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An update from your Elk Falls Ranch POA Board of Directors

2019/2020 Board of Directors

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Next Board Meeting:

October 22nd. 7pm

at the home of Mike & Bev Long, 11817 Northwest Court

Visit our
Website

A new and badly needed website is under development. You should see the new website up and running sometime over the next couple months.

Visit Elk Falls POA
Directory

To Log In:

Username: Last name

Password: Numeric portion of the street address.

Upcoming Events

Elk Falls POA Halloween Hayride Parade (for residents & their guests only)

October 26th
4:00 pm

Location:

Home of Randie Boldra,
34114 Rock Creek Rd
Corner of Rock Creek and Upper Ranch
Green House

Kids of all ages welcome. Costumes encouraged.

If residents would like to hand out treats or other items to the kids, please meet the hayride at the end of your driveway. You will hear us coming honking and hollering!!

Chili and cider will be served after the ride (around the fire pit, hopefully).

Contact Randie at 303-816-2933 or rcwbold@yahoo.com if you have any questions.



Halloween Hayride Parade Route

- Starting point: Corner of Upper Ranch and Rock Creek,
- Rock Creek to Stallion,
- Stallion to Circle,
- Circle to Cedar,
- Then Highview,
- Circle to Upper Aspen
- Then Lower Aspen
- Back to Circle,
- Circle to Juniper,
- Juniper to Jensen,
- Jensen to Rock Creek,
- Rock Creek to starting point.
- Then Chili and Cider!!!

Staunton State Park HIKE or TREAT

October 26th
10 am - 2:00pm



Staunton State Park will be hosting their HIKE or TREAT event on the Saturday prior to Halloween. This event will take place on the Davis Ponds Trail starting at the Ranch Hand Group Picnic Area

Staunton Volunteers, Staff and Family will be dressed in costume along the trail where kids of all ages can get candy while out enjoying the wonders of Staunton State Park!!

Recent Events

Annual Picnic

We had a great turn-out at the Elk Falls Ranch Annual Picnic on Saturday September 14th at the Davis Family Ranch. We had perfect weather, great food and good company.



We enjoyed visiting with old friends and meeting new neighbors.

A big thank you to Peter Braun, main griller for the entire afternoon.

Our special thanks goes out, once again, to the Davis Family who provide the perfect place for our annual gathering.



Roads Update



As you may have noticed, the Board recently contracted road grading and surface improvements on our EFPOA maintained roads. Upper Ranch Drive, Rock Creek Road, and the upper portion of Stallion Drive were severely deteriorated and received a healthy topping of road base material which should last for quite some time if residents drive responsibly. Speed coupled with sudden acceleration and deceleration causes corrugation (technical term for washboarding) so **PLEASE slow down and protect our investment!** Speed limit is 15 MPH throughout the Ranch. Please drive slowly and encourage your neighbors to do the same. Slower speeds produces less dust which is appreciated by everyone.

The Board contracted a professional roads engineering study this past Spring to inform strategic road improvements and water mitigation to prevent further damage to our roads following heavy rain events. A final report is expected in October which will provide capital improvement recommendations for the Board to implement, over time, in a fiscally responsible manner. **In the interim, homeowners are highly encouraged to clean out their driveway culverts and ditches and prevent runoff from their driveways onto community roads.** Please contact the Roads Chair, John Nelson, if you would like an assessment and recommendations on ways to improve water runoff from your property.

Fall is here and it won't be long before snow arrives. The Board has renewed its snow plowing contract for this winter to include sanding of sections of roads prone to icing. As a reminder, snow plowing is generally conducted when total precipitation exceeds 4 inches at the mailbox area, however this varies depending on numerous factors including time of year, forecast, temperature, etc. **It's highly recommended that home owners prepare for winter driving conditions by ensuring your vehicles are equipped with dedicated snow or all season tires with adequate tread.**

John Nelson, Roads Chair - elkfallsroads@gmail.com or 808-285-2965

Slash chipping was conducted on September 27th. We had a tremendous amount of community participation. The Fire Department filled two trucks and then ran out of time before being able to finish the entire neighborhood. But they will be back! We will let you know when we have a new date.



Thank you to Elk Creek Fire Department for providing this wonderful service. And thank you to Bob Fletcher our Elk Falls Ranch Firewise Leader for coordinating and making it happen!

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RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS

Wildfire Risk

Are you aware, our region has the highest wildfire risk in the country?

This is extremely alarming and we want to make sure we are doing everything we can to ensure we don't become another Paradise, California where residents were trapped, 48 people were killed and 18,000 structures were destroyed.

We are going to be working on a grant over the next year to request funds from the Colorado Forest Service. This will allow us to have support to work on fuel breaks, access and egress, defensible space, planting fire resistant vegetation and potentially obtaining certifications that residents can use to help obtain insurance and mortgages.

The first step in this process is for everyone to obtain a wildfire risk assessment specific to their own home. This will guide and inform our grant application. Additionally, it will be very helpful for each homeowner to personally know what they need to do to protect their home. Click on the link below to request your risk assessment.

Fire mitigation needs to be a priority!

Any questions, please contact:
Bob Fletcher
Elk Falls Ranch Firewise Leader
Robertbfletcher68@gmail.com

[Request Wildfire Property Assessment Here](#)



ELK CREEK
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

The Elk Creek Fire Department is conducting a free educational event in the Fire station Training Room, 11993 Blackfoot Road on October 20th. You will learn things like:

- how a home starts on fire
- wildfire risk to Elk Falls Ranch
- risk to individual homes
- overview of programs available to reduce risk in the community
- available grant funding for residential fuel mitigation.

Additionally, free CPR training will be provided!

More details to come.



Burn Ban in Effect for Park County

Effective September 20th, 2019

The following acts are PROHIBITED on ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY until further notice:

- Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire or campfire, including charcoal.
- Smoking except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
- Operating motorized vehicles off designated roads or trails.
- Blasting, welding or other activities, which generate flame or flammable material.
- Fireworks and model rocketry.
- Target or Recreational Shooting is prohibited with the exception of using lead bullets. Allowed rounds will not have a jacketed casing and the projectile will be lead only.
- Operating a chain saw without a 10lb ABC or 2 ½ gallon pressurized or equivalent fire extinguisher, and large size pointed shovel readily available for quick use.

Exceptions:

- Persons with a written exemption from the Sheriff that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
- Persons using a fire solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels.
- Any Federal, State or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- Approved fully contained outdoor wood burning furnace/boiler.
- For commercial operations authorized under contract or permit, internal and external combustion engines may be operated as approved by the Forest Service within designated areas.
- Campfires in developed campgrounds with fire rings.
- Hunters with valid licenses that are actively pursuing game.

Individual Fire Protection Districts may impose stricter restrictions than listed above within their respective district boundaries.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Sheriff Tom McGraw
Park County Sheriff's Office
PO Box 604

Not Receiving this Newsletter or other Property Owner's Association updates?



If you know anyone not receiving this newsletter, that's because we need their email address. Please have them contact Bev at bevlong2555@gmail.com or call/text **720-633-2454** with email information.

We welcome **renters, multiple household members and others who live in the area, but are not part of the Property Owners Association** to our newsletter distribution list. If you know of anyone wanting to be added, please have them contact Bev so we can include them in our communication.

If the Newsletter and or other POA communication is going to your junk or spam folder, please add elkfallspoa@gmail.com to your contacts which will resolve the problem.

Reminders



Feeding Wild Animals

We have had reports of residents feeding the foxes. This does more harm than good.

1. "People" food isn't good for animals. Human foods aren't nutritious enough for animals and may cause serious health problems.
2. It makes wild animals lose their natural fear of people. Feeding can make large, potentially dangerous animals become too comfortable in residential areas. Once animals learn they can panhandle for food, they can become a nuisance—or even worse, a safety risk.
3. When wild animals gather for food handouts, it can cause crowding and competition. These unnatural conditions increase the chances of fighting and injury among animals. It can also increase the spread of diseases, some of which may be transmitted to pets and humans.

Bears

The above information applies to bears. We have recently had bears in the neighborhood getting into trash cans. Please be sure to keep your trash cans inside until the morning of trash pick-up.

Architectural Approvals

Reminder that any additions, fences, new construction, garages, sheds, etc. need Board approval. Please contact Mike Long at [mlongpine11817@gmail.com](mailto:molongpine11817@gmail.com) or call/text 303-757-2222.

Email Address Changed?

Please contact Bev Long at bevlong2555@gmail.com with any email address changes or additions.