



November 2022



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

### 2022/2023 Board of Directors

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Dave Shaffer, Roads Chair - [elkfallsroads@gmail.com](mailto:elkfallsroads@gmail.com) or 303-816-5004

### Next Board Meeting:

December 6th, 7pm, home of Dan Mueller or Webex  
35420 Upper Aspen Lane

All POA members are invited to attend. If you are interested in attending, please email [elkfallspoapres@gmail.com](mailto:elkfallspoapres@gmail.com) to let us know you're coming.



## Elk Falls Ranch Property Owner's Annual Meeting and Board of Directors

The annual member's meeting of the Elk Falls Property Owners' Association was held on Sunday October 23rd. This year's Meeting was conducted, in person, at the Elk Creek Fire Protection District meeting room with the option for members to attend via Webex audio/visual conference or via dial-in audio conference. There were twenty residents in attendance representing fifteen households, six on-line participants and three dial-in participants. Nine additional members were unable to attend, but were represented by proxy. Thank you to all those that participated in our

Annual Meeting.

In addition to updates from selected Board officers, we had guest speakers present from Staunton State Park and Elk Creek Fire Protection District. Please look for a summary of topics discussed in upcoming Annual Meeting minutes to be posted on the EFPOA web site.

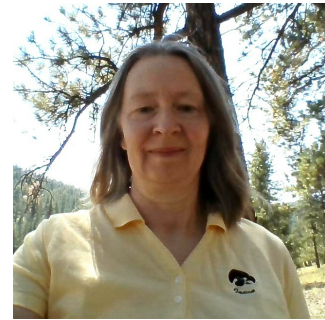
Members voted on the Board of Directors for the next term, approving the five nominees, and in a subsequent November 1st Board Meeting the following officer assignments were agreed upon:

- President - Dan Mueller
- Vice President - Marta Nelson
- Secretary - Wayne Gneiser
- Treasurer - Cyndie Van Buskirk
- Roads Chairman - Dave Shaffer

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## Thank you Renae!!!

You may notice the absence of an individual that has been part of the Board for the past fourteen years. Renae Braun has decided to retire from a Board position in order to enjoy more time with her family. Renae has generously volunteered her time and expertise to the community through various different EFPOA Board positions she has held over the years. Her financial background and passionate concern for all things related to the neighborhood have helped guide Board initiatives for over a decade. Renae's knowledge of the dynamics of running a POA in compliance with various state and local guidelines has been instrumental in preparing new Board members for our continued service to the community. Renae will be continuing to assist the current Board of Directors for a period of time with transitional activities related to bookkeeping and and implementation of our new HOA management software.



On behalf of current and past Board members, and the Elk Falls Ranch community, I extend our sincere thanks to Renae for her years of service.

Dan Mueller, President  
Elk Falls POA Board of Directors



## Board Member and New Resident Profile Cyndie Van Buskirk

Hello Everyone.

I am thrilled to be the new treasurer for Elk Falls POA. Being a Colorado native with roots in Conifer, I understand the complexities of mountain living! My family has owned a home in Elk Falls Ranch for ten years. We have enjoyed this home as a weekend getaway and as a holiday gathering place over those years. Now as my three kids fly the nest, my fiancé (Kurt) and I will be moving into the home permanently. Many family memories have been made in Elk Falls Ranch and we look forward to making more.

I have worked for Banner Health, Revenue Cycle Department, for eighteen years, currently serving as a Senior Director in the Ambulatory Business Office. The recent shift to working from home has supported us in our move from Northern Colorado.

Kurt and I have goals to explore Staunton, view Elk Falls and make the hike to the top of Lion's Head.

The residents that we have met, thus far, have been so warm and welcoming! We hope to meet many more of you at the neighborhood events or out walking our dogs, Maggie and Nigel.

Cyndie Van Buskirk  
Treasurer, EFPOA  
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For those that were unable to participate in the recent Annual Meeting, and as a reminder to those that did, **we have a deadline approaching for reporting of hours and dollars spent** on wildfire mitigation efforts. Our annual Firewise certification recognizes residents' dedication to preventing and minimizing wildfire destruction around your home, on your property and throughout the neighborhood, and gains us national recognition as a Firewise Prepared Community. If you have not already done so, **please report the hours and dollars you have spent over the past 12 months** to the Firewise Committee. The easiest way to do so is via an email to [elkfallsfirewise@gmail.com](mailto:elkfallsfirewise@gmail.com). **Please provide this information by Tuesday November 15th** to ensure that we can compile and submit on time.

The Firewise Committee is also seeking resident sign-up for neighborhood programs for which you may have interest:

- **Chipping Program:** Participation in the Elk Creek FPD sponsored chipping program was nearly impossible this year due to overwhelming public interest. The public sign-up closed as full within two days of being opened up and without sufficient time for a newsletter notification to get distributed. If you have slash piles to be chipped and were not among the lucky few that were able to sign-up for an ECFPD chipping visit, the Firewise Committee will look into alternate arrangements for neighborhood slash pile chipping. If interested contact the Firewise Committee at [elkfallsfirewise@gmail.com](mailto:elkfallsfirewise@gmail.com).
- **Need Help with Mitigation?:** We recognize that some residents may have the desire to do wildfire mitigation work on their property, but may require assistance due to physical limitations. The Firewise Committee will assist in matching work projects for those in need to energetic and able-bodied volunteers in the neighborhood. If you have such a need and are interested, contact the Firewise Committee at [elkfallsfirewise@gmail.com](mailto:elkfallsfirewise@gmail.com).
- **Want to Help a Neighbors in Need?:** If you are one of those energetic and able-bodied individuals that would like to volunteer your time and talents to a neighbor in need, please contact the Firewise Committee at [elkfallsfirewise@gmail.com](mailto:elkfallsfirewise@gmail.com).

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## Elk Falls Ranch Halloween Hayride and Trick or Treat

We had another successful Elk Falls Ranch Hayride/Trick or Treat event on October 26th. **Thank you, so much, to all the residents** who handed out amazing candies. It wouldn't work without your participation!

**Thank you to Heath and Jen McNally** for hosting the gathering, potluck, games, driving their truck and providing a nice, very large fire, to congregate around and stay warm after the hayride. It was great to spend time with neighbors.

**Other Thank You's:**

- Renae Braun for helping with event coordination, providing supplies and the family trailer
- Danny Killian for driving his truck and pulling a trailer
- Lee and Vanessa Acree for helping organize and set-up
- Bev Long for providing Halloween rock painting
- There were a few others who either drove a truck or provided a trailer who are appreciated and deserve a thank you as well. Unfortunately, we were unable to verify who they were in time for publication of this newsletter.



**Photos from 2022 Halloween Hayride**



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## Message from Staunton State Park Manager

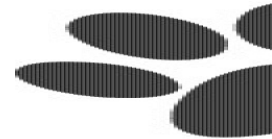
On behalf of the Staunton State Park staff, I want to wish everyone a safe and fun holiday season.

We look forward to seeing everyone out and about enjoying the beautiful winter weather!

Zach Taylor, Park Manager  
Cell (303) 495-9563  
Office: (303) 816-5180

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### Loose Dogs



We have had some recent concerns expressed about loose dogs aggressively barking, charging and/or chasing residents walking with their dogs. This has occurred from different dogs at different houses. The dogs followed the walkers, barking, growling and charging down the road with no owner in sight.

These incidents have some residents concerned for their own and also their dog's safety.

This is a friendly reminder to ensure your dogs are under control and not harassing others. Dogs that appear to be stray, or otherwise out of control should and will be reported to county animal control for appropriate action.

Thank you!



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### Conifer Area Council Town Hall Meeting and Survey Reminder

WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND HERE???

## TOWN HALL MEETING

West Jefferson Middle School  
Presented By

### Conifer Area Council

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Presentations without Questions or Comments: 7:00pm – 8:00pm / Open House: 8:00pm – 8:45pm

**MEET SOME OF YOUR NEWLY ELECTED  
OFFICIALS / GET TO KNOW THEM / HELP MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY!**

**YOU'LL ALSO HEAR FROM:**

- Jeffco Schools Superintendent: Tracy Dorland
- CORE Director: Ron Kilgore
- Jeffco P&Z Long Range Planning Supervisor: Heather Gutherless
- Conifer Library Public Services Manager: Jessica Paulsen
- Conifer Chamber Director: Tamm DeAun Masoner
- Salvation Army: Jacqueline Neal

**MOST IMPORTANTLY, FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED  
AND HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

Conifer Area Council Would Like to Thank



*Tiffany & Christy*  
720-441-2844  
tchristy@tchristyandchristy.com



For their COMMUNITY SUPPORT of this Town Hall Meeting

As you know, Conifer is unincorporated, without any city government to fight for issues important to our community. To better understand what community residents believe is important, Conifer Area Council has facilitated 4 Comprehensive Conifer Community Surveys in the past - 2006, 2010, 2014 and 2018 - and is asking for your valuable input again.

This is how we gather information from you that is used to guide our direction for study and action. And, we convey preferences to those making decisions on our behalf, i.e. Jeffco Planning & Zoning, Open Space, County Commissioners, Road and Bridge.

Please take a few minutes to take the 2022 Conifer Community Survey. What's important to you? Wildfire? / Water Resources? / Road Improvements??? Your input will help shape Conifer for many years to come!

All household members are invited to complete this survey. It won't take long to simply answer the questions but there is also information to explain the "Conifer Loop Access Project", "Consolidation of our Fire Departments", "Village Centers" and more, that you may want to read to better understand what is already being done.

You can take the survey [HERE](#).  
Thank-you for your valuable input!  
Conifer Area Council Board of Directors  
[www.coniferareacouncil.org](http://www.coniferareacouncil.org)



### 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 Marta Nelson at [elkfallspoavp@gmail.com](mailto:elkfallspoavp@gmail.com) or 952-212-1299.

### Mailbox Keys

For any mailbox issues or replacement keys, please contact Wayne Gneiser at 720-261-3155 or [elkfallspoasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:elkfallspoasecretary@gmail.com).

## 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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