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Mosquito Control

Last year the mosquitoes were out in full force on the trail behind the houses on 107th. They were so bad that many homeowners couldn't enjoy their patios. In an effort to be proactive, the city has been contacted asking for help to better control the infestation. The City of Westminster has a contract with Colorado Mosquito Control (CMC), which is organized and operated by Dr. Weisman, the founder of the Butterfly Pavilion. CMC's mosquito control plan includes the Walnut Creek wetland/open space along 108th. They will conduct weekly testing of soil bacteria and water samples and treat the larvae accordingly to control breeding. Homeowners can do their part by reporting mosquito bites as soon as they happen. CMC will start a surveillance trap which captures the adult mosquitoes to test them for West Nile Virus and determine their species. Some mosquitoes will fly up to 15 miles! So please call Tony at Colorado Mosquito Control at 303-558-8730 to report mosquitoes. They guarantee a 24 hour turn around time. Read more about the CMC at http://www.comosquitocontrol.com/index.html

Curb Appeal Contest

It's that time of year again! The homeowner with the best-kept yard will be the winner. Judging will be held in June, so start thinking of what you'd like to do now! The winner receives a free month of HOA dues!

Walnut Grove Entrance Signs

As most of you know, both entrance signs were vandalized last year. The new signs should be installed sometime in May. Thank you all for your patience!

Electronic Newsletter

We are still in the process of collecting homeowner email addresses so that we can move to an electronic newsletter. This will make communication much quicker and more environmentally friendly. If you haven't already done so, please send me an email with your name and address to **amy.mann052@gmail.com**. Thank you!

Fence Staining

Spring is here and it may be time to restain your fence. As you know, all wood fences, within sight of public walkways, must be prepared according to manufacturer's instructions and stained with one of the approved products and colors listed in the Walnut Grove Rules and Regulations #13. Please call CMR for further details at 303-433-2325.

Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are also still needed to help with the Design Review Committee and the Rules and Regulations Committee. The Design Review Committee approves homeowners plans for improvements to their property. The Rules and Regulations Committee creates guidelines for the community. If you are interested in being a part of one or both of these committees, please contact Dstry Torrez at **dstrytorrez@comcast.net**.

Walk Arounds, Fines, and Collections

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A walk around of the community will be conducted on the last Saturday of each month, weather permitting. Anyone who wishes to participate, is welcome to join. Please be aware that once a homeowner has accrued $90 in fines, delinquent dues, and/or late fees, the homeowner will be sent to a collection agency. Also be aware that fines are cumulative and escalate. The first is a warning, the second $50, third $100, fourth and above is $150.

Animal Control

Once again, there is a problem with loose dogs in the community. All dogs MUST be leashed when outside in an unfenced area, including your front yards. This is mandated by city of Westminster ordinance. It is a huge liability for a dog owner if their dog were to bite someone. In most cases, the dog would need to be destroyed. So, please be considerate of everyone's safety and leash your dogs.

Dates to Remember

May 10th is Westminster Community Pride Day and the city celebrates with a community volunteer clean-up day. The Walnut Grove HOA participates each year by cleaning up trash and debris along our adopted trail and the open space along our east retention pond. The city provides trash bags and rewards all volunteers after the clean up with a BBQ and entertainment at City Hall. Hope you'll be able to help for the good of the community!

June 6th and 7th are the dates for the Walnut Grove Community garage sale. A local sponsor will send out post cards and post a map in various places around the community.

August 2nd the HOA is planning a Walnut Grove neighborhood family BBQ at the east retention pond.

Lateral Thinking

How many English words can you make from the letters below, using all five letters once in each word? What are the words?

E I M S T

The answer is below.

June Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held on June 30th at 6:30PM. Anyone wishing to attend, should contact CMR at 303-433-2325 to RSVP.

Request for Articles or Questions

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments, concerns, or items you would like put in the newsletter. My email address is amy.mann052@gmail.com. I look forward to your feedback.

Board Members

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Happy Memorial Day!

Answer to Lateral Thinking: Five (Times, Smite, Emits, Items, Mites)

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