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PIONEER TRAILS NEWSLETTER

Spring At Last—welcome spring 2018.

Homeowners Corner

If you have suggestions or comments about the newsletter please send us an e-mail at: ptrail-shoa@gmail.com

PTHOA Garage Sale

April 28th from 8am to 4 pm.
The advantage to having your garage sale on the bi-annual PTHOA garage dates is the free advertising provided by the HOA.

2018 Homeowner Meetings

You are invited to attend the Pioneer Trails Board/Homeowners meetings. Meetings are held at the Silver Lake Baptist Church on 35th S.E. at 7:00 p.m. Dates:

- May 15th
- July 17th
- September 18th
- December 4th

Board of Directors 2018

Bruce Meaker—President
Brenden O'Farrell—V. President
Paul Heneghan—Treasurer
Will Matheny—Secretary
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Coyotes in Pioneer Trails
PTHOA has received some calls about coyote encounters. Many people are concerned about the safety of their animals.

Efforts to control or even eliminate coyote populations only disrupt a pack and generally leads to an increase in pups being born as a pack rebuilds. Other developments do not control coyote populations so any efforts to control or even eliminate coyotes from Pioneer Trails allows other packs to

move in.

During this time of year, coyotes are exploring further from the den, leading to more sightings.

Suggestions to Keep Yourself and Pets Safe from Coyotes

- Keep your dogs and cats inside from dusk to dawn.
- Feed dogs and cats indoors. If you must feed your pets outside, do so in the morning or at midday, and pick up food, water bowls, leftovers, and spilled food well before dark every day.
- Keep garbage can lids secured.
- Do not attempt to approach or “pet” a coyote. They resemble a small German shepherd and can come in a variety of colors. Some Coyotes have shorter, bushier tails that are carried low, have big ears pointing up and a white “chin strap” on their muzzle. Adults weigh 20 – 35 pounds with males slightly larger than females. *(Continued page 2)*

2018 Annual Picnic

The annual PTHOA picnic is just 5 months away. We are looking for volunteers who would like to work on this years planning committee.

Please contact Audrey Chamberlain at ptrail-shoa@gmail.com if you would like to join the committee.



Gardening

Get your mower ready—For the cleanest cuts ... and healthiest—looking lawn...sharpen the blade at least once a year.

April—Spring planting season for everything but tender annual flowers and vegetables.



Broad leaf lawn weeds can be controlled by selective liquid or granular weed killers. Pre-emergent weed preventers such as Casoron and Preen can be applied before there is much new week growth.

Treat for moss this month by either spreading iron sulfate (which will stain concrete, so be careful) or an organic product. Be sure to rake the lawn and fertilize to get things growing again.

Safety Corner

Oily rags can be a fire hazard. If you decide to stain your deck or other woodwork, please be cautious when using oil-based stains and paints. Rags that contain residue of some oil-based stains, paints, varnishes and thinners can spontaneously combust.

As the oily rags begin to dry, they produce heat and can start a fire. This happened last summer at a home in Edmonds. A pile of oily rags from a floor staining project ignited on a plastic table in the garage in the middle of the night. Fortunately, the smoke alarm woke the residents.

Don't Feed the Wildlife While **Ducks** may find bread tasty, the danger is that they will fill up on it instead of other foods that could be more beneficial to them. There is also a risk that ducks and other water fowl could get a deformity called "angel wings" that can hamper the way they fly or even stop them altogether, which could obviously be fatal. Feeding **Coyotes** poses a risk to owners' small dogs, cats and people, and encourages them to remain in our area. Feeding **Squirrels** only enables more digging up of our landscapes and the crows to pick up the nuts that end up clogging our gutters and downspouts.

Pioneer Trails Travel Talks by Bruce Meeker



Bruce Meeker will be sharing some of the experiences he and his wife, Emmy, have had in recent years while traveling in Europe on Viking River Cruises.

The venue will be the **Silver Lake Baptist Church**. **Date: May 15th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm** prior to the PTHA Board of Directors meeting which everyone is welcome to also attend. Bruce and Emmy have been to Europe together 5 times since 2010: three of them on Viking River Cruises of the Danube, Rhone, and Seine. Each has been a rewarding adventure which Bruce will share visually through PowerPoint while explaining what it was like and what he has learned about cruising in Europe.

This will hopefully be the first of a series of opportunities for PTHOA members to share their travel experiences throughout the world.

Suggestions to Keep Yourself and Pets Safe from Coyotes (continued from page 1)

- Coyotes can and do carry diseases and parasites. Make sure your pets are up-to-date on their vaccines and limit exposure to coyote droppings.
- Always keep your pets on a leash when walking the trails or at the play field. There have been sightings of coyotes in the greenbelt near Arch Bishop Murphy and they will act on instinct if their den is threatened.
- If you encounter a coyote, don't run. Pick up small children and attempt to look bigger by standing up if sitting or stepping on a log. Unless you are holding a child, wave your arms, throw stones and shout to convince the coyote that you are not prey but a potential danger to them.
- Do not leave children unattended in areas where coyotes are frequently seen or heard. Teach them to yell "go away coyote" and inform adults of its presence as soon as possible.