



## **Homeowners Newsletter**

**Spring 2022**

As we start another year I thought it would be a good time to remind all in the valley as to the intent and mission of the Homeowners Association. The Association was incorporated August 16, 1973. General Purpose was for the preservation and improvement of the values and amenities and for the maintenance of common facilities within the community.

To that end we do have 2 social events yearly, the annual meeting in the summer and a winter social held usually in March. - This year's Winter social canceled due to continued COVID issues. Summer annual meeting and picnic are set for August 6, 2022. Summer annual meeting provides information on topics of local interest for example Forest Fire safety. See information below.

We sponsor spring clean up with dumpster availability for disposition of house and yard clutter. We cannot take tires or appliances. See date below for 2022 clean up.

Cooperate with MRHI to sponsor noxious weed pull annually – see more information on noxious weeds below.

Provide funds (part of annual dues) to pay for street light at the lower end of County 4 and Highway 9.

Provide platforms thru Facebook and Nextdoor for community communications and networking.

We are Not:

Responsible for loose animals on property- call Animal control - 719-836-4380 or 719-836-4125 if not on leash in State wildlife area – local forest service office 719-836-2031.

Responsible for unruly guests staying at Short Term rentals – there is a complaint form that can be found on the county web site under short term rental information – if no resolution then contact non-urgent Sheriff Department –719-836-4121 option 5. Owners of property can be determined thru county records.

Responsible for folks who think that the county roads are part of the Indianapolis 500 raceway and speed limits do not apply to them or that they need to share the roads with pedestrian traffic - again non urgent Sheriff.

Responsible for policing of illegal marijuana grow operations within the valley. Call Marijuana Hotline 719-836-4117

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Placer Valley Home owners association Clean up Day  
June 18,2022 9:00AM until noon

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Later in the Summer we will have the Noxious weed pull in conjunction with MRHI organization. The date is set for August 7,2022 at this time. In the mean time we can all be working on eradicating noxious weeds from our properties.

Did you know that there is actually a Law that requires us all to work on eradication of noxious weeds? Colorado Noxious Weed Act ( 35-5.5 CRS) established a noxious weed list with prioritized management goals for the weeds on the A,B,C lists. Each noxious weed is required to be eradicated, contained or controlled.

List A plants are newly arrived and or less common in Colorado and must be eradicated from all lands in the state – Currently in our area Orange Hawkweed is classified as List A

List B plants include those whose continued spread in Colorado should be halted. Currently in our area we have several List B plants: Scentless Chamomile, Black henbane, Musk Thistle, Canadian Thistle, Dalmatian and Yellow Toadflax, and Oxeye Daisy.

List C plants are those for which local governments have the authority to decide the management strategy.

More information regarding what these plants look like and options for their eradication can be found by visiting : [www.colorado.gov/ag/weeds](http://www.colorado.gov/ag/weeds) click on Noxious Weed Link. You may also call Colorado Department of agriculture, Conservation Services Division, 303-239-4100.

The Teller Park county conservation district also provided information on how to prevent the spread of invasive species while walking, hiking, biking, riding horses or OHV's.

It looks like we are in for another year of high fire danger possibilities. North West Fire Protection District has a good Defensible Space Guide for you as property owners to use to start and do basic mitigation work to protect your property and help them protect your property as well. You can obtain a copy by contacting them 719-836-3150.

The Red Cross also had a nice one page information sheet – Wild Fire Safety Checklist. It has information on preparation, what to do if fire is in the area and returning home after a wildfire. Copies can be obtained on website [RedCross.org](http://RedCross.org).

Third resource for information on keeping homes “fire safe” and other good information can be found at [Firewise.org](http://Firewise.org)

### Spotlight on local organization: **Park County Senior Coalition**

Serving Park County residents 60 years and older. Mission is to help seniors maintain the highest quality of life by remaining in their homes as long as they wish and are able.

Programs offered include: Transportation and Assisted Transportation Vouchers, Home delivered meals, Chore Vouchers, Homemaking Vouchers. Offices are located at 825 Clark street, Fairplay. Call 719-836-4295.

Just in case you were not aware – Park County Library has an extensive collection of e-books for download if you prefer those to the hard copy form. Check them out: [parkcounty.colibraries.org](http://parkcounty.colibraries.org) The library branch in Fairplay has Health screenings the first Wednesday of each month 11:30 to 1:30.