

RVPOA VIEWSLETTER-JANUARY 2017

WELCOME

The Board welcomes all new lot owners who have invested in our beautiful community. Hopefully, the welcome packets prepared and mailed by Cori and Dale have provided you with helpful information as you settle into Rainbow Valley.

We would like to invite all property owners to check out our website at www.rvpoa.com. It is a great source of information and a good place to check up on the comings and goings in our community. There are sections for news and announcements, as well as events. All of our public documents are posted, including bylaws, articles of incorporation, and our covenants. There are also members-only sections that include all of our board meeting minutes. To register as a member, use the community code **(removed from online version of the newsletter)**, which allows you to create a username and password and grants access to all of the "members only" sections.



If you would like a Rainbow Valley sticker for your vehicle, please send your request to the email address listed at the bottom of this Viewsletter.

2016 ANNUAL MEETING AND PICNIC

The 2016 annual meeting and picnic of the RVPOA was held August 7, 2016 at the Divide Community Building. The venue was changed due to complaints of limited parking at Mueller State Park. Approximately 48 members attended this annual event that was catered by the Little Chapel of the Hills Food Pantry, the fourth largest food bank in Colorado. The Board is considering other options for next year's meeting, including

John Wesley Ranch. If you have a suggestion, please let us know by email or on the website.

SURVEY RESULTS

We would like to thank the 35 lot owners who completed the survey. The four most popular responses were: (1) year-round dumpster, (2) wood chipping, (3) security cameras at entrances, and (4) pine needle disposal. Write-in suggestions included annual community dumpster day (disposal or swap), private security, straighten street signs, more community news on website, charity event, solar power entrance gates, establish teleconferencing meeting capabilities, campaign for better internet options and natural gas services, arrange with Rainbow Valley Ranch for fishing rights, resource-sharing system such as NextDoor, fire mitigation in area to south and west of RV, pay dues online, pancake supper instead of breakfast, chili cook-off instead of dinner, pie baking contest (combine above with movies) theme-related, disallow spec homes, provide financial statement of RV, dumpster 2-4 times a year, access to more RV windshield stickers, make lot owners aware of dues for each lot and those owning multiple lots should receive extra benefits.

The Board is researching the feasibility of installing cameras at our entrances and having a neighborhood dumpster, so if you have expertise in either of these, please contact us. Both would require careful planning and implementation.

SPRING CLEANING

Since survey respondents expressed a high interest in the disposal of pine needles and slash, the Board plans to provide a dumpster for branches and pine needles this summer. Please let us know if you have a suggested weekend for that slash-only dumpster.



THANK YOU

We would like to recognize and thank Dale McKenzie for cleaning up trash on Hwy 67 around Rainbow Valley. In just seven months, he had filled 59 bags of trash. And we cannot forget another Dale (Rothberg) for the many years she has kept our neighborhood clean. Ray Allard, thank you for plowing the snow in front of the mailboxes after each snowstorm. And we appreciate that many of you pick up trash and watch out for suspicious activity as you walk or drive through the neighborhood. It takes a village!

NEW SIGNAGE

You may have noticed a new "Dead End" sign on Pikes Peak Drive at its intersection with Blue Spruce Road. That section of Pikes Peak Drive past the old Water District garage is washed out in several places and eventually ends at a private gate, with no place for large vehicles to turn around. After Wheeler Clark contacted the Teller County Roads Department, a road sign technician surveyed the accessibility of that section of the road and determined that a "Dead End" sign should be installed.

WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS



There were several mountain lion sightings in the Valley this fall, most recently in the vicinity of 286 Grosbeak Circle in mid-October. Such sightings are posted on our website, along with a link to the Colorado Parks & Wildlife site with a video and downloadable brochure on "Living With Lions." Visit <http://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/LivingwithWildlifeLion1.aspx>

The State would like future cat sightings reported to 719.227.5200. Please report them to us as well.

ANNUAL DUES

We would like to thank the 481 lot owners who have paid their 2016 dues and encourage the remaining 55 to do so soon. Enclosed with this Viewsletter is an invoice for your 2017 dues, which is due within 30 days of the invoice date. Your prompt remittance and community support is much appreciated.

2017 MEETING AND PICNIC

This year's annual meeting and picnic is scheduled for Saturday, August 5th. Please put this date on your calendar so you won't miss this great opportunity to catch up with neighbors and meet new ones over coffee and doughnuts at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will start around 10:00 followed by a catered lunch. Nomination and election of new Board members will take place at the meeting, as well as approval of the 2018 budget.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

This past year was a busy one for us. The Board responded to over 50 inquiries. From questions relating to dues, covenants, or complaints, we did our best to answer each one in writing. And we recognize Cori Freed for her outstanding dedication in accomplishing this task. Also, thank you to the three lot owners who wrote complimentary letters.

Wishing you all the best in 2017!

Michael Hines – President

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