

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

By Lee Coulson

Irrigation Filter Update: The irrigation company will only consider installing a finer filter for a subdivision, if a letter is sent from the home owners association president asking them to install one. This is the procedure they have been following, for other subdivisions, when home owners ask for improved water quality. Because the cost of the filter will affect all homeowners, the board asked for a vote (67 yes/ 31 no). However, it was brought to our attention, that if we ask the irrigation company to install a filter, we could be breaking the law. More specifically:

TITLE 30  
CORPORATIONS  
CHAPTER 3

IDAHO NONPROFIT CORPORATION ACT

30-3-39. Member's liability to third parties. A member of a corporation is not, as such, personally liable for the acts, debts, obligations of the corporation.

There is some debate as to whether this applies to our particular situation since only the irrigation company can make the decision to install a filter regardless of the board or homeowners request. Because there is a possible gray area, the board recommends using funds from our homeowners budget without raising dues. The funds would be generated from money saved from sprinkler repair (thanks Morris), affordable maintenance contract (thanks Mark), normal water year (hopefully), and no unusual repair or maintenance of our common property. We ended last year with approximately \$5600 extra which could be applied to the cost of the filter. If we come under budget, there may be enough funds available to install a finer filter next year.

An observation from Muir Woods neighbor Joe Roberts:

My working career was as a farmer using many variations of pressurized irrigation. I expended substantial effort on many different farms to obtain the cleanest water possible. Sand and other contaminants in high velocity sprinkler water cause wear much like a sand blaster does or like dirt in your engines on all parts of irrigation systems. The technology to screen water has been steadily increasing. We now have the ability to clean our water by the installation of some of this technology. *My experience leads me to believe that improved filtering will significantly reduce our individual and association maintenance costs, year after year.*

### IRRIGATION SEASON STARTING

Nampa Meridian Irrigation announced that water will be turned into the canals on March 30. Water will run for at least a week before it is available—NM Irrigation tells us no later than April 15, and maybe a little earlier.

This dry windy season is hard on your trees and they will welcome the water as soon as you can get it to them.

### What's coming up...

- **EASTER EGG HUNT**—Saturday, April 11  
For Muir Woods families
- **ANNUAL MEETING**—Thursday, April 30
- **GARAGE SALE**— Saturday, May 16
- **ACTIVITY NIGHT**—Tuesday, April 21

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### **Planning Changes to Your Home?**

If you are planning changes to your home, if you want to add any type of outbuilding or structure, or if you are making major changes to your landscape, you must submit your proposed project to the Architectural Control committee. You may obtain an application at [www.mwhoa.org](http://www.mwhoa.org).

## **MUIR WOODS FENCES**

Check your fence for maintenance needs.

By Carla Everhart

As Muir Woods ages, we are seeing more fences that are graying, stained, and showing other signs of wear. Muir Woods governing documents state ***“all fences shall be constructed in a substantial manner and shall be maintained at all times in good repair.”*** The Muir Woods Board of Directors requests that all owners bring their fences into good repair as soon as weather permits. **The Board has directed the management company, starting in July, to cite owners where fences are not being maintained properly.**

Any fence left to outdoor elements will cup, crack and warp if it is not protected. The two enemies of wood are sun and rain. Sun breaks down the surface fibers, causing the wood to weaken and turn gray. Rain causes the wood to swell, leading to the breakdown of the internal fibers. This causes the wood to become spongy and weak. Proper fence cleaning

- \_ Eliminates dirt, mildew, mold and algae
- \_ Opens the pores of the wood
- \_ Balances pores so that sealer bonds to each fiber.

Experts suggest using a cleaning solution that cleans wood and a brightener that removes bleed marks and eliminates lightened arcs created by sprinklers.

The proper washing technique is to use light pressure, wood cleaners, and large amounts of water. Remember how water cuts through stone? Use of overly high pressure can damage your wood. We have seen experts recommend anywhere from 500 to 2000psi — you should check with your own sources to determine what your fence material requires.

Spores of mold are difficult to remove and may return to cause early discoloration if the correct cleaner is not used. Striping may be caused by using uneven pressure or stopping and starting rather than using a slow arc. Preparation of the wood is the most important part of maintaining the fence—it determines the success of any stain, oil or preservative application.





# MUIR WOODS EASTER EGG HUNT

## Saturday, April 11, 9:00 AM

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday morning, April 11, in the common area. All children and grandchildren of Muir Woods residents only are invited to participate.

### WHAT WE NEED FROM PARTICIPANTS —

If your child / grandchildren plan to attend, please supply the following:

- Bag of plastic eggs for each child.
- Bags of wrapped candy, gum, stickers, etc.



Bring your items to 2934 Goshen Way or 2928 Goshen Way by Tuesday evening, April 7th.

### GROWN-UPS —

Refreshments will be provided by the Muir Woods Homeowners Association, so please come and socialize even if you do not have children participating!

### BE ON TIME —

The Easter Egg Hunt will start promptly at 9am in the main common area for children 3 years and younger. Other age groups (4,5,6 and 7 & older) will immediately follow.



**QUESTIONS?** Contact: Shanda at 322-1444 or [grooms@cableone.net](mailto:grooms@cableone.net)  
Or Cassie at 322-5252 or [cassieshelton@cableone.net](mailto:cassieshelton@cableone.net)

## It's back — Tuesday Night Activity Night !

For kids 8-16 years old.

April 21, 7:15—8:15PM is the kick-off event for the 2009 Activity Night

**This event is a family activity with home made ice cream and games between kids and parents.**

Thanks to Morris Bastian for leading this great neighborhood activity. Events run from April 21 to August 18. Call Morris with questions at 229-6352.

18 Weeks of Fun and Excitement include::

Frisbee Baseball  
Water sliding

Soccer  
Ease/west games

Relay Races  
Watermelon Bust

## **ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED**

**April 30, 7:00PM  
Pepper Ridge School**

Because Annual Meeting attendance at Saturday pot lucks has been rather low in recent years, the Board will hold the Annual Meeting nearer Muir Woods and on a week night in order to accommodate the schedules of more of our owners.

Please watch your mail for more information.

## **ELECTIONS**

If you have an interest in serving on the  
Muir Woods Board of Directors,  
please contact our Nomination Committee:  
Joe Roberts(229-2000) or Jason Wilson (322-9256)

# **GARAGE SALE**

## **Saturday, May 16**

### **7:00AM—1:00PM**

If you will need to have a garage sale this year, please...get involved with the neighborhood garage sale instead of holding your own. This will keep our subdivision looking better year round and actually builds success since buyers like to come to an event where they can hit several homes in a short time.

All you need to do is put your items out on the drive or on the lawn.

Muir Woods Homeowners Association will place an ad in the Idaho Statesman.

