

Summer Hill newsflash



Up-To-Date News For Summer Hill Residents

Vol. 5 Issue 6

in this issue >>>

- Story #1-New parking signs
- Story #2-Deteriorating curbing
- Story #3-Budget through May 2023
- Story #4-Your Dues at Work – PR's, WO's
- Story #5-Bray Real Estate Report
- Story #6-Neighborhood Pix
- Story #6--ACC Information
- Story #8-Public Hearing
- Story #9-Pix of Yard Sale Activity
- Story #10-Mosquito Time!
- Story #11-Final thoughts

Items of Interest

- June 24th was set for the HOA-wide garage sale. The neighborhoods had good traffic and folks recycled their unwanted items for cash!
- Recycling Station for glass only to be installed at the Paradise Hills Park on Lanai. It will be available for anyone to use.
- Drip System Irrigation: Terry reports that the drip system will run MWF twice daily for approx. 4-5 minutes each time. Pay attention to your emitters and let your E&E know if they don't run properly.

New Parking Signs Explained

You may have noticed new parking signs in your culdesac parking areas. The Board elected to use these signs to resolve resident complaints that vehicles owned by some residents are left parked in the parking area for extended periods of time.

The signs are a reminder that common area parking is for visitors only. It is not designed for, not intended for long-term residential parking. Please use your garage and driveway for your vehicles.



What about deteriorating curbing?

As all of us know, Summer Hill is on top of shifting shale, and consequently our drives, sideways and curbing frequently get disturbed.

In the past and currently, homeowners have paid to have their driveways repaired. The same applies to malaligned curbing, although it is not as big a job as a driveway repair.

Usually a small amount of digging and repositioning the curb brings it back into position. A good do-it-yourself project, or you can hire one of the several "handi-men" that work in Summer Hill.



Mama Duck and her six ducklings cruise along in the round-about pond, carefully watched by a blue heron on the rocks to their right. Photo submitted by Jan McRae of Summer Hill Ct on June 16, 2023.



Enhanced Photo of the Bookcliffs from Mary Beth Davis' back yard with water enhancement

ACC Committee has been busy

Currently, the ACC Committee has completed 20 requests, 3 denials, and 1 project in the review status.

All homeowners and renters are obligated to reference the CCRs before any exterior work is done on the home. All exterior work requires the ACC Committee review and approval. If you are unsure whether or not the work needs ACC approval, please check your CCRs or you can reach out to any member on the ACC Committee for further guidance.

For example there are many colorful front doors, did you get ACC approval? If you didn't submit an ACC request, then you are out of compliance.

Contact a member of the ACC Committee at Renee Paul (rmpaul61@gmail.com) Mike Moran (moranmike.kathy@gmail.com, or Jami Salyer (jamilsalyer@yahoo.com)for guidance regarding changes you want to make.

Neighborhood Pix!



Notice of Public Hearing on Mustang Ridge Sewer Variance

On Tuesday July 11 and Wednesday July 19, the Grand Junction City Council Planning Commission will consider a request by Brian R. and Stephanie Bray for a variance to the GJMC Section 21.06.010, Subdivision Infrastructure Standards regarding the Provision of a Sanitary Sewer System for the Mustang Ridge Simple Subdivision located at 880 26-1/2 Road. Both hearings will begin at 5:30 pm at City Hall, 250 N. 5th Street.

Information will be available on-line by July 4, 2023, at www.GJSpeaks.org. Comments are requested in advance by 5:30 pm, July 10, 2023. Comment by phone (970) 609-9688 and enter 2349. Attend the hearing virtually: bit.ly/GJ-PC-7-11-23 (case sensitive).

The parcel is 2.714 acres annexed to the City 4-20-23 and changed to R-4 (residential) 4 units per acre on 6-6-23.



Pix of the Yard Sale activity



Photo key: #1. Mike Prehm & friend w/estate items at Autumn Brook Ct. #2. Dianne & Alex Fitzler's yard sale temptations on Summer Hill Ct. #3. Linda Laycock offered "Free Stuff" on Spring Crossing, #4 & #7: Jeff Dibble & son, doing it up right on N. Haven Crest Ct! #5 & #6: More of Mike Prehm's estate items. #8. Bill Hassell, Summer Hill Ct., minded the store while Janet ran around shopping and taking photos! #9: Danusia Lorentz putting on the sales pitch on Summer Hill Ct!



Why Are Mosquitoes Attracted to Some People More Than Others?

There you were, enjoying a pleasant afternoon outdoors — until the mosquito swarm hit, that is. And as you were swatting at them left and right, the person next to you was totally untouched. What gives? Urban legend would have you believe that your blood tastes sweeter.

Sweetness is not the reason for their blood sucking. Female mosquitoes bite you — yes, it's just the female mosquitoes that bite — because your blood contains nutrients they need to make eggs. It doesn't need to be sweet.

How do mosquitoes find you? When hunting for a blood meal, a mosquito senses a variety of cues that signal a human is nearby, including: Carbon dioxide, Skin odors and Body heat.

And as the mosquito draws even closer, it senses your body heat to find you at last. After landing on you, it then uses taste sensors in its legs to find the right spot to bite you and, well, you know how the rest goes. But we all breathe, we all give off heat, we all ... smell.

Mosquitoes are really more attracted to about 20% of certain people. Some believe that it's the amount and combination of universal attractants a person releases — carbon dioxide, skin odor and body heat — that dictate how likely he or she is to get bit. What makes a combination desirable is unknown.

Reasons you might be bitten:

1. Your size: The larger the person, the more carbon dioxide they release while exhaling. This, in turn, may make the person more identifiable to mosquitoes.

2. Your body temperature: Since mosquitoes use body heat as means of honing in on a target, it's thought that mosquitoes likely land most often on those with a higher body temperature — whether that's because your internal body temperature is higher due to being in the heat or because you run hotter than other people for some other reason.

3. How much you sweat: The sweat associated with increased body temperature and exercise (called eccrine sweat) is initially odorless to us humans, but not to mosquitoes. It also has lactic acid and ammonia which attracts mosquitoes.

4. Pregnancy: As if there aren't enough bodily changes to deal with during pregnancy, [many studies](#) demonstrate that pregnant women are more attractive to mosquitoes.

5. The bacteria naturally living on your skin: your skin microbiota into odorous by-products. Many of these by-products are known to be mosquito attractants, so it's thought that body odor likely plays a large role in mosquito preference.

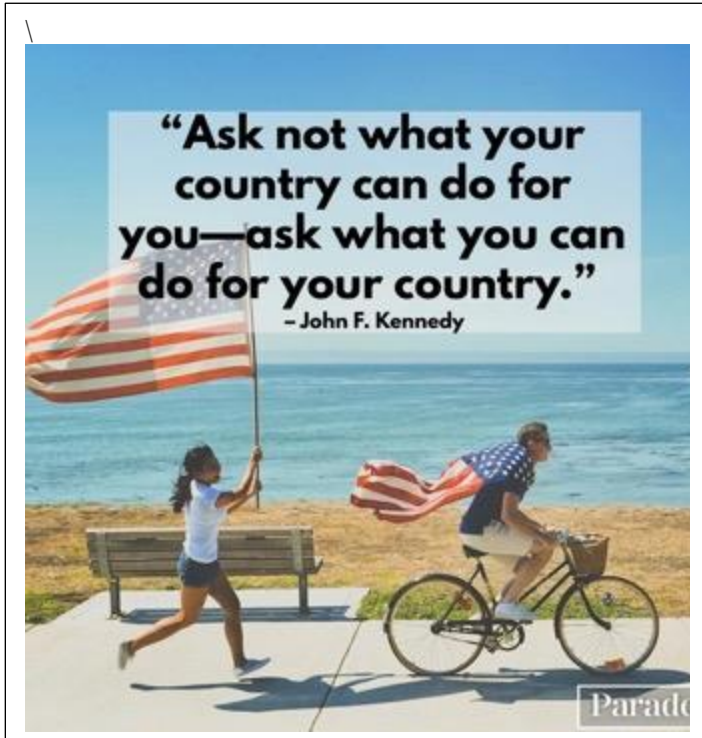
6. What you eat and drink, including beer: Also bananas! Unfortunately eating foods rich in vitamin B and garlic doesn't help naturally repel mosquitoes and alcohol consumption — beer, specifically — may increase how attractive you are to mosquitos.

Take Steps to Prevent Bug Bites

- Use an EPA-registered insect repellent.
- Wear light colored, long-sleeved shirts and long pants.
- Treat clothing and gear with permethrin.
- Mosquitoes are turned off by several natural scents: **cinnamon, peppermint, cedar, citronella, lemongrass, patchouli, catnip, lavender**, and more. Find a favorite, and use it when you want to spend time outside.
- **Wear long, loose clothing in light colors like white, cream, and tan** to make yourself less of a mosquito target. Spray insect repellents like DEET or picaridin on your skin to keep mosquitoes away. Use unscented body wash and shampoo to smell less attractive to mosquitoes.



*Final Thoughts:
Then join hand in hand, brave Americans all!
By uniting we stand, by dividing we fall.
John Dickenson*



Summer Hill HOA Board

Liz Beerman

Jean Gauley

Kathy Moran

Ken Stephenson

Terry Wilson

Summer Hill Home Owners Association
PO Box 3896 – Grand Junction, CO 81502

Email: gsummerhillhoa.com

Website: summerhillhoagj.com