

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE  
HAPPENINGS

It's been a pretty crazy spring and summer in Summit Park again this year with road construction and an intense increase in new building. Because of the building boom it's a good time to remind all property owners that new construction plans need to be reviewed by the Architectural Committee before construction begins, and it's best to do this before submitting plans to the County for

approval. New construction includes extensive exterior remodeling as well as building a new house. Feel free to contact me or anyone on the Committee if you have any questions or are planning a project.

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## THE PARK LARK

## BEETLEMANIA

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As residents of Summit Park we all have inherent and inescapable responsibilities to our neighbors and our forest ecosystem. It is vital that people keep in mind that it's the small steps that can help save homes from being destroyed by wildfire while improving the health of our trees. Below is an overview of the course of action homeowners can take in being good stewards of our unique neighborhood.

Ten years of research has shown that mitigating our own property can greatly reduce the likelihood of home ignition during a wildland fire. Some simple steps like placing screens over attic vents, trimming trees and getting rid of debris from gutters and roofs can make a profound difference. Ultimately the development and maintenance of defensible space around your home should be everyone's goal. This summer, Summit Park has experienced a rise in the mortality

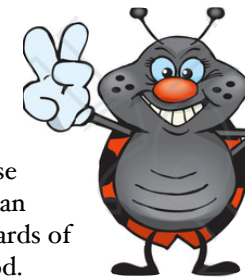
of native trees. This surge is the result of an increased pine / bark beetle population. The cause is debatable but the results are sadly obvious. There are many species of beetles affecting the intermountain west. The culprits which have seemingly decided to make an assault on our neighborhood are likely

three species know to us already. First is the Fir Engraver Beetle. This little guy attacks our White Fir and typically leaves top kill unless the tree is overwhelmed.

Second is the Douglas-fir Beetle which prefers larger host trees and lastly, the Spruce Beetle which is devastating what few spruce trees we have in our neighborhood.

The Summit Park HOAs' Wildland Fire and Safety Committee has developed a comprehensive foundation of awareness and education of the wildland fire and forest health issues facing all of us.

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2014  
SPHA ANNUAL  
MEETING

NOV 12TH  
**NO WORRIES GRILL**  
7 PM

**COME JOIN US!**

## RESPECT WILDLIFE

By Nancy A. Bond  
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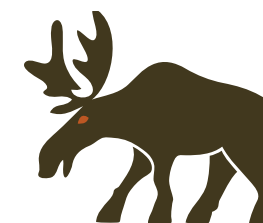
Wilderness areas are one of the last refuges for Wildlife, this includes many areas of Summit Park. We hikers, bikers, and homeowners need to promote their survival rather than add to the difficulties they already face! Consider these strategies while hiking, biking, or frankly just hanging out in your backyard:

- Observe from a distance. Always watch and photograph animals from a safe distance to avoid startling them or forcing them to flee.

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## SPHA TREASURER NEEDED

Nancy Bond's term as treasurer is ending this year.

Are you organized and good with numbers? Please donate your time to the Summit Park Homeowners Association. We need you...

(Beetlemania continued from p.1)

The steps we can take to combat this invasion are few, sometimes costly and often labor intensive, but they must be addressed by every homeowner.

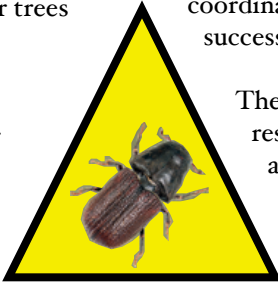
**Step 1:** Identify your trees. The majority of conifer species within Summit Park are White Fir, Douglas-Fir (not a true fir) and Engelmann Spruce.

**Step 2:** Determine your trees' susceptibility. Your trees can be put under stress for environmental and mechanical reasons; drought, decay, age, soil compaction from construction and excavation. Dense stands which compete for the same water and nutrients are typically less healthy and more susceptible to bark beetles where less dense generally are more vigorous.

**Step 3:** Determine if your trees have been attacked. Common signs are general color change and or dead top, pitch tubes and boring dust at the base of the tree. If you get frequent visits from woodpeckers it's a good indication of infestation.

**Step 4:** Treatment. Infestation evidence of more than half the tree's circumference generally indicate imminent tree

mortality. Less than 50% preventative treatments may be successful. Options include chemical and mechanical. Treating with accepted chemical insecticides or pheromone have proven to be successful but application may only last a couple of years. Mechanical practices to suppress populations include removing the infested tree, chipping limbs and cutting into firewood lengths. The wood should then be split and left out in the sun to dry, killing the larvae. Timing of these measures must be coordinated with the life cycle of the beetle to optimize success.



The Summit Park HOA is dedicated to use every resource in protecting our community's character and its natural world. What we lack however, is a commitment from the community as a whole. I commend those who have taken this seriously and have made efforts on their property to combat these issues. What we need though is everyone to engage in this campaign and talk to your neighbors. This complicated challenge will most likely get worse before it gets better. The more effort we put into it, the better chance the beautiful 100 year old tree in your back yard won't succumb to this bug. Please visit [www.summitparkutah.net](http://www.summitparkutah.net) for more detailed information on this and other topics concerning our neighborhood.

Bark Beetles: Prevention is the only  
Treatment

The forests of the west have been experiencing an epidemic of beetle infestations, quickly turning healthy trees a distinct red color before eventually dying. There are a number of different beetles that are active in the current epidemic, often times killing up to 90% of the trees in infected forests. In Summit Park, active beetle species include the *Fir Engraver* and the *Ips Beetle*. The beetles attack trees under stress, living under the bark until a new generation has hatched. The damage caused by the beetle cuts off the flow of water and nutrients to the tree resulting in the death of living tissue. Although beetles species are unique to the host trees that they infest, many of the methods of control are the same.

The most effective means of treatment for bark beetles is a preventative application of pesticide before the beetles have begun searching for new hosts in the spring. Although effective, spray treatments can be expensive due to the specialized equipment necessary to treat the entire tree as well as the large quantity of pesticide necessary to treat the entire landscape. Alternative methods of treatment include attaching special pouches to healthy trees in an attempt to

fool the beetles. The pouches contain pheromones that the beetles use to signal that the tree is infected and other beetles should fly on in search of a new host.



Although not as effective as spray treatments, the pheromone pouches can be used in landscapes adjacent to water sources or sensitive populations where spray application would not be advised.

If you suspect an active beetle infestation in your trees, it is best to consult an Arborist as soon as possible. Infected trees should be removed from the landscape before the beetles next hatch so as to prevent further damage to the landscape. It is important to note that infected woody material must be removed from the property to eliminate the threat of infection of neighboring trees. Remaining trees, including those on your neighbors property, should be placed on a preventative spray treatment program for protection.

Collin Beach  
ISA Certified Arborist UT-3439a  
**LOW STUMP TREE SERVICE**



**BREAKFAST ALL DAY  
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY**

(Respect Wildlife Continued from p. 1)

- Avoid Sensitive Times and Habitats. In general, animals are sensitive to recreationists while pursuing and defending mates and territories, birthing, guarding young or nests, and food is scarce. The more you understand about a species the more considerate you can be of the animal's needs and temperament.
- Never Feed Animals. Feeding wildlife damages their health, alters natural behaviors, exposes them to predators and other dangers.
- Control your pet. Typically wildlife and pets are not a good mix. There are leash laws in Summit Park but are often not followed. Residents and visitors are expected to keep their pets under control at all times.

Please carry a leash and don't allow your pet to chase/harass wildlife.



Dumpster Days!

Many Summit Park residents had the opportunity to clean yards and garages during this June's Dumpster Days. **This is a major benefit of HOA membership**, so join next year and utilize the bins and opportunity to clean house and yard. We had 13 bins of various descriptions with an emphasis this year on recycling with two green-waste bins, a metal-waste bin, and cardboard/plastic/can bin. All recycling bins were jammed full and we got a cash rebate on the recycled metal that helped defray the cost of the bins.

Thanks to all who took the time to separate trash from recyclable materials; we'll expand this part next year. Also thanks to all the volunteers who helped out during the weekend.

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- And much more.....