

RVPOA VIEWSLETTER – MAY 2026

ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING AND PICNIC

This year's annual Rainbow Valley POA meeting and picnic is scheduled for Saturday, August 22nd at the Pavilion in Memorial Park located at 200 N. Park Street in Woodland Park. Members are encouraged to sign in and enjoy coffee and pastries at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will begin at 10:30, with lunch served immediately after. Please do come along and meet your Board members and take an active part in the management of your Rainbow Valley POA.

DUMPSTERS



Dumpsters will be made available, to those RVPOA owners who are current with dues, **for the disposal of slash**, on the following dates: May 21-26 and September 1-15.

The dumpsters will be located on Barite Lane and on Rainbow Court.

Where two dumpsters are provided please fill the front container first, stacking slash as compactly as possible starting at the end furthest from the door. Debris cannot extend beyond the dumpster tops, and please empty all bags of needles and pinecones.

Please note: These dumpsters are provided ONLY for forest slash and may not be used for the disposal of other household waste. Thank you.

Additionally, dumpsters **for household waste only** will be provided at both locations on July 1-8.

RVPOA WEBSITE

We hope you are using and enjoying our website!

It is located at rvpoa.com, and is full of useful information. The tabs at the top of the home page include one for IMPORTANT INFORMATION, which highlights fire issues and other current information relevant to members. You will also find the MEMBERS ONLY tab which is available exclusively to members. To access these private pages, please send your email address to Board@rvpoa.com and an invitation asking you to create an account will be emailed to you.

Our governing documents, meeting minutes and Board information are listed on these pages. You can even ORDER WATER directly from that tab! If you send us pictures of our beautiful area, we will post them on the website, too. We value your input.

MAIL BOXES

The Board has been made aware that there have been instances within Teller County of mail box locks having been picked and the contents stolen. Rainbow Valley residents are respectfully requested to check their mail boxes daily and remove all contents. Thank you.

POLICIES, RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Association's Policies, Rules & Regulations which provide detail to the Covenants are kept current and may be viewed on our website.



Solid Fuel Fire Pits, Fireplaces, and/or Outdoor Barbeque Grills Are Not Permitted in Rainbow Valley (Gas Fire Pits are permitted unless otherwise prohibited by Teller County Fire Regulations and/or Bans)

CALL BEFORE BUILDING

You're probably familiar with the Gas Company's saying "Call before you dig." RVPOA's slogan could be "Call before you build!" Our Covenants and Policies require lot owners to contact the Architectural Committee prior to starting construction of all exterior projects, including homes, sheds, decks, and fences. Plans may be emailed to Board@rvpoa.com or mailed to 111 Sportsmans Lane, Divide, CO 80814.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Trash cans should be placed at the roadside on collection days at 7:00 AM and removed from the roadside once emptied. Trash cans ARE NOT to be left at the roadside unsecured or chained to trees.

STAY CONNECTED DURING EMERGENCIES

www.facebook.com/TellerSheriff
www.co.teller.co.us

For alerts on your phone sign up for Peak Alerts, powered by Everbridge, at:
<https://elpasoteller911.org/304/Peak-Alerts>

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FOR THE DOG OWNERS

The Board has been asked to remind dog owners walking their pets within Rainbow Valley, as a courtesy to other owners and residents, to please pick up after your dogs when walking them. Thank you.

Dog owners are also respectfully reminded that their pets must be confined to the owner's lot, or leashed, or under immediate voice control, at all times within Rainbow Valley.

The Board has also received complaints regarding barking dogs, constituting a noise nuisance, during the past year. Owners are to be aware that such barking that is audible continuously, or audible 20 or more times during a noise episode, or lasts for a 20 minute or longer period, may be subject to fines by the RVPOA and/or reported to Teller County Animal Control as a violation of Teller County Animal Control Ordinance. Please be considerate towards your neighbors and fellow Rainbow Valley residents by exercising proper control over barking dogs.

PLEASE DO NOT FEED WILDLIFE

We know that people mean well when they give tidbits to wildlife. What they may not realize is that feeding wildlife is



bad for the animals and dangerous for people.

It is also against the law. According to Colorado Parks and Wildlife, there are several reasons why

Colorado passed a law in 1992 making it illegal to feed big game animals; one important reason is that deer are the primary prey of mountain lions. Concentrating deer by feeding is not only harmful to them, but may attract mountain lions. Although mountain lion sightings are infrequent, they are posted on our website, and the State requests that all sightings be reported to them at 719.227.5200. We encourage you to watch a video or view a downloadable brochure on "Living with Lions".

<https://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/LivingwithWildlifeLion1.aspx>

THE BEARS HAVE STARTED TO STIR!



Bears are just now starting to rouse themselves from hibernation. With their very strong sense of smell and memory, they tend to make frequent visits to homes with bird feeders, unlocked trash containers and even out-buildings containing garbage. To deter bears, store garbage indoors or in locked or secured bear-resistant containers, keep pet food inside, clean barbecue grills, and bring in bird feeders at night or consider not feeding birds from April to December when naturally provided food is available.

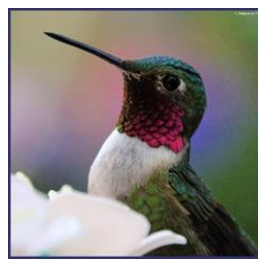
We had several instances during the 2025 'bear season' where unsecured or improperly secured trash cans had been raided by bears and the contents spread across roads and properties, in particular at short term rental properties, RVPOA Board members having mobilized to carry out the clean-up.

Going forward, should similar instances occur, the sum of \$250 per clean-up event will be billed to property owners to compensate for the time and effort spent, and inconvenience caused, to those involved in the clean-up.

We encourage you to read and download this brochure about deterrents that teach bears to stay away.

<https://cpw.state.co.us/Documents/Education/LivingWithWildlife/BearDeterrents.pdf>

OLD FRIENDS HAVE RETURNED!



Every year around this time we welcome the return of beautiful Hummingbirds to Rainbow Valley. Commonly we play host to Broad-tailed Hummingbirds (pictured), with frequent visits from Rufous Hummingbirds and the occasional Black-chinned Hummingbird. For those bird lovers in the community

itching to break out the Hummingbird feeders, here are a few hints to help our little friends feed safely during their time with us.

1. There is no need to buy commercially produced nectar or food for these little guys; a simple solution of 4-parts water to 1-part natural cane sugar, not refined or brown sugar which are harmful to them, made with boiling water and allowed to cool before putting out, is perfect for them. Please do not add honey or color additives as they are also harmful to the Hummingbirds.
2. Always, if you have the ability to do so, put out more than one feeder for them, spaced out at least 12-24 inches apart, and if possible at different heights.
3. Replace the mixture in the feeders regularly, every three to four days at most, thereby keeping it fresh; thoroughly clean the feeders each time that you renew the mixture.
4. Once feeding is over at dusk please take the feeders in and store inside your house, putting them out again in the morning; Hummingbird feeders are a favorite attractant of bears!
5. Enjoy watching these little miracles of nature!

STAY IN TOUCH WITH SOCIAL MEDIA



Please join us to share news, views, opinions, ideas, and photographs on the RVPOA Facebook group, at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1007962792714042>

and Rainbow Valley in general (not affiliated with RVPOA) on Nextdoor! Just search Rainbow Valley on the Nextdoor app!

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PREPARING HOMES FOR WILDFIRE

Research around home destruction vs. home survival in wildfires point to embers and small flames as the main way that the majority of homes ignite in wildfires. Embers are burning pieces of airborne wood and/or vegetation that can be carried more than a mile through the wind and can cause spot fires and ignite homes, debris, etc. Following are methods for homeowners to prepare their homes to withstand ember attacks and minimize the likelihood of flames or surface fire touching the home or structures. Experiments, models and post-fire studies have shown homes ignite due to the condition of the home and everything around it up to 200' from the foundation. This is called the Home Ignition Zone.

HOME IGNITION ZONE (1st Priority):

Simple Steps from Roof to Foundation to Make a Home Safer from Embers and Radiant Heat:

- Clean roofs and gutters of dead leaves, debris and pine needles that could catch embers.
- Replace or repair any loose or missing shingles/roof tiles to prevent ember penetration.
- Reduce embers that could pass thru vents in eaves by installing 1/8" metal mesh screening.
- Clean debris from exterior attic vents and install 1/8" metal mesh screening.
- Repair or replace damaged or loose window screens and broken windows.
- Screen or box in areas below patios and decks with wire mesh to prevent debris and combustible materials from accumulating.
- Move flammable material away from wall exteriors (mulch, flammable plants, leaves and needles, firewood piles, anything that burns).
- Remove anything stored underneath decks or porches.

INTERMEDIATE ZONE (2nd Priority):

Five to 30 feet from furthest exterior point of home:

- Clear vegetation from under large stationary propane tanks.
- Create fuel breaks with driveways, walkways/paths, patios and decks.
- Keep native grasses mowed to height of 4".
- Remove ladder fuels (vegetation under trees) so a surface fire can't reach tree crowns. Prune trees up to 6 to 10' from ground; for shorter trees, don't exceed 1/3 of overall height.
- Space trees to have minimum of 18' between crowns with distance increasing with slope %.
- Tree placement should be planned to ensure mature canopy is no closer than 10' to edge of structure.
- Tree and shrubs in this zone should be limited to small clusters of a few each.

EXTENDED ZONE (3rd Priority):

Thirty-100 feet out to 200 feet:

- Dispose of heavy ground litter/debris.
- Remove dead plant and tree material.
- Remove small conifers between mature trees.
- Remove vegetation adjacent to outbuildings.
- Trees 30-60' from home should have approximately 12' between canopy tops.
- Trees 60-100' from home should have approximately 6' between canopy tops.

EXCELLENT WILDFIRE RESOURCES

www.firewise.org

www.wildlandfirersg.org

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

We welcome all new lot owners who have invested in our beautiful community and look forward to meeting you soon. We greatly appreciate everyone's patience, support, and involvement in maintaining the beauty and peaceful nature of this community. The Board is fully committed to represent the best interests of Rainbow Valley and our members and will achieve that goal by working together.

We would warmly welcome any Rainbow Valley lot owners who might be willing to contribute to the community by volunteering to become Board Members. Duties are not onerous, primarily being participation in a Board meeting once monthly, and assistance with arranging the annual meeting and picnic and any other events that the Board may choose to organize; those that wish to contribute further may volunteer to be on a Committee or to undertake other tasks that fall under the Board's remit. Anyone interested should contact the Board at: Board@rvpoa.com

We look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting and picnic on Saturday, August 22nd; please do be sure to introduce yourselves to the Board Members should we not get to you first, we none of us bite, and we would be very happy to meet new owners, see new faces and put names to them, as well as chatting with old friends and neighbors.

Your Rainbow Valley POA Board:
Cori Freed, Jerry Paul, Christy Walker, Kirt Carpenter,
Jake Lind and Carole Casner.

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