

RVPOA VIEWSLETTER – APRIL 2021

ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING AND PICNIC

This year's annual Rainbow Valley POA meeting and picnic is scheduled for Saturday, August 14th at the Pavilion in Memorial Park located at 200 N. Park Street in Woodland Park (provided there are no Covid restrictions). 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. New Board members will be elected, and the 2021-2022 budget will be approved. **If this meeting is postponed or canceled for any reason, notice will be posted on the rvpoa.com website and will be emailed to all members with current email addresses on file.**

DUMPSTERS - MEMORIAL WEEKEND

Dumpsters will be available to RVPOA owners who are current with dues for the disposal of slash from Friday, May 21st, thru Monday, May 31st. Two dumpsters will be located at the cul-de-sac by 52 Barite Lane and also just north of 2118 Pikes Peak Drive at the corner of Blue Spruce and Pikes Peak. 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.



MAILBOX VANDALISM

Several of our mailboxes were vandalized again this past December. New ones were ordered at a cost of \$5,080 and installed by the USPS. We received \$3,100 from State Farm which has an open case to recoup additional costs if damages are collected from the perpetrators.



BULLETIN BOARD UPDATE

Strong winds this past fall destroyed the neighborhood bulletin board and solar light. The Board is working with a Rainbow Valley high school student who would like to build a replacement kiosk as a service project. Hopefully, construction will begin this spring. We apologize for the lack of lighting by the

mailboxes; however, currently there is no pole for attaching the new solar motion-activated light.

OUTSIDE FIRES STRICTLY PROHIBITED

Just a friendly reminder that open fires outside the home are strictly prohibited in Rainbow Valley. That includes all wood-burning fire pits. In addition to fines imposed by the Association, Teller County also has strict regulations during its burn bans. Monitoring barbecue grills is important, and fireworks are completely banned. The seven-acre wildfire off Rampart Range Road started with a campfire that was left warm, the wind igniting pine needles adjacent to the fire ring. It only takes minutes for a small fire to spread, engulfing forested areas like ours.



Fire Pits Not Allowed in Rainbow Valley



DIVIDE SLASH SITE



The Divide Slash Site will open for the 2021 season on May 29th. The site will be open Saturdays only from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The last day of the season is Saturday, September 4, 2021. Slash load (pick up load or equivalent) is \$20. Checks or exact change only is accepted. Mulch is free (you load). Because of Covid, be prepared to practice social distancing, and face masks are required when transacting with attendants. Illegal dumping at the Divide slash site is strictly prohibited and may result in the site closing permanently. For more information, consult the CUSP website <https://divideslashsite.com> or call the CUSP office at (719)748-0033. CUSP also operates sites in Fairplay and Bailey. Mobile chipping is available at <https://cusp.ws/forest-issues-2/chipper/>.

RVPOA WEBSITE

We hope you are enjoying our new website! It is still located at **rvpoa.com**, but it is full of new information. The tabs at the top of the home page include one for IMPORTANT INFORMATION, which highlights fire issues, Covid-19 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.

PLEASE DO NOT FEED WILDLIFE

We know 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" at <https://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/LivingwithWildlifeLion1.aspx>

POLICIES, RULES & REGULATIONS

The Association's Policies, Rules & Regulations which provide detail to the Covenants are kept current on our website, and all updated information will be discussed at the August annual meeting.

THE BEARS ARE STARTING TO STIR!

Black bears are just now coming out of hibernation. With their 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

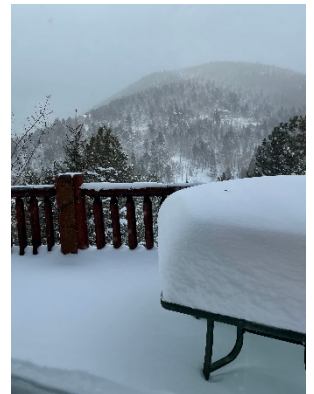
garbage indoors or in locked bear-resistant containers, keep pet food inside, clean barbecue grills, and bring in birdfeeders at night or consider not feeding birds from April to December when naturally provided food is available. We encourage you to read and download this brochure about deterrents that teach bears to stay away.



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

THANK YOU

We would like to recognize and thank Dale McKenzie for cleaning up trash on Hwy 67 around Rainbow Valley. And thanks to all of you who pick up trash and watch out for suspicious activity as you walk or drive throughout the neighborhood.



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

We welcome all new lot owners who have invested in our beautiful community and look forward to meeting you soon. And we 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 look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting and picnic on Saturday, August 14th.

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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