

# Retreat News

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February 2006



## Mid-winter potluck

Friday • March 10<sup>th</sup> • 6:00 pm  
Community Church of the Rockies  
1700 Brodie Ave, Estes Park

Let's get together to share a meal and  
listen to stories from renowned  
storyteller Greg Martin.  
This is a fun night you don't want to miss.

Bring a dish to share and your own  
utensils. Hot drinks provided.



*Hello fellow landowner,*

*My first objective with the newsletter and website has been to connect us with news about life in the Retreat. The second objective had been to relay information about the RLA board to its constituency and make the association's documents and meeting reports fully accessible.*

*Some of the RLA directors decided in an executive session (secret, directors only) on February 4 to go a different direction with the Retreat's official newsletter and website and to do that without my volunteered services.*

*I am continuing to independently publish a newsletter and website at my own expense to accomplish the first of those two objectives. The website and newsletter are intended to be easy-to-read and personal, with larger fonts and straightforward layout and navigation. Tell me what you like and what should be changed with either.*

*The next board meeting is March 25 at 9:30 at the Mill's residence - 644 Copper Hill Rd. Landowner comments are the first agenda item. You can find contact information for the Board members in the December newsletter.*

*Sincerely,  
Gordon Nuttall*

[gordonn@mesanetworks.net](mailto:gordonn@mesanetworks.net)

## Environmental

### Wildfire

Despite reports of record snowfalls in the mountain areas to the west, the recent wildfires close to the Retreat give proof about how dry it is. The website has information from Larimer County about the FireWise program, and an evacuation plan to put on your refrigerator or bulletin board.

Remember to call 911 as soon as you see any smoke even if you think someone else might have already reported it.

### Poaching

The county needs our help to protect our deer and elk from poaching. Call 1-877-265-6648 if you see suspicious activity.

### Wildlife

The flock of turkeys has reportedly grown to 30 or more. Usually they form a group of 12-16, but occasionally they'll all be seen together. Wild turkeys are native to the area. Years ago, they had disappeared until the DOW planted a pair in the area so they could re-establish. Now we have a turkey population explosion!

Sometimes, deer will follow along behind you as you walk your dog! Feels like being the Pied Piper, or leading a parade! Send me a picture if that happens to you.

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**Birdwatchers:** Here is an interesting website for viewing owls at XCEL's Valmont plant.

<http://birdcam.xcelenergy.com/owlcam.asp>

## GHAVFD

For the latest news from the Glen Haven Fire Department, browse to their website:

<http://www.glenhavenfire.org/>

## Website

The Meet Some Neighbors page has been added. Send a short bio and maybe a picture to share with others to aid in getting to know each other.

The Board of Directors page, committee reports, and the association's documents that you could previously download have been removed because of the Board's executive session.

The Services page now has a few ads. These are provided at no cost to Retreat landowners.

Send pictures, recipes, hikes, history, stories, and wildlife sightings so they can be added to the website.

Send your email address and whether you are willing to receive this newsletter electronically - it will help reduce my printing costs. The integrity, security, and confidentiality of the list will be maintained by following these policies:

- The distribution list will not be given to anyone
- emails will be sent one-by-one using a mail merge. They will not be sent to the entire distribution list via a single send, either by a to:, cc:, or bcc: This ensures that each recipient's email address is not exposed.
- Only those addresses that are so designated will be published in the landowner directory

A new version of the Retreat history DVD is now available that uses newer technology to get better playback, smoother motion, and sharper pictures. Shoot an email to [gordonn@mesanetworks.net](mailto:gordonn@mesanetworks.net) to request a free copy.

## New owners

There have been two sales since the last newsletter. The number of landowners has increased by 1 to 223.

David and Denise Stookesberry of St. Louis bought 2:[33] from Gilbaugh. They are new landowners.

David and Jane Bost bought 3:[1] from Richards. They are new landowners. Richards still own 1:[60-61-62-63]

## David and Jane Bost

*David and Jane Bost closed on their property on January 18. At this time, they envision living in The Retreat for part of the year -- probably most of the summer, at least -- and staying in Round Rock, TX (where they've lived for over 20 years) the other part of the year.*

When I (Jane) was 9 years old, my family took our first camping vacation to Camp Dick, near Allenspark. My father took my brother (7) and I on an all-day 18-mile hike to the St. Vrain Glaciers. Well, I was "hooked" on hiking after that! In 1974, 1976, 1978 and 1979 I worked as summer staff at Snow Mountain Ranch, the YMCA Conference Center near Winter Park.



I was the first woman hikemaster at Snow Mountain Ranch, using my day off to do even more hiking. During that time, I hiked many of the trails in and around the Estes Park area. My husband, David, and I spent our honeymoon at Snow Mountain Ranch, including a trip over Trail Ridge (lots of snow in June!) to Estes. So, we have a strong history with the Estes area. In 2003 a friend and I stayed with friends in Estes Park, Mary and Jeff Hughes, during a summer hiking expedition. I fell in love with the Estes area all over again. David and I began to talk about the idea of retirement in the Colorado mountains and we developed a "list of criteria" for what we were looking for. After Mary and Jeff suggested a local real estate agent to show us around, we decided to fly out to Estes in October of 2005. When he showed us the almost 4 acres of land at Gladeview Court in The Retreat, we "just knew" it was what we were looking for. As I mentioned earlier, we are closing on Jan. 18 and can't wait to be official citizens of The Retreat. (We love visiting the website and staying up on the latest there.)

David and I are both native Texans and currently live in Round Rock, TX near Austin. He grew up in Georgetown, Texas and is a landscape architect. I am proud to say that this year David, along with

an architectural firm, an interior design group and a builder submitted their home project to Southern Living's yearly contest and won **first** in the category of "Additions and Renovations". Their project will be featured in Southern Living in 2006. I am the Associate Director at the Counseling and Mental Health Center at the University of Texas. We have two children -- Christopher (18), a freshman at Texas Lutheran University and Morgan (15), a freshman at Stony Point High School in Round Rock. We also have 2 sheltie dogs — Angel (we named her too early) and Scout — and a cat, Ginger. Christopher is hoping to work at either the Estes Park YMCA or the SMR YMCA summer 2006.

### Erik and Janice Grabowski

We both grew up in upstate New York and moved to Colorado in June of 1998. We knew only one person who lived in Lyons. On a weekend camping trip in Rocky Mountain National Park, we knew we wanted to live in the Estes Valley. Erik started



his career as a HVAC and Plumbing Service Tech and I started mine in real estate. We first rented in Estes Park and saved until we could

afford a home and ended up buying our first home in NW Loveland. We moved there in 2002 and after 3 years of driving up the canyon 5 days a week for work, we decided to look for a home in Estes Park. We never even considered Glen Haven when we were looking for a home. The first time I drove to the Retreat to 484 Copper Hill Rd, I was amazed! The views are incredible! We knew this house was the one for us. It is truly God's Country up here. Our neighbors are the kindest and most caring people we ever met. We are grateful for all of you.

I (Janice) am a realtor with Century 21 Peak Realty in Estes Park and Erik has a HVAC and Plumbing business and works part time for another company in Estes Park. We still make the trek down the canyon on the weekends to attend Timberline Church in Fort Collins. It is truly a blessing to live in such a place, we are so glad we live in the Retreat. Stop by and say hi and meet our two Siberian Huskies, Amber and Tundra.

## Scrapbooking club

Ardene Boyd is starting an area scrapbooking group for monthly or bi-monthly gatherings. If you are interested and can make it to their house on Saturday the 25th from approximately 9:00 until noonish, Ardene would be happy to see you. Please RSVP so they know how many tables and chairs to provide.

## People news

Retreat resident Mary Celeste Broomfield, 64, of Glen Haven, died Jan. 4, 2006, following a heart attack. She is survived by her husband of 40 years, James Broomfield and her daughter Anita Gentry of Escondido, Calif.

Celeste grew up in the San Diego, Calif., area and graduated from El Cajon High School in 1959. Blessed with a beautiful singing voice, she was the soprano soloist at the First Presbyterian Church in downtown San Diego for a number of years. She was also active in the San Diego Opera chorus and Starlight Opera for many years. She was employed by Home Federal Savings and Loan and was an executive assistant prior to her retirement.

Celeste and her husband retired early and traveled extensively before settling down in the Retreat in 1998.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the Estes Valley, 555 Prospect Ave. Estes Park, CO 80517.

The Boyds have moved back to their home in the Retreat. Here is a note from Jim.

*"Thanks to all of you for your continued prayers and assistance. Ardene's transition to being back home, being back with our neighbors and community and church and having therapy in Estes Park has been incredible. She is making excellent progress and her attitude is truly inspiring."*

*"By the way, if you are interested in visiting Ardene at our home or in assisting with transportation to or from one of her Physical Therapy sessions at MedX in Estes Park, please email Ginger Wilkinson, [giwilk@estesvalley.net](mailto:giwilk@estesvalley.net) or Betsy Thamert, [bathamert@charter.net](mailto:bathamert@charter.net), they are the schedule keepers."*

Our prayers and support are with Al Cunningham who is undergoing another round of chemotherapy.





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## Letter from the President

It's hard to believe October is here. Christmas is just around the corner.

Here is the latest news from the Retreat. For up to date information throughout the year check out the RLA web site: [www.rla-gh.com](http://www.rla-gh.com). Gordon Nuttall has done an excellent job putting it together and keeping it updated. Just for fun, take a look at our live web cam! Directions to view it are on the website.

The board will meet in November to set next year's budget. Roads will, of course, be a priority. We also will take a look at the growing problem we are facing from the pine beetle. Plans also are being made for the "mid-winter" potluck in late February. This has always been a great success.

Hope you are enjoying the fall colors. The weather in the Retreat has been great, but we know the snow will soon fly.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or any board member with your questions or concerns.

Respectfully,  
Graham J. Fowler  
President RLA

## GHHS and winter potluck

The Glen Haven area winter potluck sponsored by the Glen Haven Historical Society (GHHS) is Tuesday December 12th at 6:00pm in the Town Hall. Contact Jewell Sumonia at 586-8505 for more info.

The GHHS website is at [www.ghhs.us](http://www.ghhs.us). It has numerous articles about the Glen Haven area and the GHHS monthly programs. Annual memberships are \$10 and include a free DVD "You Can Only Get There from Glen Haven".

## GHCPG

The Glen Haven Community Preservation Group has been formed to work with the County Planning Department and Commissioners to develop a solution for the addressing project that retains Glen Haven in the appropriate data bases. This is an important issue and we are well organized to address it. An informational letter is included with this newsletter, and the webpage [www.rla-gh.com/GHCPG.htm](http://www.rla-gh.com/GHCPG.htm) is updated weekly with the latest status.

## GHAVFD

The proposed multi-use firehouse and community building has garnered significant support following the two mid-summer informational meetings. The gap between our offer for the site near the post office and the asking price has narrowed. We will be meeting with Larimer County officials later this month to discuss the possibilities of the site to make sure we can do what we want to do with the building.

## Clubs and hobbies

The next meeting of the scrapbooking club is Saturday, October 14, 2006 at 9:00 A.M. Bring a breakfast food item if you wish - juice and coffee will be provided. Please RSVP to Ardene Boyd at

586-2407 so she knows how many tables and chairs to provide.

Nancy Dunavan hosts a sewing group of about eight. Everyone brings their own project to work on at whoever is hosting the meeting that month. Call her at 586-4190 to find out more.

## Roads

The annual resurfacing was completed during the week of June 24. A 0.6 mile section of Elkridge and several shorter "hi-need" sections along Streamside, Miller Fork, and Bulwark Ridge were completed, for a total of 1.7 miles. The new-to-us road grader "Al" proved itself, and the repairs done this year to the water truck made it safer, more effective, and more reliable.

The work day on June 10 was also very productive. The banks around the equipment barn were covered with erosion control fabric and the branches were trimmed along upper Streamside that would droop with snow and block vehicles from getting through. About 5 miles of Copper Hill and Miller Fork Road were graded. The morning finished with a hearty lunch. Send email to [gordonn@mesanetworks.net](mailto:gordonn@mesanetworks.net) if you'd like to be notified of next spring's roads volunteer day.

## Slash collection/removal

The slash collection area is south of the equipment barn on Elkridge. Improvements have been made for access - please drop off in the lower area of the loop. It gets chipped the end of October and then the site is shut down for the winter. PLEASE - do not put trash there.

The white trailer is available for collecting slash and is located at the equipment barn. It now has removable rails on the sides and a 2" ball. It is not licensed and must only be used on Retreat roads. Your tow vehicle's insurance is in effect.

## Trees

Many trees in the Retreat have been lost to bark beetles this summer. Years of drought have put many trees in a state of poor health and

several types of bark beetles have attacked the trees.

Ips beetles, while not normally killing trees, have attacked in such large numbers that many trees finally succumbed. Mountain pine beetles attacked many trees last fall and those trees finally died during the spring and summer. Mountain pine beetles are appearing in greater numbers than ever. Groups of dead Ponderosa Pines that have reddish-brown or yellow needles indicate that mountain pine beetle has spread through many areas of the Retreat. Specters of the devastation of the pine forests near Grand Lake and Summit County haunt many of us. There are tree companies that will spray pine trees to prevent mountain pine beetle and other types of beetles from attacking pines. For many reasons, including environmental, this would not be practical for all of the trees on a property, but might be considered for very important trees. The cost ranges from \$12 to \$30 per tree.

Large numbers of long-horned beetles, or pine sawyers, have been noticed this fall. These beetles favor firewood and dead or dying trees. Sometimes it is the pine sawyer larvae that actually finish off trees that are struggling to live. Adult pine sawyers can also damage needles and bark on new growth on pine and fir trees.

The ponderosa pines are now dropping their third-year needles. It has been noted by tree experts that many pines seem to be dropping more than just one year of needles, leaving the trees looking like "poodles." Some ponderosa and Austrian pines are shedding all needles except for those from 2006 growth increments. The reason for this is not understood at this time, although abnormal early heat, aphids and draught have been suggested. Maybe we just do not have sufficient recharge of soil moisture; these conifers have been dry since 2002 and they are tossing all needles but this year's? Our best suggestion is to water now to recharge soil moisture and again during the winter dry spells.

Note: This occasionally applies to firs also, although they do not drop needles every year. Any browning on the outermost needles is considered abnormal.

## Weeds

After a dry winter and early spring, we experienced several rain storms in July and August. While welcome, the additional rain encouraged the weed population to rapidly increase. Russian thistle (aka tumbleweed) is rampant along the roadside on Dunraven Glade. The seeds of musk thistle and mullein have now sprouted and formed their first year rosettes of leaves. Since these two weeds will not flower until next year, now is a good time to pull or dig them.

## Website

The new website address is [www.rla-gh.com](http://www.rla-gh.com). There you will find a full range of information about the operations and lifestyle of the Retreat. There is a section on the home page that lists what has changed during the past 3 months to make it easier for you to read the new parts.

You can control the up-and-down and sideways view of the webcam. We plan to move it home-to-home so you can see the various scenery in the Retreat. It's best with a high-speed Internet connection like DSL or cable.

## New policy

The Retreat is located in a rural area with limited access. Most homes in the Retreat are accessible from more than one direction, although many if not most homes have only one short practical access route.

If a road is blocked, it can require up to an additional 10 minutes for emergency responders to reach a property via an alternate route. If the responders are not aware of the blockage from the start, additional time may be lost by driving to the location of the road blockage, then backtracking to take an alternate route to the location of the emergency.

The Retreat is somewhat isolated. Because it exists in such a heavily wooded area, immediate response to a fire emergency can make the difference between a small fire that is easily put out, and one that results in the complete loss of a home and ignition of surrounding trees and vegetation creating the potential for a

devastating forest fire. In a wildfire situation, if one route is blocked by a landowner and the other route is blocked by wildfire, Retreat residents could be trapped and unable to evacuate the area.

Medical facilities are located in Estes Park, requiring a fairly substantial drive for an ambulance to reach a home in the Retreat and to return to Estes Park Medical Center. Medical emergencies become more common as we age. Since many Retreat residents are older, the potential for these types of emergencies is elevated. In the case of a heart attack or stroke, an additional 10 minutes or more can mean the difference between life and death.

For these reasons, road blockages for any extended time create unsafe conditions, which can potentially result in devastating loss of homes and property, or worse, could result in significant medical risks or death of our residents. In addition, nearby landowners are significantly inconvenienced by extended blockages.

**The RLA board has taken action on this issue by adopting a new policy on road closures.** The attached page is an official notification of that policy.

## People news

Welcome to the following new landowners:

- John and Linda Stocker bought 4:07 on barking Coyote Court from Kevin Geisler.
- The Evans Family Trust bought 4:28 on Bulwark Ridge Drive from Terrence and Lynn Olson.
- Charles and Jeanne Batey bought 1:83 on Streamside Drive from the Walters Family Trust.

Retreat resident Bill Evans collapsed and died at his home on Bulwark Ridge on Sept 23rd. Sylvia and he had purchased their property about 2 months ago. Our condolences to the family, including Joe and Kim Salisbury who have lived on Fighting Coyote Court for about a year.



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### Glen Haven/Drake Address Change

There have been articles recently written in the Denver Post, Loveland Trails-Gazette, and interviews with KCNC channel 4 and Fox channel 31.

The Glen Haven Community Preservation Group (GHCPG) has represented us at various commissioners' meetings and held several core-group working meetings with Commissioner Glen Gibson regarding the Road Naming and Site Addressing project.

With Commissioner Gibson as an advocate, we are optimistic that the county will utilize the Larimer Emergency Telephone Authority (LETA) ESN numbers for the boundaries of Glen Haven, and thus record our property address as Glen Haven rather than use the mailing address from the Postal Service's AMS database, which puts us in Drake. This is a slow process. In the meantime, conversion to Drake is officially suspended and the street renumbering and renaming has moved on to other areas.

The website has complete coverage and current status <http://www.rla-gh.com/GHCPG.htm>

### President's letter

On behalf of your board of directors, I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

All in all it was a good year for The Retreat. Shadowing the good however, is the disturbing news that during the week of Thanksgiving-in broad daylight people broke into several Retreat homes. Other area homes were targeted, as well. Talk about being bold! The Larimer County Sheriff's Office is working on the burglaries and deputies have a description of the suspects. We all need to be alert, especially of vehicles that don't belong. This is a good reason to have a Retreat sticker on your cars. If you see a suspicious vehicle or other unusual activity, try to get a license plate number and write it down. You never know when it might be important to an investigation. All suspicious people and vehicles should be reported to the Larimer County Sheriff.

On this note we are working on setting up a neighborhood watch in the Retreat, not that we don't already look out for our neighbors. This would be something more official in conjunction with the Larimer County Sheriff's Office. More information on this will be included in a future newsletter.

In other news the board met recently and completed the budget for 2007. The yearly assessment was set at \$350 - a \$25 increase. Remember \$100 of your assessment goes directly to the Glen Haven Area Volunteer Fire Department. The board felt it necessary to increase the assessment to keep up with road and culvert maintenance, increased fuel costs and to maintain the level of service we have come to appreciate.

Here's looking to 2007 with hope for peace, love and happiness.

*Graham Fowler*



## Security

On Monday afternoon, 11/20/06, there were two residential burglaries in The Retreat. One burglary occurred on Dunraven Glade Road and one on Miller Fork Road. The burglaries are thought to have occurred between noon and 5:00 P.M. In both cases the residents were away for the afternoon.

The home on Dunraven Glade had mostly jewelry taken. It appears that the burglar(s) were frightened away from the home on Miller Fork before stealing anything, but not before destroying the door frame and deadbolt on the front door.

Another residence was burglarized during the same time-frame on Lory Lane, in the H-Bar-G area. In this burglary, a window was broken-out for access and mostly jewelry was taken.

All three burglaries are thought to have been carried-out by the same person/persons.

Two different Retreat residents noticed a person and vehicle of interest during the time of the burglaries. One homeowner noticed this person and vehicle in the driveway of the Miller Fork victims at approximately 3:00-3:30 P.M. The same female and vehicle pulled into another Retreat resident's driveway but sped away when the landowner looked-out the window.

The person of interest is described as a white female in her 30's with shoulder-length "dirty blonde" hair. She was driving a newer-looking silver or gold (metallic) 4-door sedan with an unknown Colorado license plate on the front of the vehicle.

Here are some things we can do:

- Remain alert to any suspicious persons, vehicles or activities in the area.
- Keep your homes and vehicles locked.
- If you can do so safely, write down the license plate information of any vehicle related to suspicious persons/activities.
- If you have any information that might be useful in solving these crimes or want to report suspicious persons/activities, call the Estes Park Police dispatchers at 586-4000

Note: Hunters are allowed to use the Retreat roads since these roads provide access to public lands.

## 2007 Board Meetings

Meetings are 9:00–11:00. Landowners are encouraged to attend (coffee and snacks provided).

Jan 20	Kent Mills	644 Copper Hill Rd
Mar 17	Ralph Brethauer	788 Dunraven
May 19	Rob Squire	1407 Miller Fork Rd
July 28	Dick Boggs	532 Elkridge

## Communications

A Retreat Handbook is now available. It has topics on fire safety, water use, use of firearms, emergency preparedness, weed control, pets, and security. Contact Gordon at 970-226-2676 if you'd like a copy, or download it from:

<http://www.rla-gh.com/Handbook/Handbook.pdf>

As a cost-savings measure, the newsletter is now being sent via email to those who have provided their email address. If you are receiving this newsletter by postal mail and would like to participate in this cost savings with the next newsletter, please send your email address to [gordonn@mesanetworks.net](mailto:gordonn@mesanetworks.net). You can also provide your email address if you prefer to receive the newsletter by postal mail but would like to receive other Retreat news via email.

The webcam is installed facing toward Crosier Mountain. It's especially beautiful when it snows, and in the morning as the sun rises. You can move it side-to-side and up-and-down, and with a fast Internet connection you can see the wind blowing the trees and birds coming to the feeder. Point it down at the deck rail to get a snow depth. You can access the webcam from the Retreat website:

[www.rla-gh.com](http://www.rla-gh.com)

## Wildlife Reports

The flock of turkeys is reported to have grown to upwards of 40. Several are golden-colored. It is reported that they will chase the deer. Pictures are available at: [www.rla-gh.com/Animal\\_photos.htm](http://www.rla-gh.com/Animal_photos.htm)

## Mid-winter potluck

We plan to have a potluck in mid March again this year. Watch the February newsletter for the date and location. We hope to have a presentation on Neighborhood Watch.



## Property Sales

Four properties have sold recently. The number of landowners has increased by 1 to 224.

- Peter and Lydia Hillman of Ithaca, NY bought 3:[27] from Regula Hauser Scheel. They are new landowners. Regula still owns 3:[24-26].
- Gary Heck and Barbara Forde of Urbandale, IA bought 1:[53] from Rachelle Kucera and Joyce Mehra. They are new landowners.
- Joseph and Rita Wise of Estes Park bought 3:[03] from Richard and Diane Visintainer. They are new landowners.
- Henry Goldstein and Mary Ogilvie-Goldstein of Tucson bought 1:[65] on Solitude Court from Ronald and Sharon LeBlanc. They are new landowners.

## Clubs

Contact Ardene Boyd at 586-2407 for meeting dates for the scrap booking club, and Nancy Dunavan at 586-4190 for the needlework club.

## GHAVFD Auxiliary Team

Anna Bauming is looking for interested individuals to form a Glen Haven Fire Department Auxiliary/Special Services Team. There has been an auxiliary in the past and there is currently a need to develop the auxiliary. There are several projects that we are looking into but we need volunteers to assist. The auxiliary would do several fund raising projects that would benefit the fire department. One of the projects already being looked at is another Glen Haven cookbook. We also need new ideas for fund raising projects.

If you are interested in donating your time and becoming a part of the auxiliary or have some ideas, please contact Anna at (970) 577-0885, or email to [abauming@msn.com](mailto:abauming@msn.com)

## Preventative Spraying for Beetle Kill

Beetle kill is an extremely important issue for the Retreat. Look at impact it has had on the western slope around Dillon, north toward Granby and along the western boundary of RMNP. Many situations

exist where high-value pines require protection from uncontrolled beetle pressures nearby.

**Preventative spraying** provides a proven method of keeping uninfected but susceptible pines alive, despite attempted attack. As such, it is a relatively safe and affordable insurance that protects key trees until the nearby beetle threat subsides.

In the great majority of cases, trees selected are big, valuable ponderosa or lodgepole pines. Preventative spraying involves the application of pesticides and is usually performed by commercial sprayers. Because of the associated environmental considerations and expense, it is neither practical nor advisable to spray every tree on a tract of land. Rather, preventative spraying is intended for important, must-save trees. Since MPB rarely attacks trees under 8 inches in diameter, smaller trees do not require spraying.

Treatment needs to be done between May 1 and July 1 on an annual basis during years when the infestation is high. Infestations usually last 5-7 years in a local area and beetles usually fly about a mile or less.

The standard for MPB preventative spraying has been carbaryl (trade name Sevin). Since about 1995 a second material called permethrin has been legal for MPB prevention and has performed well. A third called bifenthrin did well in research trials and was labeled in 2004. Being so new, results under actual field conditions are limited at this time.

Preventative spraying is applied to the trunk from the ground up to a height of 30 feet or where the trunk narrows to 6 inches, whichever comes first.

## RLA-sponsored Preventative Spraying

After considerable discussion the past two meetings, the RLA board has decided to not fund a preventative spraying program in the 2007 budget. We plan to partner with the Glen Haven Association to begin an educational series in early spring, and perhaps negotiate a lower rate with a local firm for treatments. The RLA board will provide information via the website, newsletter, booths at the annual meeting, and potentially a DVD. Please contact any of the board members if you would like to make suggestions or volunteer to help with controlling the Mountain Pine Beetle infestation.