



Newsletter | August 2020



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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:

Tuesday August 25th at 7 pm

All members are invited to attend via Zoom. If you are interested in attending, please email elkfallspoa@gmail.com to request login details.

Board Member Profile Mike and Bev Long

In an effort to help you get to know your Elk Falls Ranch Board Members, we are profiling Board Members in POA Newsletters.

We've introduced you to **Dan Mueller**,



Secretary and **John Nelson**, Roads Chair. This month we are profiling, Board members, **Mike and Bev Long**,

Mike and Bev Long have been Elk Falls Ranch residents for five years, having moved away from the congestion and noise in Denver. They built a home at 11817 Northwest Court, most identifiable by the bright red driveway bridge. They both joined the Elk Falls Ranch Property Owners Association Board last summer.

Mike is the Architectural Committee Chair and Bev is the Treasurer and responsible for communications. Bev is also spearheading the Broadband Initiative Project.

Mike is a structural engineer and architect, retiring from the USPS Facilities Division. Coincidentally, Mike was in charge of the design and construction of the Pine Post Office. Bev is a retired health care executive. They are raising two granddaughters – Celi (18-yrs) and Nyx (6-yrs) - and a Portuguese Water Dog, named Rio.

As typical of residents in the mountains, they enjoy outdoor activities such as hiking, biking and camping. While they enjoy the peacefulness and beauty of the mountains, they also seek out opportunities to be on the water either in a motor boat, sail boat, raft or paddle-board. They also enjoy attending Bluegrass music festivals and various Colorado film festivals.

New 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 Wayne Gneiser and Beth Anderson!



*In photo above:
Sally on the left.
Emerson in her
Halloween costume on
the right.*

Wayne and Beth moved to 35270 Upper Aspen Lane in Elk Falls Ranch in mid-January 2020. They are both natives of Colorado. Wayne grew up in Lakewood and has lived many places in Colorado before settling down on the front range. He retired in January from the United Training Center in facility maintenance. He also worked for Sturgeon Electric for many years. Wayne wants to pick up his guitar now that he is retired.

Beth grew up in Evergreen and went to college in Durango. Her family owned Anderson's Mountain Market in Evergreen until they sold it in 2000. Recently, Beth worked at the casinos until the coronavirus hit. She has now changed direction and is becoming a life coach. She loves to go for walks, read, and lately has enjoyed watching the different birds around the house.

They have two dogs, Emerson and Sally. Emerson is a great dane/English mastiff/bernese mountain dog combo and Sally is a Bouvier Des Flandres combo.

Wayne and Beth love to camp, hike and enjoy the outdoors as much as possible. They love living here and they are looking forward to many years in Elk Falls and meeting neighbors.



Steve and Andrea Allen Addendum

If you remember, we introduced you to new residents Steve and Andrea Allen in our July 2020 Newsletter. We neglected to include their address. The Allens live at 34139 Berg Lane.

Broadband News and Meeting Notice

As you know, we are planning to submit a Broadband Grant to [Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies](#) for the January 2021 grant cycle. Therefore, please know, **we are still collecting commitments** with the goal of reaching 350.



You can submit your commitment on-line at:

<https://www.southparktelephone.com/staunton-state-park-commitment-form/>

We have scheduled a strategy meeting for: August 26th at 7pm via Zoom.

The goal of this meeting is to understand resident concerns and solicit ideas from residents with [South Park Telephone \(SPT\)](#) present. While understanding that the service SPT provides is not for everyone, we want to know if there are things the Committee and South Park Telephone can do differently so that people are comfortable committing to high-speed internet. We will create an action plan for moving forward based on feedback from this meeting.

If you have suggestions, but cannot attend the meeting, please feel free to email me, Bev Long, at bevlong2555@gmail.com

Zoom Meeting log-in details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89278676594>

Meeting ID: 892 7867 6594

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Correction to refund information provided earlier, if you do not want to participate in the January 2021 grant process and have already paid your connection fee, you can request a refund to South Park Telephone's *Customer Experience Specialist Team* at 719-837-6400 (not David Shipley as I stated earlier). However, we need every commitment we can get, so we hope you will keep your commitment active.

If you'd like to help get this done or join the Committee, please let me know.

Bev Long
Broadband Committee Chair and Champion for Elk Falls Ranch
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For real-time updates join our [Facebook Group](#). The site is called [Broadband Initiative - Staunton, Elk Falls Ranch, Mt. View Lakes & Woodside](#).

Our website is 285broadband.com,

Architectural Approvals (reference POA covenants)



Summertime is a great time for property improvement projects. If you are planning any projects in the future, please be reminded that EFPOA Board review and approval is required for the following projects prior to the start of construction:

- New homes
- Additions to existing homes including decks and railing
- New fences
- Masonry walls
- Hedges,
- Mass plantings
- Exterior antenna
- Out buildings including:
 - garages,
 - guest houses,
 - servant quarters, and
 - permanent storage facilities.
- Other usual appurtenances (i.e. in-ground swimming pool)

Please contact Mike Long at mlongpine11817@gmail.com with any questions and/or submittal of drawings and specifications for review and approval of the above referenced improvement projects.



Elk Falls Ranch Property Owners' Association Question & Answer re: Barking Dogs

Resident Question: We moved to the mountains for some peace and quiet. Unfortunately, my neighbor's dog barks all the time and it's driving us crazy. Is there anything I can do?

Answer: Yes. Barking dogs are regulated by both Jefferson and Park County Resolutions and reporting procedures are outlined below.

Jefferson County

Jefferson County Regulation [Jefferson County Animal Control Regulation](#)

The Jefferson County Animal Control and Licensing Regulation prohibits a dog from disturbing the peace of any other person by loud, habitual and persistent barking, howling, yelping, whining, whether the dog is on or off the dog owner's premises. Violation of this provision could result in a penalty assessment which ranges from \$50 to \$1,000 and / or a court appearance.

How to Report Problem Barking in Jefferson County

Animal Control recommends talking face to face with the dog's owner as a first step. Jeffco offers a [Problem Barking Brochure \(PDF\)](#) as a guide for dog owners that might be of assistance.

If all of this is unsuccessful, you may call 303-271-5070, ext. 0 and file a formal complaint.

Depending on what prior contacts Jeffco has with the dog owner, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office may either mail a letter, post an official warning notice, or have you sign a complaint so they can issue a summons and assess a fine. For Jeffco to issue a summons, they must have two signed complaints from separate households in the area.

To file a complaint they need your name, address and phone number and the address of the owner of the barking dog. They need a description of the dog(s) and the most recent date and duration of time that you were disturbed. They also need you to describe how you know the barking is coming from the address you have identified, i.e. you can see the dogs barking from your window, you have followed the barking to the source, etc.

Animal Control does not act on anonymous complaints.

Website: [Barking - Jefferson County Sherriff Department](#)

Park County

Park County Regulation [Park County Animal Control Resolution of 1995](#).

It is unlawful for any person to own or keep any dog, which disturbs the peace of any other person or neighborhood by loud, habitual, untimely or persistent barking, howling, yelping or whining. Any peace officer may impound such dog if the peace officer is unable to contact the owner or keeper of the dog and the officer reasonably determines that the dog is disturbing the peace of the neighborhood.

How to Report Problem Barking in Park County

For Park County Animal Control to take action against the dog's owner, you need to write a statement detailing the barking dog incident to include specific dates and times, where the dogs live, and who owns them if you know. You must also include your full name, date of birth, residence and mailing address, and a working phone number.

This statement can be mailed to the Park County Sheriff's Office at 1180 County Road 16 or delivered in person. If this is a second or subsequent offense, please call Park County Animal Control at 719-836-4122 for further information.

Website: [Park County - Animal Control](#)

Help Reduce the Spread of Noxious Weeds!

We are nearing the midsummer mark and, with recent afternoon rains, seasonal growth of both native and non-native vegetation will soon be peaking around our community. Many of our commonly occurring plants have or will soon turn their attention to the production of flowers and seed to ensure continuation of the species next year. Some plants produce very attractive and showy flowers, i.e., common mullein (see images)

However, did you know many of these plants are **highly invasive and are on the Colorado noxious weed list and should be eliminated whenever possible?**

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/agconservation/noxious-weed-species>

Why do we need to eliminate or reduce noxious weeds?? Noxious weeds are harmful weeds and injurious to agricultural or horticultural crops, natural habitats or ecosystems, or humans or livestock. For more information on noxious weeds and why we have them and why we need to control them, [click here](#).

In case you're not an amateur botanist fear not - our good friends at Staunton State Park have produced a very handy and easy to use plant identification 'cheat sheet' to



assist in the proper identification of common invasive and native plants growing near Pine, based on the inflorescence (flower) color. You might be surprised how many State-listed noxious weeds may be growing in your front yard!

What to do if you notice a patch of musk thistle or yellow toadflax going to seed on your property? Easy enough, simply don a pair of gloves and pull them up by the roots and toss them in the rubbish can. Every weed that's removed will prevent thousands of seeds from taking root next spring, so your efforts to pull a few weeds will certainly be worth it!

Tired of being cooped up from COVID? Go take it out on some invasive weeds, a very safe (and rewarding) pursuit during these challenging times.

Mullein (noxious weed example)

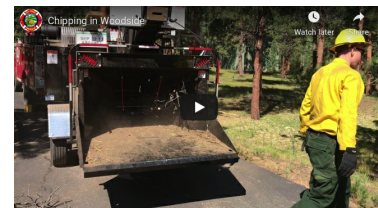
[Click here to access the Plant ID Cheatsheet](#) of common wildflowers and invasive plants growing near Pine



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Chipping Program

For those that signed up for a chipping crew visit on the Elk Creek Fire web site back in April, the anticipated August collection is just around the corner. Although specific dates for our neighborhood have not yet been communicated, we expect Elk Creek Fire to set those dates shortly. Look for notification directly from Elk Creek Fire as to your scheduled collection date.



In the meantime, please follow guidelines regarding slash pile size, placement and limits posted on the Elk Creek Fire website as you prepare for the chipping visit.

<http://elkcreefire.org/chipping-program/>

For those that were unable to sign-up before registration closed, you will unfortunately need to wait until next year's Chipping Program is announced.

Track Your Hours

As always, be sure to keep track of hours spent and any expenditure incurred for slash collection, creation and maintenance of defensible space around your home and other wildfire mitigation efforts. These hours should be reported to the Elk Falls Ranch Firewise Committee in the fall to demonstrate our neighborhood commitment to the Program and ensure we maintain our certification as a Firewise certified community.

Wildfire Property Assessments

If you would like professional guidance on how to mitigate wildfire risk around your home by creating and maintaining defensible space? Contact Elk Creek Fire to get on the list for a free inspection and assessment. Additional resources are being added to the Elk Creek Fire team to be able to respond to demand for this service. For more information visit their web site at: <http://elkcreefire.org/wildfire-property-assessments/>

Bob Fletcher Resigning as Firewise Chair

Bob Fletcher has been coordinating our community Firewise Committee efforts for the past several years and has decided to step



down from that role. Under Bob's guidance, a 5-year Firewise Initiatives Plan has been developed for our neighborhood; a plan that was applauded by Elk Creek Fire and is being used as a model for other neighboring communities. Bob's coordination with Elk Creek Fire also facilitated scheduling of the enhanced Chipping Program visits at a neighborhood level. **Many thanks to Bob for his hard work and contributions over the past few years!!**



New Firewise Committee Chair

Dan Mueller has volunteered to fill Bob's shoes as the Firewise Committee Chair. Going forward, please direct any Firewise related questions or suggestions, and of course hours worked, to the Firewise committee through him. Dan can be reached by phone at 630-240-9066 or via email at ElkFallsFirewise@gmail.com.

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Annual Meeting Update

We hope to have the Annual Meeting in September followed by a Budget Meeting later in the year.

We plan to conduct the Annual Meeting virtually via phone or internet dial-in so residents can participate safely from their homes.



Resident Recipe

Courtesy of Dr. Peter Braun, D.C.
(19 year resident of Elk Falls Ranch)

Crock Pot Posole (Mexican Pork Stew)

Measurements are approximate.

- Line bottom of crock pot with ½ head of sliced Napa cabbage,
- Add 3 roasted and chopped chile peppers,
- Add 2 bunches of green onions, sliced thin (don't add all the green parts)
- Place a 2-pound pork roast on top.
- Pour one 28-ounce can of hominy (including fluid) and one 14-ounce can of whole tomatoes (rough cut) over the roast.
- Fill tomato can with water and add.
- Add one 10-ounce can of green enchilada sauce.
- Fill enchilada can with water and add.
- Add one tablespoon of red chile (chile rojo).
- Add one teaspoon cumin.
- Pour in one 32-ounce carton of beef broth.
- Cover and cook all day on low setting.
- If the roast has a bone in it, remove the bone once cooked.
- Use two forks to separate pork into small shreds or pieces.
- Stir, cover and let it rest for a while before serving.

I like to dip with a flour tortilla. Renae likes it over rice or mashed potatoes.

Reminders



Roads Issues

Please contact John Nelson at elkfallsroads@gmail.com or or 808-285-2965 with any issues related to roads.

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.

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