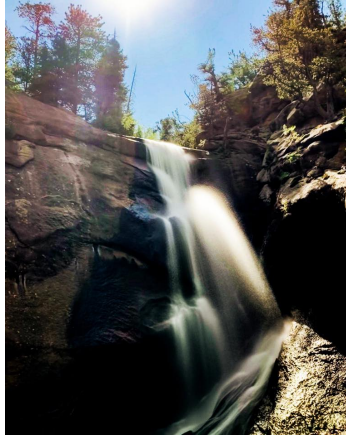




May 2021



Elk Falls - Photo courtesy of Staunton State Park Rangers

## An update from your Elk Falls Ranch POA Board of Directors

### 2020/2021 Board of Directors

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### Next Board Meeting:

**Tuesday June 8, 2021, 7pm**

All members are invited to attend via Cisco Webex. If you are interested in attending, please email [elkfallspoa@gmail.com](mailto:elkfallspoa@gmail.com) to request login details.

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## Resident Profile

In order for us, as the Elk Falls Ranch Community, to get to know each other a little better, we are profiling residents, especially newer residents.

We know you'll enjoy getting to know **Alexandrea Hackel and Emilie Lannamann!** Alex (on the left) and Emilie (on the right) live at 11665 S. Upper Ranch Drive.

Welcome Alex and Emilie!

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Hello, new neighbors!

We're thrilled to be a part of the Elk Falls Community. My name is Emilie, my fiancé is Alex and our giant puppy is Henry. We moved to Pine from Baltimore, MD in mid-April. Alex is originally from the Chicago area with strong roots in Wisconsin and I proudly hail from New England. We've spent the last five years in the Mid-Atlantic and couldn't be happier for the adjustment to mountain life. Alex works for ESPN and leads their newest digital marketing division based in Denver, which is [lucky for us] how we ended up here.



By far the coolest member of our family is our big red dog, Henry. You'll probably spot us walking around, exploring the neighborhood or romping around Staunton. Being a golden retriever/lab mix, he's *well* above average on the friendliness scale. People, dogs, deer....it doesn't matter; he's an equal opportunity lover and welcomes any sort of attention, so don't hesitate to say hi!



As for us, we love being outdoors and can't wait to take advantage of all the incredible local hiking, skiing, and camping that the area has to offer. (We like people, too, just not quite as much as Henry.)

Thank you for the warm welcome and we look forward to being active members of the community!

Emilie, Alex, and Henry



## More New Residents!

We also have new residents at 34175 Rock Creek Drive - James Martens and Valeria Lopez who state they moved here from Denver and are excited to be part of the neighborhood.

Welcome to James and Valeria!!

## Annual Meeting Postponed

The EFPOA Annual Meeting, usually conducted in May, will be conducted at a later date; hopefully at a time when we can safely gather in person.



## POA Dues are Due



This is a friendly reminder to send in your Property Owners' Association dues. If you have lost or misplaced your invoice you can email [elkfallspoa@gmail.com](mailto:elkfallspoa@gmail.com) for a copy.

## Backyard Archery Safety

## in Elk Falls Ranch

Many of us who live in Elk Falls Ranch are die-hard bow hunters. One of the beauties of living in EFR is that a bowhunter can set up practice targets without disturbing or concerning your neighbors.



Trust me, I've lived in Elk Falls Ranch and have been whacking targets off my deck—sometimes writing about it for Field&Stream magazine—for the past 20 years. The beauty of archery is that nobody hears it, nobody is bothered by it... so long as you are SAFE, and considerate of your neighbors. That's why we live in these spaces to begin with, right?

### If you want to shoot archery from your place, you need to think about a few things:

1. If you're going to shoot archery targets, the number-one, most important rule is considering what's behind the actual target you're aiming at. Not 20 yards past, not even 200 yards past the target. Modern arrows can fly many yards past an intended target, so even if you think you're Robin Hood... your line of target should never, ever even have a scant trace of a neighbor's house, even anywhere close to the target you're aiming at.
2. You should always have a backstop, born of dirt. Granted, you might want to practice shots that emulate a shot from a tree stand. But DIRT should be your backstop.
3. You should have a secondary backstop, whether that's your log pile, or something else, to stop an arrow, behind any target you set up. There should be no margin for error, when it comes to a misplaced shot.
4. You should shoot field points for practice, and then, maybe, dial in before your hunt with a broadhead-capable target. But shoot field points, at the grain that matches what you really intend to hunt, right up until the last... and then have a broadhead-specific target if you want to test that. Never fire your actual "hunting tips" at a fake target.

Again... I'm all about good archery practice before a hunt. I think any hunter who realistically wants to hunt deer or elk with a bow should shoot at least 1,000 times! And that's *before* they even consider pulling back on a deer or elk when it's time to go hunting. And we live in an incredibly cool place that allows people to "dial in," as they SHOULD.

You just gotta be smart, and respectful of everyone around you. Make a fool-proof backstop. **Never, ever, shoot in a direction that could land anywhere near a neighbor's house or on their property** (no matter how "accurate" you think you are). Make the backstop toward dirt, and not open air, every time. Have a redundant backstop. Then fire away!

If you follow those very simple rules, Elk Falls Ranch is an archer's paradise, as I have known it to be for over 20 years. – K. Deeter

*Kirk Deeter is a long-time Elk Falls Ranch Resident and Editor-at-Large for Field & Stream Magazine.*

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### Staunton State Park Archery Range

For those that cannot manage a safe backstop on their property or wish to exercise another very local option - the State Park will soon have a new archery range available for public use! Seventeen lanes at ranges from 10 to 100 yards. No charge for now, and talk about convenient!



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RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS

# Firewise News

## Chipping Program

As previously communicated, this year's Chipping Program is being managed differently than in previous years. Residents interested in participating in the Chipping Program should have already registered on-line for a chipping visit. Although registration is now closed, those that did register will soon be notified of their chipping date by the Elk Creek/Inter-Canyon joint task force that is managing the program this year.

In preparation for your chipping visit, please be aware of guidelines that must be followed to ensure chipping crews will collect your slash piles:

- Piles are within 5x5 size limit, neatly stacked with ends facing road
- No more than 15 piles per sign-up
- Piles within 5 feet of roadway
- Piles free of dirt, rocks, root wads, rope, wire, or any other debris.
- Material is 12" in diameter or less

## Wildfire Prepared – Home & Property Assessments

Are you interested in having the Fire Department provide an assessment and prepare a report with recommendations for protecting your home and property from wildfire impact? The Elk Creek/Inter-Canyon fire districts have expanded resources and are accepting applications for Wildfire Prepared Assessments. Several of us in the neighborhood have taken advantage of this service with unanimous praise for the educational value and personalized recommendations resulting from the visit.

A trained assessor will schedule a visit to inspect your property and structures, pointing out areas of risk and suggested remedy to make your home more wildfire resistant. In addition to the in-person dialog, the assessor will prepare a comprehensive post-visit report, documenting all risks identified and recommended actions to correct or minimize wildfire related risk to your home.

The cost for this service is \$100. The benefit is priceless! To get additional information or sign up for a Wildfire Prepared assessment, visit the web site at: [www.wildfireprepared.com](http://www.wildfireprepared.com).

If anyone is interested in discussing the assessment process, results, and value of this Program – please feel free to give me a call or send me an email. I will be glad to share my experience with you and help you understand what to expect.

Thanks in advance for your continued support of our neighborhood wildfire prevention efforts, and feel free to contact me with any Firewise related questions.

Dan Mueller  
Elk Falls Ranch Firewise Committee  
Phone: 630-240-9066  
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## Roads Report

Thankfully, we received lots of much needed moisture in March and April. With all of that moisture, the roads should be in great condition for upcoming spring maintenance. The Upper Ranch Drive widening project, as well as spring grading, will be underway very soon.

Please use caution around the equipment and personnel working on the roads. Now that the ground is thawed, I'll be checking the road culverts for clogs or issues that could cause drainage problems. It's a good time to

check your driveway culverts and ditches for debris that may clog the culverts and cause erosion damage to roads and driveways.

Please watch your speed in the neighborhood, as the weather warms up, there will undoubtedly be more kids playing and neighbors walking and biking in the neighborhood.

Please let me know if you see a road problem or have a suggestion for improving the roads.

Dave Shaffer  
EFPOA Roads Chair  
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303-816-5004

## Did You Know Multiple People in Your Household can be Added to our Newsletter Distribution List?



If you have members of your household that would like to be added to our Newsletter/Communication Distribution List, please pass along their email addresses. There is no limit to the number of emails per household. Please send emails to be added to [bevlong2555@gmail.com](mailto:bevlong2555@gmail.com).



## Conifer Area Council Did you have a chance to watch the April Town Hall Meeting?

If not, you can watch [here](#).

This meeting was very relevant to Elk Falls Ranch as Zach Taylor from Staunton State Park and Representatives from Elk Creek Fire Department were presenters.

Conifer Area Council is opening up a Trails Survey to the community. Please take 5 minutes to share your thoughts [here](#).

WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND HERE???

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING

Presented By

Conifer Area Council

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Link to be sent Thursday, April 22, 2021 to view meeting

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Updates From:

CDOT / CONIFER AREA CHAMBER / CONIFER LIBRARY / RTD

How Can You Be Involved in Planned Development for the Conifer Area?

Senior Long-Range Planner: Heather Gutherless

JEFFERSON COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING

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Park Manager Zach Taylor

STAUNTON STATE PARK UPDATE

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Senator Tammy Story / Representative Lisa Cutter

COLORADO STATE LEGISLATURE

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2021 Predicted to be Another Horrible Year for Wildfire!

Chief Jacob Ware and Wildland Captain Benjamin Yellin

ELK CREEK FIRE DEPARTMENT

To Share Resources Available to Mitigate Your Property

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Commissioner Lesley Dahkemper

JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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Conifer Area Council Would Like to Thank



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## Attention Runners and Bikers!!

**Suffer Better Ride n' Tie**  
**Staunton State Park**  
**Saturday, May 15, 2021 at 7 AM – 4 PM**



Looking for a mountain bike race and a running race.... at the same time?!

Staunton State Park and Suffer Better are partnering to host the first ever RIDE N' TIE event on May 15th! The Suffer Better Ride 'n Tie is a team event: Each team of two, one on a mountain bike and one running, complete a 20-mile course, switching roles every 5 miles. Team members start together and must finish together. Gonna be super fun.

To find out more and/or register - [Click Here.](#)

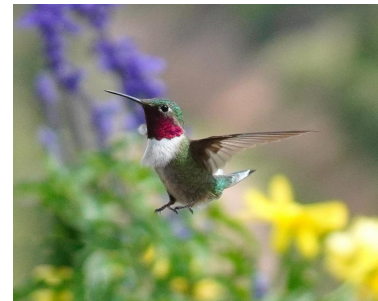
## Hummingbirds are back!

Did you know that you don't need red, store-bought dyes to attract hummingbirds to your feeder? All it does is slowly kill them.

Make your own hummingbird nectar:

- 4 cups of boiled water
- 1 cup of white granulated sugar

Bring water to a boil, remove from heat, add sugar, stir very well and let cool.



**Important:** Never let your feeder become cloudy or moldy . Bacteria and mold will kill hummingbirds. Clean your feeder frequently.

[The Hummingbird Whisperer](#)

A screenshot of a web page titled 'Elk Falls Directory: Please logon'. The page has a yellow background with black text. It says 'This directory is available for Elk Falls Ranch subdivision residents only! If you have questions or have forgotten your password, please contact Bob Phelps'. Below this is a login form with two input fields: 'UserName:' and 'Password:', and a 'Logon' button.

**Elk Falls Ranch**  
**Resident Directory**  
**Don't Forget to Complete a**  
**Consent Form**

You may not be aware, but we do not automatically include your contact information in the Elk Falls Ranch Resident Directory. While everyone is included in the Directory, we require your consent to publish your phone number and email address. (Your email address used for our email communications, such as this newsletter, is not shared without your permission.)

Currently about half of Elk Falls Ranch residents have given consent to publish their contact information. We would like to have a more robust Directory with published contact information for residents.

You can add your contact information to the Directory by completing the Directory Consent Form and mailing to EFPOA at 11119 Elk Creek Road, Pine, CO 80470 or emailing to [elkfallspoa@gmail.com](mailto:elkfallspoa@gmail.com)

[Link to Directory Consent Form](#)

[Link to Elk Falls Ranch Directory](#)

Thank you!

## Looking to Shred Outdated Documents?

Crow Hill Insurance will hold their 10th annual free community Shred-A-Thon from **9 am until noon on Saturday June 5th**. A certified shredding company will be on site to shred your outdated legal and sensitive documents.



The event is a great way to dispose of any old documents (bank statements, income tax forms, etc.) that may contain personal and sensitive information in a secure manner and to help prevent identity theft. All paper will be recycled, and everything is shredded onsite.

The event is free to the community; they ask that participants consider making a monetary donation to The Blue Spruce Habitat for Humanity ReStore. The ReStore will have a delivery truck on site to accept donated furniture and housewares as well.

**Location: 460 Park County Road 43, Bailey**

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## April 1st Humor

In case you missed this April 1st humor from Staunton's Facebook Page, we thought we'd share it. It's a little dated now, but it was a pretty good joke at the time!



**Staunton State Park - Colorado Parks and Wildlife is** at Staunton State Park - Colorado Parks and Wildlife. ...

April 1 at 11:48 AM · Pine · 🌐

Visitors coming to Staunton today may have a hard time entering the park due to a blockage at the entrance station. Staff is working hard to clear it up but it may take a few days. #stauntonstatepark



### Roads Issues

Please contact Dave Shaffer at [elkfallsroads@gmail.com](mailto:elkfallsroads@gmail.com) or 303-816-5004 with any issues related to roads.

### Architectural Approvals

Any additions, fences, new construction, decks, additions, garages, sheds, etc. need Board approval. Please contact Mike Long at [mlongpine11817@gmail.com](mailto:mlongpine11817@gmail.com) or 303-757-2222.

### Lost Mailbox Keys

For any mailbox issues or replacement keys, please contact Bob Wallace at 303-838-2297 or [bbwlinear@wispertel.net](mailto:bbwlinear@wispertel.net)

### Email Address Changes/Additions

Please contact Bev Long at [bevlong2555@gmail.com](mailto:bevlong2555@gmail.com) with any email address changes or additions.

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Directory

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street address.