took the time to share your thoughts about the CLRRA Board proposals for new slash sites. The Board members have received a copy of each and every comment; and they are all being evaluated.

New Owner's Orientation will be held Saturday, May 14th at 1:00 p.m. here in the Wapiti Center. Everyone is welcome.

I'll keep you posted.
Jody

May 6, 2011

The Restaurant is pleading for help for either the front of the house or in the kitchen tomorrow evening (4 p.m. to close of business). Many regular helpers will be attending John Lang's funeral, and Carrie is hoping there are others who will step up to help. If you can assist her, please phone her cell number at (970) 631-1214.

Thanks,
Jody

Special Notice May 9, 2011

The Crystal Lakes Road & Recreation Association Board of Directors determined today that no slash piles will be opened or kilns operated on any of the greenbelts which are owned by the CLRRA membership. Although the CLRRA Board has the authority to authorize use of the greenbelt tracts and parks for that purpose and other purposes, the Directors have carefully evaluated the concerns voiced by many members and found that it is in the best interest of the CLRR Association to give the responsibility of finding means for appropriate disposal of slash to each individual property owner. The Board does reserve the right to designate greenbelt uses for the benefit of the membership in the future. The Directors extend the Board's sincere appreciation to all the members who shared their suggestions, thoughts and concerns. The majority of those members who responded to the "Urgent Request" last week indicated that although they wanted a slash pile, they did not want that pile located where they would see it or be impacted by the smoke if the pile were burned or kilns were operated on site.

The current slash pile on Tiny Bob Road is full and remains closed. To further clarify for those who suggested that the slash pile remain where it is currently located, as stated in last week's message and repeated here, that property may change hands in the future and the site would not be available for use. For those who have suggested that a portion of the air strip be utilized, the air strip property is privately owned. No part of that property is available to the CLRRA Board to use as a slash pile.

The CLRRA Board will continue to support exploration of a slash pile site outside the boundaries of the Crystal Lakes Road & Recreation Association subdivision.

IN ADDITION:

Be reminded that the rescheduled meeting with the US Senators Udall and Bennet and Congressman Cory Gardner will be held tomorrow afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Foothills Gateway, Courtside Conference Room, 301 Skyway Drive, Fort Collins. Please attend if you can to support your 9th Filing neighbors as they deliberate the 9th Filing boundary issue with the USFS.

On behalf of the CLRRA Board of Directors,

Jody

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More from the CLRRA Board:

The Greenbelt Management Committee project scheduled for the Basecamp area will proceed as contracted beginning this week. Please be very cautious around Basecamp

since the contractor will be felling dead and dying beetle infested trees, moving them to Tract J to be delimbed and processed. The logs will be hauled out by the loggers, and all slash from the project will be cleared from Tract J and hauled away.

Jody

May 12, 1011

The sun is trying to peek through the clouds after 36+ hours of light to heavy snow. We may have up to 4 inches of snow on some of the more protected roadways, some occasional drifts and plenty of mud in front of the office. The roads are slick. We probably received 8 to 10 inches of wet snow from this storm, but it has compressed and melted through yesterday and today. It's now over 45 degrees at the office.

A special thanks is extended to the six volunteers who labeled and affixed stamps to the Road & Rec. Annual Meeting Notice last Friday for mailing. They were so efficient they completed the task in record time, and the notices went out in that day's mail. Thanks to Jerry Valko, Myra Silveira and Lynn Mitchell, Kate Kelly, and David & Rae Smith for helping with the mailing project.

The deadline to sign up and pay for MPB preventative spraying of selected trees spraying program through the Association office is May 15, 2011. After that date owners will need to individually make arrangements with the contractor of their choice.

I'll keep you posted,
Jody

Dear Fellow Property Owners:

As most of you know, the Board and Committees of CLRRRA have been working a long time to find a solution to the slash pile issue, and the problem of burning large amounts of slash due to the beetle issue. We continue to look at all options to provide assistance to property owners on slash disposal, and want to continue to support the cleanup effort of beetle kill trees. We have heard from many property owners that they would oppose the use of greenbelts for slash burning. We understand those concerns and are looking at all options. One issue concerning some property owners dealt with the rules against commercial activity in the greenbelts. The board has worked with its attorney throughout this process, and on this issue the Crystal Lakes Road & Recreation Association (CLRRRA) Board of Directors requested an opinion from the Association's attorney, Robert Brandes, regarding the use of the Association-owned greenbelts. The Board, upon receipt of their attorney's opinion, has lifted the confidentiality stipulation on a portion of the response which deals specifically with the Board's authority to conduct certain activities on the greenbelts. The following is quoted directly from Mr. Brandes' letter, which we wanted to share with the membership:

"Dear Directors:

You have asked our opinion as to whether the Association would violate Sections 5.1 or 5.2 of the Declaration of Unified Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Crystal Lakes Subdivision, by hauling slash and processing or burning it on a common area.

You have advised me that because of the pine beetle infestation, there is much more dead wood to be de-limbed and slash to be hauled away and disposed of than in normal years. The Board has considered several alternatives to disposing of the slash. Historically, slash has been burned on common areas, but because of the extreme quantity, there is more danger this year of fire spreading than in most past years.

The Board has considered burning slash to produce biochar or more fully burning slash in an air curtain burner, but the air burner process is too expensive. An outside company, Colorado Biochar LLC, would provide kilns to burn the slash to biochar and no fee would be paid to Colorado Biochar LLC, but it would have the right to the residue.

So the question is whether the Association, in performing its maintenance and management functions for the benefit of Crystal Lakes Subdivision by burning slash on common areas of greenbelts, is engaging in prohibited commercial use by such action, if it is not profiting from this service.

My opinion is that the Association is not engaging in prohibited commercial use as contemplated by Section 5.1 or 5.2 of the Unified Covenants by collecting and disposing of slash because the Association is performing a service for the safety of the community and is not engaged in a business enterprise. That is true even if the Association charges assessments or fees to the membership to cover the costs of this service, so long as the Association is not attempting to profit by such charges. In the case of hiring a commercial contractor, such as Colorado Biochar LLC, to bring kilns onto the common areas to burn the slash and to keep the residue, this still

does not qualify as the operation of a commercial business since it does not profit the Association and is incidental to the performance by the Association of its duties to the property owners in Crystal Lakes."

The entire document was signed:

Very truly yours,

MYATT BRANDES & GAST PC

By: Robert W. Brandes, Jr.

The Board continues to look at options, as having kilns in the greenbelts and close to homes does not seem to be the answer. The current site is at full capacity, and the ownership of the property may change, causing us to lose the use of this site. We have some hopes that a deal might be worked out to continue using the current site, but even if we could retain that site, it will take most of the summer to finish burning the current slash before it can reopen. We have the sort yard on 73C, however that is only open until July 2 and only on Saturday mornings. The Greenbelt Committee will be appointing a subcommittee to work on the slash disposal issue. We keep going back to what's called an air curtain burner, which can burn large amounts of slash in a short period of time without smoke, but this comes back to the problem of where would we put it. Also, we would need to find funding to purchase and the labor to run an air curtain burner. If you are interested on serving on the slash disposal committee, please contact the office. The Board welcomes all comments and suggestions toward a positive solution.

Steve Smalley, President

on behalf of the Crystal Lakes

Road & Recreation Association Board of Directors

A Wintry White View in May!
May 19, 2011

Winter isn't finished with us, but we appreciate the moisture. Not much else we can do, complaining serves no purpose weather-wise. We've gotten 8 to 10 inches of snowfall and its snowing again now.

WARNING!

Property owners have lost one of their pets to a mountain lion, and other folks have seen a lion around their property. One fisherman reported seeing the lion while he was fishing. We have several species of what can be considered dangerous animals in Crystal Lakes; the moose cows can be vicious if they feel their calves are threatened. Also some of the other animals on the "dangerous list" are the mountain lions, the bob cats, and the coyotes. And, the carnivores are looking for easy meals, so everyone must be extremely careful with regard to pets and small persons. Use all the safety features described in the "Living with Wildlife" brochures found on Larimer County's website to keep your family and your pets safe. I don't want to alarm you, but please use caution and do not let your pets or children outside without being right there with them.

The Larimer County Board of County Commissioners provided a News Release regarding the Sort Yard on County Road 73C. The sort yard will only accept logs, those which are 8 ft. 4 in. or longer are preferred. Shorter logs will be accepted. Please cut branches flush with the logs before hauling to the sort yard. It will be open Saturdays now through July 2nd, when it will close. It will reopen Saturday, Sept. 17 and close for the season October 8th. Again, it is only open Saturdays, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. They will NOT accept scorched wood from recent fires, NO stumps or rotting logs, and NO slash. If you have questions, contact Dave Lentz, Larimer County Forester, at 498-5765 or at dlentz@larimer.org.

Because some of her regular helpers are taking early vacations, and summer help has yet to arrive, Carrie is hoping you may be interested in volunteering at the Restaurant for a "shift" this weekend. Give her a call tomorrow if you can help. 970-881-2106.

I'll keep you posted.

Jody

May 23, 2011

2:58 p.m.

Field workers have Delaware open, but you are warned to be cautious. Stay to the "left" going up and to the "right" coming down where you see the excavated repairs.

I'll keep you posted.

Jody

May 23, 2011

Our maintenance crew is working to repair two roads that have developed problems in the last few days. A "bog" opened just beyond the intersection on Delaware Court off Lone Pine Lake Drive. The Court is closed to traffic while material is hauled to the site to fill the sink hole. Owners living on Delaware Court, Santa Clara Court and Teton Court were notified that the road is temporarily closed.

Road material over one of the large culverts crossing N/S Ottawa at the far west edge of the subdivision has washed out. That section of road has been flagged and remains open for the time being, but will be closed when repairs are made. Road signs will be posted to let you know when the road is closed. There is currently one single narrow lane open for traffic. Please use caution if you must travel that portion of Ottawa Way across Panhandle Creek.

Wapiti Drive is closed to through traffic while trees are removed in the campground area today. You can still access the mailsheds from the office, but can not travel through to the trash compactor from Wapiti Drive. Travel on Tami Road to Blackfoot Road and up to the compactor or for water hauls.

The Restaurant is looking for anyone who might be willing to donate or rent an RV or trailer for the summer. We have potential Restaurant workers who need housing. Please let me know via email at crystal-lakes@crystal-lakes.org or by phoning the office at 970-881-2250 if you might have a housing unit to donate or to rent.

Memorial Day Weekend Event Reminders:

Saturday, May 28, 2011

- Flag Raising at the flagpoles at 9:00 a.m.
- Registration for WS Annual Meeting at the WS Building at 11:30 a.m.
- Water & Sewer Association Annual Meeting at the WS Building at 1:00 p.m. CLWSA Board elections will be held at this meeting. Come vote.
- W&S hosts Annual Wine & Cheese Party at the Wapiti Center beginning at 5:00 p.m. Please join the WS Board for beverages and snacks, and meet your fellow CLWSA

members.

Sunday, May 29, 2011

- CLVFD Annual Rummage Sale at the Fire Station 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Monday, May 30, 2011

- Special WS Board Meeting at the Wapiti Center beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The Restaurant will be open throughout the weekend, beginning with lunch on Friday, May 27th.

We hope to have the 6th Filing Water System operational by Memorial Day Weekend. 6th Filing host Lonnie Serna is working on the system with other maintenance crew members. The cold weather and weekly snowstorms have slowed the process down to what feels like "one drip forward and three ice cubes back". It's raining again right now! I'll let you know when the system is up. For Memorial Day Weekend you may want to bring a small container to hold potable water from the small volume fill until the system is operating.

By action of the Joint Boards at Saturday's meeting, the office will be open Thursdays through Mondays beginning May 31st. The office will be closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Plan ahead if you want to request a fire permit on Tuesday or Wednesday. Permits can be issued up to a week in advance. You may request that permit by phoning the office during office hours, or stopping by the office when it is open. Fire permits can not be issued when the office is closed. After-hours Fishing Passes will continue to be available in the downstairs hallway when the office is closed. Follow directions to complete the form, make payment and use the appropriate sticker.

Pick up your new ID badges at your convenience.

I'll keep you posted.

Jody

Memorial Day, May 30, 2011

We've had snow, rain, fog, and now wind this weekend. At least right now the sun is shining and the skies are only partly cloudy. I hope you have all been able to enjoy a good weekend. Our respect and thanks are offered to every one of the brave Americans who are now serving in the US armed forces. And, I'm sure you each join me in offering our deep gratitude to those who have paid with their lives for the gift of freedom that we are privileged to enjoy.

The Water & Sewer Annual Meeting was well attended. Gary Wiegel and Jeanette Williams were elected to serve on the Board during the meeting. I was sorry to learn later that Jeanette Williams had resigned. The CLWSA Board is now seeking applicants willing to be considered for appointment to fill a one-year position on the Water & Sewer Board as a result of Jeanette Williams' resignation. If you are interested in being considered for this appointment, please contact the Association office, either in person, by phone at (970) 881-2250, or by email to crystal-lakes@crystal-lakes.org. A roster of candidates will be presented at the CLWSA June meeting, June 18, 2011, for the Board's review and appointment decision. The position will be open for election next year for the remaining year of the two-year term. Please consider this opportunity to serve on this important Association Board.

It has been suggested that members with cell phones may want to be included in the Crystal Lakes phone list, and should make their interest known to the office. The phone list is maintained by volunteers. The Association will gather contact information and make that available to the volunteer(s) responsible for compiling and updating the phone list.

Remember to sign up for Breakfast at the Lake, which will be held on Father's Day, June 19, 2011, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Lakeview Park. There is a sign-up sheet in the office, as well as at other locations in Crystal Lakes. Don't miss the fun and the traditional tasty breakfast we've come to anticipate at this annual event.

Office hours are Thursday through Monday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The office will be closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

The Restaurant is still looking for housing for restaurant staff. Anyone who wants to rent or donate a clean, livable camper trailer, please contact the office. There may still be a few shifts available in the front or back of the house. Contact Carrie at (970) 881-2106 Friday noon through Sunday noon if you are interested in a fast paced, action packed job.

Road & Recreation's Annual Meeting will be held June 11, 2011, at the Water & Sewer Building. Registration begins at 1:00 p.m. and the meeting starts at 2:00 p.m. Discount coupons for the annual barbeque picnic will be distributed to Annual Meeting attendees.

I'll keep you posted.

Jody