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## Summer Landscaping

Another summer season is rapidly approaching and so is the arrival of lots of colorful flowers and other plants. The warm early-spring conditions have spawned a beautiful daffodil bloom and the tulip bloom is not far behind. Over the years, the operations crew have thinned existing groups of daffodils and spread them to various common areas around the development and will continue to do so in the future. Tulips are a bit more difficult to maintain as ground squirrels dig up the bulbs and eat them and deer love to eat the blossoms (“critter” repellent helps mitigate this problem). We hope everyone notices and enjoys these beautiful blooms.

The flowering baskets that have adorned the Queen Esther entry pilasters are currently planted and in the early growth stages at our grower’s nursery down in the valley. We normally place these around Father’s Day to avoid frost damage, but we have acquired special frost blankets that will enable us to put the baskets out earlier in June and cover the flowers with the blankets if necessary.

The terraces that make up the hillside by the Queen Esther gate house parking area will be regraded in an effort to improve their appearance and improve the growing conditions.

A number of distressed Spruce trees (which we’ve been trying to save to no avail) will be replaced with vibrant new ones.

We are also working with an irrigation engineer in an effort to improve the water pressure around the Queen Esther gate house.

# Paddle Tennis

Deer Crest resident Bob Jones has proposed an exciting addition to Deer Crest — a paddle tennis court. Bob has asked us to share the following letter in hopes of generating enough support to make it happen:

**If you know the sport, you know paddle tennis is perfect for Deer Crest. If not, let me convince you.**

**Paddle tennis is an outdoor winter racket sport, often played at night (after skiing). It follows the rules and scoring of tennis, but with only one serve, and lets allowed. The court itself is about half the size of a tennis court, but surrounded by wire screens that are in play -- accounting for many long, fun rallies. Although played outdoors in the winter, you move around a lot and are never cold (even when your beer freezes).**

**Paddle tennis -- also called platform tennis -- is very popular in the East and Midwest, where many exclusive private clubs have courts and leagues. Many eastern ski resorts also offer paddle tennis, but to my knowledge, the only western resorts with paddle courts are Telluride and the Yellowstone Club. Thus, paddle tennis would be a real draw for affluent easterners looking for a ski house in Deer Crest.**

**Paddle is almost always played as doubles. With four people on a small, intimate court, its inherently a very social sport, ideal for round robins, couples events, or family tournaments. Some of my favorite paddle memories include those epic post-Thanksgiving-dinner battles with my cousins, the trash talking at our Friday night couples' round robins, and raising a glass at the local pub after men's team practice (D team, of course).**

**Anyway, its a really fun and social sport that's easy to pick up, and would be perfect in Deer Crest, where there are lots of family occasions, and people are active and social.**

**To make it happen, however, I need your help The total cost for two courts and a warming hut is about \$300k. There's a spot near the Queen Esther gate that would be perfect. The HOA board is open to a proposal, but wont fund it. I am trying to put together a funding consortium of 12 or more people (my wife and I plus at least 10 others) who are willing to commit about \$25k each to bring paddle tennis to Deer Crest.**

**To learn more please visit [www.paddletennis.org](http://www.paddletennis.org). If you agree that Deer Crest needs paddle, and are willing to help out, please respond to [bob.jonesying@gmail.com](mailto:bob.jonesying@gmail.com) .**

**I'm afraid that all I can offer donors is a lifetime family exemption from court fees, your name on a commemorative plaque, and perhaps being remembered by paddle players in Deer Crest the same way that Stein Erickson is remembered among skiers in Deer Valley. The greatest reward is that you'll be helping to bring a great sport to a great community.**

Thanks for your consideration.

Bob Jones



## Noxious Weed Control

Both the State of Utah and Wasatch County have detailed weed abatement plans and both entities require private land owners to actively control listed weeds. The Deer Crest operations staff annually puts a lot of effort toward noxious weed control and we've seen positive improvement each year. However, it's virtually impossible for us to maintain control in Deer Crest's common areas if these weeds are allowed to grow unchecked on the private residences and lots.

With this in mind we have developed a new weed abatement program with the intent of making it simple and easy for all homeowners to participate in the "greening" of Deer Crest. The HOA has negotiated with a local weed control company, EcoLawn, for a special group rate for our owners. They can be contacted at 844-693-2652 to sign up for the service which consists of at least 2 visits, per lot, per growing season, by a licensed weed-control specialist. Of course, if a property owner already has an active, working weed plan in place then they can be exempted from the program.

The operations staff will monitor all lots this summer to determine which properties are in need of weed control and contact the property owner or manager. If owners would like their property managers to address the problem themselves, they can be directed to a link on our web site that is very helpful: [www.utahweed.org](http://www.utahweed.org).



## Deer Crest Trash Pickup

Now that we are getting more homes in our community we need to be more mindful of our trash pickup procedures. If trash cans are put out too early the frequent influx of new fresh air (high winds!) blows them over and with the help of the wildlife their contents get spread across the development. In the winter the cans really impede snow removal operations in addition to being unsightly so we ask that you please have your property managers only put the cans out the morning of pick up and put away by that night. We have located the company Brite Bucket which offers a "trash can take out and bring in" service so you can contact Rob at 385-535-9348 to make those arrangements. If you have special circumstances where this is not possible, please let us know and we will see if we can be of assistance.

# Construction Update



Deer Crest continues to be a favorite place to build new homes and we want to take this time to welcome all the new home owners to Deer Crest. There are currently ninety completed homes with seven to be finished by this May. Those include lots 44, 48, 62, 88, 93, 112 and 144. There are five more lots beginning construction in the near future. They are 2U in Crest Court, 64 at the bottom of Summit View Drive, 82 on Jordanelle Way, 98 in Deer Pointe Court and 132 on Snow Top. We have two homes currently being remodeled on lots 35 and 87 and homes under construction on 72, 95, 101 and 111.

Please remember as you are driving in the community that there are still some areas of construction so please take extra precautions, especially on blind corners. We ask for your patience and remember that it takes a lot of time and effort to build these beautiful homes, just as it did to build yours. We apologize for any inconvenience you may encounter and be sure to let us know if you see any problems so we can help keep a clean and safe area for all. You may contact Deer Crest Construction Coordinator Mark Allen at 435-655-8215 with any questions.

# Summer Road Work

Deer Crest will again be undertaking its annual road repair and maintenance projects this Spring as part of our ongoing road maintenance program. We did the annual crack sealing in mid-April. In addition, we will be undertaking two rather large asphalt maintenance projects in May and June. The road from the Jordanelle entrance up Deer Hollow Road and Deer Crest Estates Drive to the Hotel, which was newly over laid in 2010, will receive a coating of slurry seal that will protect the pavement for a number of years. We are also going to put a fresh over lay of asphalt on the Queen Esther Road up to and around the Queen Esther Gate House. We'll also be repairing and replacing some areas of concrete gutter that have seen some deterioration over the years. These projects have been planned in advance and are fully funded from the Infrastructure Reserves.

As the project schedules are firmed up, you may call the gatehouse about the dates of the potential traffic delays. As usual, please keep a heads up on the road for maintenance, your speed down, and your patience up during these activities for the safety of all!



## U.S. 40 Bridgework

The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) is performing maintenance work on several bridges along U.S. 40 from S.R. 248 to the Jordanelle Reservoir. Work is scheduled to begin as early as May 2<sup>nd</sup> and last approximately 4 months. UDOT crews will replace the concrete bridge decks to extend the useful life of the bridges. To contact the project team, call the 24-hour hotline, 855-740-8740 or visit [www.udot.utah.gov/go/us40bridges](http://www.udot.utah.gov/go/us40bridges).

Deer Crest residents using Hwy. 40 should expect delays due to lane restrictions from the Mayflower bridge going north bound up to S.R. 248 (Kearns Blvd.). Traffic between the Mayflower bridge and Heber should remain unaffected. So if you plan on traveling to Salt Lake City from Deer Crest during this period, it's probably best to exit on the Queen Esther side and go through Park City (out to S.R. 224) to access I-80.

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