

Bear Mountain Homeowners Association

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Christmas Party- Saturday 12/14/19, 4pm

The 2019 Bear Mountain Christmas/ Holiday Party will be held Saturday, December 14th at the Graham residence, 4796 Bear Mountain Drive, Evergreen Colorado, 80439. Starting time is 4pm for a great holiday get-together, catching up with old neighbors and meeting new ones. Due to limited parking and possible icy roads the BMHOA will provide a shuttle service from the intersection of Bear Mountain Drive and Grouse Court. Parking will be along Grouse Court.

This is a drinking age adult only gathering and will last until the last guests leave. The HOA will furnish turkey, ham, beer, wine, water and soft drinks, and asks that residents bring the rest. If your last name starts with:

- A-G: Appetizers
- H-R: Salads/Sides
- S-Z: Desserts

We need three volunteers to cook turkeys and two volunteers to warm hams that will be provided by the BMHOA. We also need assistance in preparing for the party, setting up before, and cleaning up after. You may contact any board member to volunteer, or send a message to bearmountainhoa@gmail.com. Volunteering will allow you preferred parking and first choice at all the great food. Volunteers will need to arrive at 3:30 pm the day of the party.

A Message from John Graham:

Greetings, I am John Graham, Treasurer of the Bear Mountain Home Owners Association. I am personally extending my invitation to this year's Christmas Party at my residence. Many of you may remember that my late wife Marilyn and I hosted last year's Christmas Party. Marilyn and I have had the pleasure to host many Christmas and Summer parties over the last 37 years.

A topic that always seems to arise at the parties and BMHOA board meetings is declining attendance at the parties and membership in the BMHOA. Please remember our HOA is completely voluntary and was established to help residents get to know their neighbors through our two annual parties. What we are seeing is many new neighbors not taking the opportunity to join the BMHOA and enjoy the benefits including wonderful parties with great people, food and drink. Also, some of our previous members are not renewing.

Personally, I think this is a lost opportunity. When my family moved to Bear Mountain in 1982, we found a true sense of community through the many people that surrounded us. In 1983 and 1984, I had the honor of serving as President on the Homeowner Board. There have been many challenges through the years on such topics as well water protection, effective fire mitigation, bringing AED units to the mountain and training homeowners on their proper use. Please don't forget the fight against pine beetle and noxious weeds and making sure that our roads are maintained.

I'm not sure many neighbors are aware that Jefferson County did not pay for the paving of the roads in Bear Mountain Vista from the intersection of Stanley Park and Bear Mountain Drive. One year before we moved up here, many active board members, especially Don and Laura Banghart adopted a plan to float a bond to pave the roads which was paid back through property taxes. Another matter includes the Meadow. The original developer, Ron Lewis, was planning on using the meadow to build forty homes. Imagine that! Again, some of the concerned association members and the Board created a committee to fight the developer through the courts. The fight was the issue of a lack of water for forty additional households. Jim Peterson, Dave Erickson and Maggie Cross were very instrumental in this fight. After many years the long fight was won with the Judge's decision to allow only four buildable sites. We all benefit from decision with adequate water supplies.

This is not just an invitation to the Christmas Party - it is a true invitation to get involved and be a part of a much larger community. This is a volunteer Homeowner Association. The membership fee of \$35 per calendar year is very little considering what you get in return, that being the fruitful efforts of those who have served on the board and committees, as well as the opportunity to enjoy some great parties and getting to know your community members. Hope to see you December 14!

Happy Holidays,
John Graham

Fire Safety on Bear Mountain:

The Wildland Fire Safety Committee has been actively working this fall on the four main fire safety priorities for our neighborhood educate community, work with Evergreen Fire Department and our neighborhood to facilitate creation of defensible space, mitigation along area roadways, and Emergency Evacuation Routes. Several subcommittees have been created to begin the work on these priorities and we are always looking for more neighbors to participate.

Every second Tuesday of the month, there will be Fireside Chats that discuss issues of concern and provide information about how to make your home and family safe.

The dates for the upcoming Fireside Chats are:

- January 14- Healthy Forests,
- February 11- Home Hardening Requirements for Homeowners' Insurance,
- March 10 - Spring Clean Up and Preparations for the Fire Season,
- April 14 - Real Estate Values for Harden Homes,
- May -- proposed Fire Preparedness Block Party.

The committee sends out a monthly newsletter via email. We understand that some neighbors do not use email to communicate, so if you know someone who falls into this category please email us so

we can make other arrangements for them. We encourage you to update household contact information, if you have not done so already. Please email bearmountainfire@gmail.com with your name, address, phone number and email address so you can stay in touch with how to keep your family safe.

FIRE SAFETY PRIORITIES

The Bear Mountain Fire Committee would like everyone to take the following actions immediately:

Sign up for Code Red at www.onsolve.com/crmobile.

This app pushes emergency notifications to your mobile phone.

Review Ready, Set, Go brochure at www.wildlandfirersg.org

This publication provides strategies and tips to harden your home against wildfire.

Know your Evacuation Routes see www.EvergreenFireRescue.com/safety/evacuation-routes/

Evacuate safely by reviewing the exit route map and having a plan.

Remember this is a community/neighborhood effort. If you would like to join the committee please contact us at bearmountainfire@gmail.com

A \$35 Investment in your Mountain!

Please mail in your dues if you have not already paid. Make your check payable to **BMHOA** for **\$35.00** and send it to: **BMHOA / P.O. Box 2068 / Evergreen, CO 80437** . Please be aware that we have changed our billing cycle from a fiscal to an annual calendar year.

Even if we already have your information, please complete the form below and include it with your check so that we can keep the Directory up to date.

Dues pay for Newsletters, your copy of the Directory, and your family’s attendance at all annual parties, including the Summer Picnic and Winter Holiday parties. Dues also contribute to noxious weed and pest controls.

Address: _____

Mailing address if different than property:

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Family Members: _____ CPR Certified: Yes _____ No _____