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DWARF MISTLETOE PRIVATE PROPERTY STRATEGY

For a number of years, the Foundation has addressed infestations of Dwarf Mistletoe as part of open space management plans. This year, the GEM Committee has developed a strategy to educate residents on importance of identifying Dwarf Mistletoe on their property and taking the appropriate action to treat infected trees.

Key components of the DM Private Property Strategy are the following:

- Sending targeted information to residents located near the Open Space Dwarf Mistletoe management area at the intersection of Tamarac and Southridge Court.
- Preparing an article and color cover photo for the March Genesee to coincide with public walkthroughs.
- Locating a Dwarf Mistletoe “champion” to reach out to neighbors.
- Coordinating a geo cache to locate a Dwarf Mistletoe tree and offer prizes.
- Contacting the hiking group for assistance in identifying Mistletoe infected trees throughout Genesee.

WEED CONTROL HANDBOOK

The GEM Committee is in the process of reviewing a draft of the 2008 Weed Control Handbook. Upon completion, the brochure will be distributed to residents.