

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **OPEN SPACE UPDATE MAY 2007**

#### **Sanitation Thinning**

- The area is approximately 40% complete; most trees marked for removal have been felled. Cleanup in the western portion of the thinning area near Juniper Court has started.

#### **Shaded Fuel Break**

- Dahl Environmental services hosted a walkthrough and partial marking of both shaded fuel break areas on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Bjorn will finish the marking with concerned residents the week of May 14<sup>th</sup> 2007.
- Updates will be posted in the Genescene newsletter, cable channel and the Genesee web page.
- A marking report will be submitted after the walkthrough for resident input and comment.

#### **Dwarf Mistletoe**

- Trees have been marked for pruning and removal in dwarf mistletoe areas located along Foothills Drive South and Larkspur Drive.
- A public walkthrough of both areas occurred on April 29<sup>th</sup> 10 residents attended the walkthrough.
- Updates will be posted in the Genescene newsletter, cable channel and the Genesee web page.
- A marking report is complete and attached with this update. It is available on the Genesee web page and at the Vista Clubhouse for resident review. The only change recommended is to girdle a large mistletoe tree instead of removing it to create a wildlife tree. I support this recommendation.

#### **Meadows Restoration**

- Maps of the areas are posted at the Vista Clubhouse and on the Genesee website in 2007 Open Space Operations pages. Articles are included in the May and June issues of the Genescene.
- Letters were sent to residents adjacent to and in the near vicinity of the meadow restoration areas informing them of the upcoming work.
- Tree marking occurred on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the walkthrough occurred on May 6<sup>th</sup> with 4 participating residents.
- Genesee Volunteers will remove trees on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Genesee staff will complete the tree removal prior to the June 11<sup>th</sup> chipping date.

#### **Aspen Regeneration**

- A subcommittee of the GEM will meet to discuss & finalize a demonstration area for aspen stand regeneration. The aspen stand selected should be easily accessible so it can be viewed by Genesee residents.
- The aspen stand selection is on the upcoming GEM Committee agenda.

#### **Chipping Week**

- Genesee's 4<sup>th</sup> annual roadside slash chipping week is scheduled to begin the week of June 11<sup>th</sup> 2007. All residents participating must have branches and trees stacked along roadsides prior to June 11<sup>th</sup>.

- Information regarding this service will be included in the May issue of the Genescene and will be posted on the Genesee cable channel and web page.

**Erosion Control**

- Clearing the culvert that carries water under Stonecrop and seeding the disturbed soil are the only steps that remain. To date the contractor has not been able to locate this side of the culvert, they have requested a utility locate so they can continue work this month.

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