

A Newsletter for the Storm Mountain Community

For ANY emergency, after calling 911, call Karen 593-1091 or Shirley 663-4060 or Kathy 669-8587



County Fire Ban Through June 1, 2004

While this ban is effective through June 1st, it is **VERY likely to be extended.**

BANNED: Open fires:

Any open burning, including camp and cooking fires; welding, or operating a torch with an open flame; and the burning of irrigation ditches except for those surrounded by irrigated farmlands where approval has been given by the Sheriff. Smoking outside a vehicle or building is also restricted. The Sheriff can exempt any OPEN FIRE after inspection.

NOT BANNED: Contained Open Fires

1. Fires in camp stoves or grills, fueled by bottled gas or pressurized liquid, and specifically designed for cooking or heating purposes.
2. Fires in permanently constructed stationary masonry or metal fireplaces specifically designed for the purpose of combustion. **If you can pick it up or tip it**

you cannot use it.

3. Fires in large commercially operated wood and/or charcoal fired grills designed for cooking.

BANNED: Fireworks

Fireworks mean any article, device, or substance prepared for the primary purpose of producing a visual or auditory sensation by combustion, explosion, or detonation.

NOT BANNED: Toy caps; highway flares and other emergency signal devices; educational rockets; and fireworks used for research.

Any person who knowingly violates the open fire and fireworks ban commits a class 2 petty offense and upon conviction will be fined.



Upcoming Events



The 4th of July is a great celebration of our freedom. Just watching the news makes me so thankful we live here. Come help us celebrate our country's freedom!

This year marks the 4th anniversary of our mountain parade and picnic. Come join us for a fun-filled day! We encourage you to participate and bring your friends and relatives! Decorate your 4-wheelers, horses, trains, planes and automobiles...With this being Sunday we're pushing back the times to allow Church go-ers time to get home. Meet at the 4-way at 11:00 a.m. The parade steps off at 11:30 sharp. Spectators bring your lawn

chairs and set up anywhere alongside the route. The parade route will be posted at the "T" one week before the parade.

The picnic starts immediately after the parade. Hot dogs, and lemonade will be provided. Bring a covered dish to share and your own table service and chairs.

Donations are always welcome. If you have ideas to share, or if you would like to be a part of the crew, setting up, breaking down, running a booth, serving food, etc. Call Karen at 593-1091.

SMERT TRAINS W/ LOVELAND RURAL FIRE

A dramatic fire season is likely ahead of us.

The very thin line between a “starter fire” and a dangerous involvement is the focus of our attention. We never figured to be wildland fire fighters. However, realizing that the big ones start small and the small ones could get big at anytime, we have to think and prepare for the worst.

A redesigned water supply and delivery system is now in the works. It will be capable of backing up the brush truck or operating independently.

SMERT’s fire crew saw four more of its members complete the wildland wildfire course and had the opportunity to train with the Loveland Rural wildfire team on structure protection during a field exercise.

Our team of traffic volunteers has repeatedly directed emergency vehicles in the right direction.

We are doing what we can and we still need your help and support.

Roger Debenham



Field Exercise with LRF during the Wildfire Suppression Course

Death Notice

Dick and Bev Miller and daughter Crystal Paterson bought their house on Wolf Drive about a year ago. You’d often see Bev riding her horse on our roads.

Friday, May 14 Bev Miller, age 44, died at home due to complications following an illness. Dick, being disabled, only works part time at Wal-Mart. The family doesn’t have much and is struggling during this difficult time as they have NO insurance. Let’s show them their community has a big heart. Contributions can be sent to P. O. Box 73, Drake, CO 80515.

SMERT’S FIREHOUSE project is on hold until fall. At that time we will re-assess needs and funds. Thanks to those that donated. Fire Evacuation—once optional is now mandatory. Slurry air drops will now be aborted if pilots sense homeowners are too close to a drop zone.

FOR SALE

Maytag Gas Dryer, like new, white \$195 Chris 278-1077

Table saw \$150.00, bench top drill press \$50.00, Ryobi 18V cordless drill/circular saw/reciprocating saw with 2 batteries \$125.00, Craftsman scroll saw \$50.00, oak roll top desk \$225.00, Wrought iron etagere \$35.00, white dresser \$15.00, large table w/pull out sides \$25.00. If interested please call 461-1556 after 6:00 p.m.

TroyBuilt Gardenway 24 inch wide, 10 hp Snow Blower. Electric start, front headlamp, 5 forward, 2 reverse speeds. Cost \$800 new. Asking \$400 Generac WheelHouse Generator. 8500 watt surge, 5500 watt continuous output. 5 gal gas tank. 1 - 110/120 volt circuit with 4 sockets. 1 - 220/240 volt circuit with one socket. Used approximately 40 hours. Cost \$500 new. Asking \$300 3 Homelight Chainsaws. 2 - 16 inch. 1 - 18 inch. Plus extra chains. Cost \$400 new. Asking \$200 total for all 3 Robert 303-329-2256 Will Deliver to Loveland/Storm Mountain area.

2004 Chipper Program

There will NOT be a community chipper program in 2004. Ray Berg generously donated his pasture two years in a row to this project. We need to let it rest for a year. IF Larimer County receives their grant, you can participate in other ways. Previous years they have offered a 50/50 share program with individual property owners or a group of neighbors. Check with them at www.larimer.org/wildfire/.

Don't let this slow down your mitigation projects. You can haul it to the Loveland Recycle Center or rent your own chipper.

Thank You's

My saddest day was the day I had to pack my bag and move off the mountain. I never lost my dream of returning. It took a couple of years but I'm back. Although I struggle each month to make rent all I need to do is watch the deer and elk napping in my back yard and it's worth the struggle. I want to thank all my friends for their kindness and help in welcoming me back. It's great to be back home again.

Chris Brock

I would like to thank the Debenham's for keeping us updated via email on issues that affect us as homeowners in this area. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Leanna Schranz

Groundbreaking News

After more than a 10 year wait, Engine 88 will finally have a new home! Approximately 50 people attended the groundbreaking ceremony on Saturday, May 15, 2004.

Pictured are the Big Thompson Canyon Volunteer Fire Department. Photo courtesy of Pam Rodriguez, Department Photographer, Loveland Fire and Rescue.



Calendar of Events

Event	Date	Location	NOTES
Glen Haven Volunteer Fire Department Pancake Breakfast	June 13, 2004 7 a.m.-11 a.m.	Glen Haven Fire Station	
Storm Mountain's 4th Annual Independence Day Parade & Picnic	July 4, 2004 11:00 A.M.	Staging @ Snow Top & Palisade Mtn. Dr	Step-Off at 11:30 A.M. Picnic following Parade.
Big Thompson Canyon Volunteer Fire Department Fire Fest	August 7, 2004	Drake Campground	3:30 p.m. until all items auctioned

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SMERT GOES GLOBAL!

Although it is still under construction, www.smert.com is alive and living on the Internet. You will be able to find such things as archived Cedar Posts; lots of links to other cool related

sites; notices of current happenings and training schedules; incident histories; Bobcat Gulch wild-name and hosting the site; to Liz Mrofka and associates for being Webmasters; and to Pat Maslowski, retired teacher and librarian, who has agreed to sort through bunches of stuff and get it organized for a fresh perspective. fire photos and much more.