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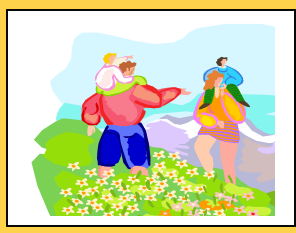
BIG thanks to so many of our neighbors who help keep PCM running! There has been a lot of reminiscing about those great PCM neighborhood summer BBQ's which brought out a sense of community, not to mention a lot of FUN! So...let's plan one for this summer! What neighbor would like to organize and/or host a summer potluck get together? If this idea is up your alley, call or email Dan or Leah Cheek, 887-0207, or allcheek@msn.com.

With the snow leaving, it seems like seeds must have been planted for LITTER! So many of us enjoy exercising around the neighborhood. Next time, take a plastic grocery bag with you and pick up a few items. What a difference we all can make!
On that note, it would be a great idea to have a neighborhood PCM volunteer day sometime in May to clean up the open spaces, and slash burn from

last fall's logging. Does this sound like something you'd like help with, or organize? Again, contact Dan or Leah Cheek, 887-0207, or allcheek@msn.com.
Finally, our neighbors at Church of Eternal Hills have a problem. Weekly, someone is putting their trash in the church's bins, causing increased cost to the church. Please be on the lookout!

Upcoming Events:

- Summer Potluck???
- Neighborhood Clean-up day???
- Other ideas???



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East Grand Fire District Report:

A letter from Dennis Soles

The pine beetles' infestation, of our fire district, is creating a higher than normal wildland fire risk.

Your HOA is to be commended for their mitigation efforts to date. East Grand Fire Department greatly appreciates any and all efforts Homeowners make that help compliment our firefighting plans throughout the community. It is in every property owner's

best interest to create a defensible neighborhood.

Wildland fires have been studied extensively throughout the west and thinning and pruning lodge pole pine are two of the best ways of forcing a crown fire, (top of trees), to drop down into the grass, and to keep a grass fire from climbing into the crowns. Thinned trees can be in scattered islands or in a

uniform density throughout your subdivision.

A certain percentage of these trees, after thinning, will be victims of, and lost to, blow down. Studies also have revealed that after a pine beetle infestation, even if we would be able to avoid a wildland fire,

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Reminder from The Board of Directors: May 30th marks the deadline for removal and proper disposal of Pine Mountain Beetle infested tree trunks, according to the PCM Rules and Regulations: 3.8.1. Please plan your work activities or contracting accordingly and thank you for helping us all to meet this important deadline. Please contact the Forestry Committee with any technical questions on the work to be done, or on contractors' information.

<http://www.polecreekmeadows.com/Pdfs/RulesAndRegs20061104.pdf>

EGFD Report: Dennis Soles (con't from pg. 1)

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the trees will eventually blow over and there will continue to be a high risk caused by the dead fuel on the ground.

We need to point out that one untreated lot by one property owner could enable a relatively harmless and easily controlled grass fire to climb up a single tree and end up as a catastrophic uncontrollable crown fire which would endanger the entire Fraser Valley. It is a must that all of the trees' lower branches be pruned up a minimum of 10ft. Small

trees under 10ft. need to be pruned to 50% of their total height (including green branches in both cases).

All trees should be thinned so that there is 10 ft. minimum distance between crowns, and that no branches are within 15ft. of any building. This helps to create a defensible space around homes. This defensible area should be a minimum distance of 75 ft. out from all buildings.

Other areas of concern are always hillsides that slope up

to a home. Wildland fires like to run uphill so we would recommend thinning and pruning to create a defensible space a minimum distance of 150 ft. downhill from any structures. East Grand Fire District also recommends "clear cutting" of common open spaces helping to create fire breaks where possible.

It is obvious many of your homeowners have put a great deal of energy and expense into making their lots defensible. We highly recommend convincing all property owners to take similar action.

Spring Recipe: Shortbread Fudge Cake



1 C. softened butter
2 ½ C. flour
1 ½ C. sugar
½ tsp. salt
2 Cups semi sweet choc. chips
¾ c butter
4 Large eggs
1 C. sugar
½ cup flour
2 tsp. vanilla

Beat 1 c. softened butter in a large mixing bowl at medium speed until creamy. Stir together 2 ½ c. flour, 1 ½ c. sugar and salt. Add to creamed butter, beating until crumbly. Press into ungreased 13 X 9 pan and bake 350 for 25 min or until golden.

Microwave choc. Chips and ¾ c. butter in 2 qt. glass bowl at high 1 ½ min. stirring twice until melted. Whisk in eggs, vanilla, remaining 1 C. sugar and remaining ½ C. flour until smooth. Pour over crust. Bake 350 for 25 min or until set. Do not over bake.

*Almost time to spray for that beetle!
Here's an updated # on Eric Reil with A Clear Solution:
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These people make a difference!

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Fire Pond News

Be on the lookout for improvements to the fire pond coming this fall.

The pond will be dredged and the piping system will updated to provide us all with better protection.