



# Woodmoor Improvement Association

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## Architecture

- If you are working on the exterior of your home, i.e. a new roof, repainting, modifying or building a deck, changing windows, adding or rebuilding a fence, resurfacing driveways, installing flagpoles, basketball hoops, play equipment, hot tubs, pods, dumpsters, altering drainage or installing a retaining wall, enclosure, shed, ancillary building, new home, please fill out the correct WIA application and have it approved, before you begin the work. Thanks!

Anne Stevens-Gountanis

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Chuck Maher

Springtime in Woodmoor – as I look out my window what started as a blizzard is now a bright sunny day. The three inches or so of snow that was on my deck at noon is now all but melted away. That is spring and with the chaotic weather comes the promise of change and good things yet to come. In Woodmoor there has also been change and the promise of good things to come.

I would like to welcome back the Firewise program and it's newly appointed committee of dedicated volunteers. The Board has voted to continue financial and staff support of this great effort to educate each of us about the danger of wildfire and what we can do to help mitigate the risk. Because of the effort of these individuals Woodmoor once again has been recognized as a Firewise Community, an honor that few heavily forested communities, like Woodmoor, have been able to achieve.

It is also my pleasure to announce that Jim Woodman has accepted the position of Director of Forestry. Jim brings with him a lifetime of experience in forest management and is a welcome addition to our for-

estry program. As many of you know Jim has served in the past as a Board member and is a past Director of Forestry. He was also the author of the CWPP (the Community Wildfire Protection Plan), which was accepted and approved as the guiding document for fire prevention and forest stewardship in Woodmoor. He has dedicated many hours coordinating the training for our forestry volunteers and has personally helped individual homeowners with their forest health and fire mitigation. Welcome back Jim, I am glad you are here.

The Firewise committee will again this year be running the spring chipping event. So gather up your slash, trim your trees and take advantage of this opportunity. If you have a pick up truck and can help some of our neighbors transport their slash I am sure it would be very much appreciated. Let the office know if you can help.

Jim Hale, our Vice President, and the El Paso County Department of Hazardous Waste have been working together to arrange for a one day event to provide a drop off for paint and other toxic items

that you may have accumulated over the years. Watch for more details.

As always there is a need for volunteers. Hillary Brendemuhl has decided not to continue as chair of the social events committee. Last year Hillary and her committee did an outstanding job putting together a number of community wide social events and is deserving of our thanks and praise. Hillary you will be missed. My thanks go with you.

The Board would like to continue some of these social events and possibly even add individual neighborhood gatherings, but to do so we need your help. If you have the time and the desire to serve, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the office or one of the Board members if you can help.

Springtime is a wonderful time. Everything seems to be coming up new, coming to life. Good things are happening. What a wonderful time to live in Woodmoor. Enjoy the season.

## WHY DO DOGS BARK? Diane Spelman (Covenants Review Committee)

Dogs — mostly we just love them. They are cherished companions and considered family members to their owners, but they also can be a nuisance to neighbors with excessive barking and other activities.

As a dog owner, we think our dog is the greatest dog ever and tend to overlook his bad behavior (kind of like being a parent). We just can't understand why everyone doesn't feel this way about our pup. We also might not know that our neighbor is greatly agitated by our dog barking – especially in the summertime when our windows are opened. Maybe our neighbor works the night shift and has to sleep during the day. A dog barking during the day would be a real disruption to their sleep. Of course this also applies if the dog is barking at night.

As someone without a dog, we just can't see how someone could let their dog bark all day and night, and worse, not clean up after them on walks (this last item is, of course, truly unacceptable). We don't understand why the dog owner can't see how his dog is annoying everyone else. We must understand, though, that dogs bark sometimes. They may bark at a squirrel, or fox, or some other animal. If it's just an occasional bark, maybe we could learn to just ignore it.

It's no wonder that barking dogs is the number one issue in Woodmoor, or any other neighborhood for that matter. So why do dogs bark? An excellent article on why dogs bark, along with some solutions, can be found at <http://ezinearticles.com/?Why-Do-Dogs-Bark?&id=433718> by Audrey Frederick. If you are a dog owner, and even if you don't own a dog, please take a few minutes to read this article. Dogs might be barking because they're trying to communicate, they're lonely, they're uncomfortable, they're looking for attention, they're bored, and the list goes on. A trainer could help a dog owner identify the problem and recommend a solution. The article referenced here states that "To remedy a needy barking dog, it will TAKE A GREAT DEAL OF PATIENCE on your part."

When Dayna Carnival (Carnival Cat & Canine Care in Palmer Lake) was asked why dogs bark, she said, "The one reason dogs bark is because they are not **"trained" not to bark**....it really takes time and education.... usually some professional coaching."

Until your dog is trained, one of the best things you can do is introduce yourself to your neighbors and give them your contact information so that they can reach you to let you know when there is a problem. As someone without a dog, talk to your neighbor with the dog, and calmly explain how the dog's barking is an interruption in your life. As the dog owner, be open to your neighbor's issue with your dog. Try not to be defensive. By each of us understanding the other's point of view, we can work together to help resolve the problem.

Dogs love us unconditionally. Let's do our best to make them happy in a constructive way and the barking will stop.

**WOODMOOR CHIPPING DAY**  
**SPONSORED BY :**  
**TREE MASTERS AND ANDERSON TREE AND STUMP REMOVAL**

**Saturday, May 22 at Woodmoor Drive Fire Station**

**8 - 4:30 PM**

Suggested Donation of \$5.00

Bring in all slash & logs smaller than 18 inches in diameter.

MPB OK, no stumps, pine needles

**Woodmoor Flea Market** in the Woodmoor Improvement Association parking lot will be held **Saturday, June 5, 8 AM - 12 PM** (setup at 7:00). One free 12' x 12' space. Bring display tables. Call WIA, 488-2693 to sign up. Come buy and sell treasures. Rain/shine. Sponsored by Allen McMullen - ERA Herman Group — 487-9140

The 2010 Woodmoor Garage Sale will be held Friday June 25, and Saturday, June 26 from 8-3 PM. This annual event is sponsored by Claire Boynton with the Platinum Group Realtors, Peoples National Bank and Wesley Owens Coffee. Register today to hold a sale at your home at: <http://myfirstclassteam.com> or call Claire Boynton at 481-1000. Participation is free.

## Forestry Updates & Suggestions Jim Woodman - Director of Forestry

Spring is here and it is time to think about working outside and making our properties more attractive and safe from wildfires. Here are some ideas and information to help plan and prioritize what you might do.

**Reduction of Flammable Vegetation:** If your lot has pine trees and scrub oak, the best time to thin them is between now and the start of the wildfire season. Scrub oak is highly flammable and should be kept 30 feet away from structures. Our website, [www.woodmoor.org](http://www.woodmoor.org) has multiple links to information on thinning, pruning, and Defensible Space that can help you improve the looks of your property and make your home safe from wildfires. Check out the "Wildfire" link under Forestry for recommendations specific to Woodmoor. You can also find information there about tax deductions for costs of reducing wildfire hazards.

**Bark Beetle Season Begins:** The two greatest natural enemies of ponderosa pine in Woodmoor are engraver beetles, commonly called "Ips" beetles, and Mountain Pine Beetles (MPB). Engraver beetles infest trees from April to September. They rarely kill large trees but

may weaken and make them more susceptible to deadly MPB attacks.

The 1-year cycle of MPB's starts around July 1 and is usually completed by mid-September. This insect kills the most trees of any insect in the western USA and Canada. It has killed over 2 million acres of mature pure lodgepole pine in Colorado. It also attacks ponderosa and limber pines.

Our resident population of MPB is relatively low and should remain so if we are diligent in finding and removing infested trees before new adult beetles emerge starting in July. It is highly recommended that all pine trees be examined for signs of MPB attacks. The most common ones are multiple tubes of red pitch on the bark and sudden change of needle color from green to yellow.

**Dwarf Mistletoe:** This is the time of year when many residents become concerned about dwarf mistletoe in their pine. This parasite weakens trees and makes them vulnerable to death by drought or Mob's. Approximately 20% of Woodmoor has pine where most of the branches of tall trees are infested. Most of these trees should live for another 30-40 years.

The normal recommendation is to under plant infested trees with spruce, Douglas-fir, white fir, or

other species that are not susceptible to pine mistletoe. The infected trees are gradually removed after the younger ones reach six or more feet in height.

A dwarf mistletoe information meeting is planned for a date in May. Check the Woodmoor website or call the office for information.

**Request a free lot or tree evaluation:** A free lot or tree evaluation is available by calling the WIA office (488-2693) or completing a request on the web site. Our forestry volunteers have been trained by professional foresters and Tri-Lakes FD officials and you can trust what they tell you.



Ponderosa

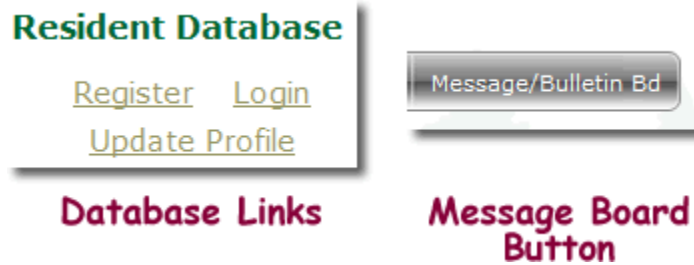
### Covenants - Matt Beseau - Administrator

Spring is here and a time when we receive many questions regarding the following topics: **Signs** of sub-contractors are not permitted on the property (This includes but is not limited to: roofing, siding, paving, window, & remodel signs). One (1) Realtor/For Sale/For Rent sign of not more than 1 (one) square foot in area (144 sq. inches or 1' x 1') is permitted on each lot.

**Trailers** shall not be present on any lot for more than 72 hours per week, subject to a limit of (20) overnights per year per residence (WIA Office can issue these permits). **Garbage Containers:** No trash, litter, or junk shall be permitted to remain Exposed upon the premises or visible from roads or adjoining/nearby premises. Garbage containers must be returned to storage within the same day as garbage pickup. Burning of trash is not permitted. **Fireworks:** Of all types are prohibited throughout Woodmoor. **Trees:** Removing trees in Woodmoor requires a permit from WIA. **Seasonal Decorations:** Spring is here and there are many lots with decorations on the homes and in the yards. Please remove and store.

(See WIA Rules and Regulations Parts I—V at [www.woodmoor.org](http://www.woodmoor.org) for more information)

As you know, the Woodmoor Web site has been redesigned. As part of that redesign, we have a Resident Database (link on the top, left of every page) and a Message Board with forums (a button on the main menu at the top of every page). These are two different applications, and each requires its own user name and password. Therefore, even though you created a user name and password for the Database, if you want to access the Message Board (Forums), you need to create a user name and password for the Message Board. You can use the same name and password for both if you wish.



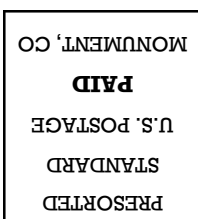
The Database contains resident data such as name, address, phone number, e-mail, newsletter delivery preference, etc. In the future, this information will be used for USPS mailing and/or E-mailing to residents.

The Message/Bulletin Board is a forum for residents to use to communicate their thoughts/ideas to all other residents that are signed up on the Message/Bulletin Board. The Bulletin Board will be occasionally monitored by WIA in order to understand the residents' concerns. This is a great way to communicate with your neighbors. We currently have four different forums: Resident Comments, For Sale, Share Your Recipes, and Resident Clubs/Events News. You must be logged in to see all but the For Sale forums.

Forum				
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<input type="radio"/>	<b>Resident Comments</b> Use this forum to post comments you have about Woodmoor-specific issues.	3	6	Mon Apr 05, 2010 9:58 pm wia
<input type="radio"/>	<b>For Sale</b> Use this forum to post items you would like to sell or to look for items posted for sale by your neighbors.	0	0	No posts
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[Mark forums read](#)

Please take a few minutes to access the forums, and post a reply to an existing post, or create a new post. If you see a need for a new forum, please pass it along to [wia@woodmoor.org](mailto:wia@woodmoor.org) and we can add it. Be sure to follow the rules as stated on the Web site, and remember that children can see these forums. As we all know, there has been a real loss of civility in today's world. Let's not let Woodmoor be part of that. Those who violate the rules can be banned from the forums.



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