



# Weed Roundup

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The Community Weed Awareness Campaign

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*It may be snowing but the weeds are still growing!*

## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Weed Day

Hold on to your pruners---we're celebrating ten years of weeding at Evergreen Lake! To commemorate this milestone, Community Weed Day will be better than ever. We will start off, as always, with refreshments at 8:00 followed by weeding in teams until 11:00. We'll gather at the picnic benches at 11:15 for cake and celebrating. Our remarkable weed experts will identify plants brought in by the public and we will present our infamous display of local weeds.

Active Weed Day volunteers will receive a water bottle carrier--and yes it will contain a bottle of water--in recognition of their dedication and hard work. The Evergreen Park and Recreation District and Dick Wulf provided funding for the carriers. We will also have a few surprise awards.

*You won't want to miss this special day.*

**Community Weed Day**

**Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Evergreen Lake**

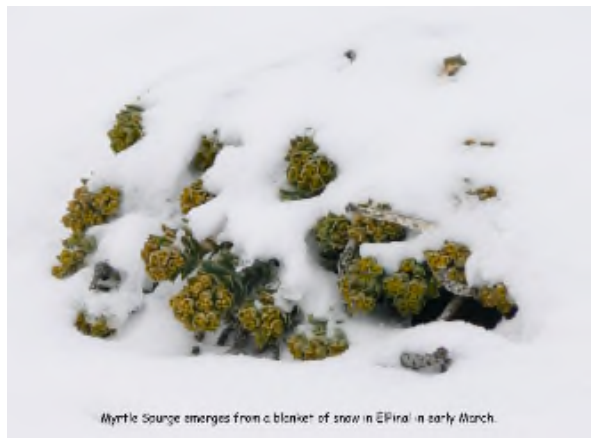
**8-11am Weeding & Education Outreach**

**11:15am Celebration**

## Education Efforts Underway

The Community Weed Awareness Campaign (CWAC) education outreach started with the Earth Day Fair on April 21. Our booth, strategically located at the front door of the Lake House, featured Myrtle Spurge. Mark Meremonte donated color copies of our new flyer, "Do you have the scourge of Myrtle Spurge?" to hand out.

This 2-page Myrtle spurge flyer went out to 550 Evergreen Audubon members as an insert in the May *Dipper* newsletter. The response to our flyer has been fantastic and we continue to get requests for copies.



Myrtle Spurge emerges from a blanket of snow in EPIral in early March.

If you would like a copy of the Myrtle Spurge handout, call Cathy, 303.674.8610 or email her at <sheltonpublicaddress@hotmail.com>

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Evergreen Newspapers is graciously running noxious weed articles in the Real Estate Section of their papers, which comes out the first week of each month. "Purge your Spurge" appeared in the May issue and generated a number of calls from readers including one resident whose son had a severe reaction to Myrtle Spurge exposure. Be sure to check the Real Estate section each month for these articles. Sylvia Robertson is preparing information on Russian Olive for the June issue.

CWAC will be talking to parents about the threat Myrtle Spurge sap poses to children at the May 12 Safety Fair at Bergen Meadows School. And on May 19, committee members will be at the Aspen Park King Soopers with our display of local weeds. Stop by and say Hi!

Be sure to check out the calendar for other upcoming events. Your help is always appreciated so give us a call if you can lend a hand.



## **Adopt-A-Plot**

Adopt-a-Plot is one of our most successful projects. Alicia Doran, the Jefferson County Weed and Pest Specialist, recently said she touts it at weed meetings throughout the state. Needless to say, it wouldn't be getting compliments if it weren't for all of the dedicated volunteers who work their plots each season. Jonelle Balais, Brock Schwartz, Linda Gallup, Betsy Hoke, Dee Miller, Betsy Kelson & the Sierra Club, the Garrison family, Renee Cormier, Dickie Langworthy, Bob & Sylvia Robertson, Jack & Ruth Salter, Jim & Cathy Shelton, Ann & Gerry Saul, Sharon & Norman Milford, Wild Rose Church, Deb Callahan & Dave Jones, Margaret McDole & Mark Meremonte and Mercedes and Rose Smith should take a bow. Thank you all for a terrific 2006 weed season.

A couple adopters have had to give up their plots so we need new weeders for the five plots currently untended. If you are a current Adopter and cannot continue, or if you haven't adopted yet and would like more information on this project please call Cathy, 303-674-8610.

### **The Community Weed Awareness Campaign Steering Committee:**

Cathy Shelton (TENAS)  
Sylvia Robertson (TENAS)  
Betsy Kelson (Sierra Club)

Marilyn Kaussner (Garden Club)  
Bud Weare (Garden Club)  
Else VanErp (TENAS)

Renee Cormier

## Jeffco Commissioner Meeting

At the end of April, members of CWAC met with Kathy Hartman, Jefferson County Commissioner, and Alicia Doran, Jeffco Weed and Pest. We had a productive meeting and it was obvious that Commissioner Hartman is concerned about noxious weeds. She presented excellent ideas to help us bring this issue to the public's attention. We left the meeting confident that we have her support as does Alicia as she attempts to convince municipalities, county agencies and the public of the importance of noxious weed management throughout the county.

### NEWS you can USE

•Friends of Mt. Evans and Lost Creek Wilderness has two upcoming training sessions, contact information at right:

1. Trail Crew Leader Trail Training, Saturday, June 2, 2007, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM, USDA Forest Service, AG Work Center Ranch, 56052 U.S. Hwy 285.

2. Invasive Weeds Identification, Inventory and Mapping, Sunday, June 3, 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM, USDA Forest Service, 19316 Goddard Ranch Court, Morrison

•Kelly Uhing has replaced Eric Lane as the Colorado State Weed Coordinator. Kelly's number is 303-828-8329. Eric is now director of the Conservation Services Division at the Colorado Department of Agriculture.

•Ted Brown is the new and enthusiastic Weed Manager for Clear Creek County. His number is to the right.

## Additional Noxious Weed Resources

### Local Weed Organizations:

\*Clear Creek County Clematis Project  
303-674-2657

\*Friends of Beaver Brook Watershed  
303 670-7930

\*Friends of Mount Evans & Lost Creek  
<http://www.fomelc.org/>  
or email to [info@fomelc.org](mailto:info@fomelc.org)

### County Weed Managers:

#### \*Clear Creek County

Ted Brown  
303-304-9623

#### \*Boulder County

Position Open

#### \*Denver City and County

Gayle Weinstein  
303-341-0115

#### \*Gilpin County

Irene Shonle  
303-582-9106

#### \*Jefferson County

Alicia Doran  
303-271-5989

#### \*Park County

Alan Swartz  
719-836-4167

#### \*Summit County

Lisa Taylor  
970-668-4218

### Identification and control websites:

\*Colorado Dept. of Agriculture  
<http://www.ag.state.co.us/CSD/Weeds/Weedhome.html>

\*Colorado Weed Management Assoc.  
<http://www.cwma.org/>

\*CSU Natural Resources Fact Sheets  
<http://www.ext.colostate.edu/pubs/natres/pubnatr.html>

\*Jefferson County Weed & Pest  
<http://www.co.jefferson.co.us/weed/>



## Community Weed Awareness Campaign 2007 Summer Schedule



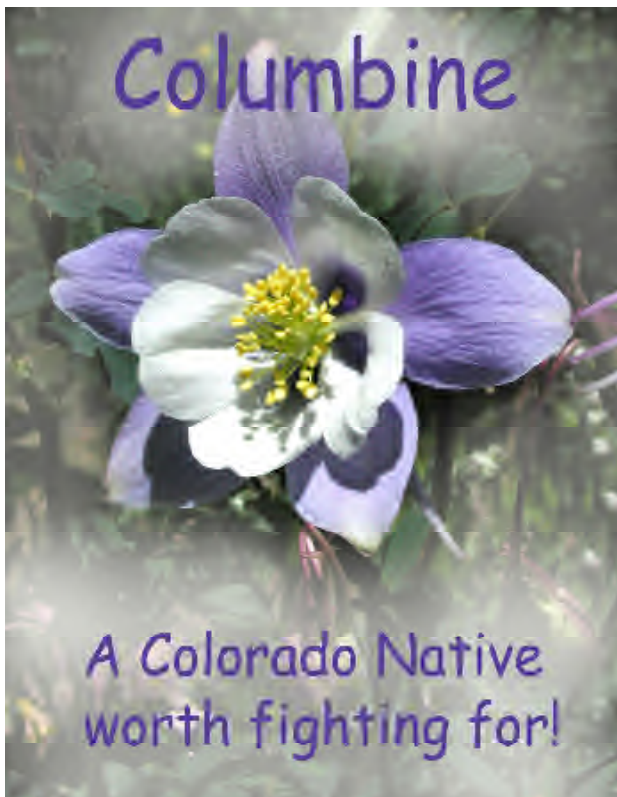
### Questions?

Call:  
Cathy  
303-674-8610  
Sylvia  
303-674-1715

### Mark your calendars:

May 12.....SAFE school outreach- Bergen Meadow School  
10:00 am to noon  
May 19.....Education outreach- Aspen Park King Soopers  
10:00 am to 2:00 pm  
June 23.....10<sup>th</sup> Community Weed Day - Evergreen Lake  
8:00 am to 11:00 am  
July 21.....Education outreach - Evergreen Safeway  
10:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Aug 16.....Weed & Wine - For volunteers - Evergreen Lake  
Weeding - 4:00 pm; Party - 6:00 pm  
Sept .....Idaho Springs outreach - Place and date TBD

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