

# The Sanctuary Desk Blotter

February 2013

## The Rites of Spring



*“C’mon...a my house”*

Preparations are underway for the coming Spring Mating Season. We’ve added a few habitats and are doing some re-positioning of others. We have 14 boxes throughout the community; 5 for Flickers/Kestrel Hawks, 5 for Swallows/Bluebirds and 4 for Wrens/Chickadees.

We will be checking for winter damage, making repairs and “closing in” the Flicker/Hawk boxes. This involves putting a Popsicle Stick or similar soft wood splint across the opening and filling the box with wood chips to simulate the natural instincts of these cavity nesters. The Flickers open it by pounding with their long bill, the Hawks by tearing it open with their sharp curved bill. They will then defend it. This prevents Blackbirds and Starlings from taking over.

### Good food & fun

Lou Palley sends word to remind everyone about two upcoming events. Mark your calendar for:

- **Monday, March 4th - Happy Hour at Jacksons**  
No bowling, just adult beverages and eats
- **Thursday May 30th - Cajun theme Food Truck**  
Food by Smokin’ Nola - Truck location tba

### Help with snow shoveling

Late word just in on help with hand snow shoveling. Two HS Seniors who live at VCC are offering help and have time either in AM before school or later in the day. Call **Will Hurtgen @ 303-829-3537** or **Peter Hurtgen @ 303-947-8942**. Reasonable rates

## So little time, so many books

From Joan Liebchen we hear about the *Off Jordan Book Club*. These avid readers meet at various members homes from September through June on the 2nd Monday each month to discuss a pre-selected book. Each month a volunteer from the group researches the author for that selection and prepares a list of discussion questions to “stoke the fire” and provide the group with added interest and meaning.

The books selected to complete this year are :

- *Major Pettigrew’s Last Stand* - Helen Simpson’s first novel about the travails of a retired Major in the English countryside.
- *A Walk Across The Sun* by Corbin Addison. An eye opening journey into the seamy underworld of Mumbai
- *The Yellow Birds* - by Kevin Powers - a harrowing story of 2 young soldiers trying to stay alive in Iraq

For information, call Joan **303-400-3389**

### A note from the President

As many of you already know, our current roofing tiles are no longer available for use in roof repair or replacement.

Our Design Review Guidelines for roofing states: ***“Any replacement of individual tiles or full roof replacement shall be the same tile and color, or an approved equal if same is not available”***

Our Design Review Committee has done a great deal of research on roofs since several homeowners are getting full roof replacements. For these, the Committee and the Board approved just one tile. The chosen tile is by Westile, Inc., the profile is “Slate Pre Alpine”, the color is “Rocky Mountain Green”. The tile is standard weight and carries a fully transferable 50 year warranty that is non-prorated for the entire 50 years. It is a standard color and is readily available. If you have need for individual tile replacement you must select the tile that is as close as possible in style & color to the original. NOTE: The approved tile will not fit with the existing tiles for repairs. Any questions contact Anne Nelson @ 303-690-1777 or [anne@alnacct.com](mailto:anne@alnacct.com). You must also submit a Design Review Request.