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# SPRING VALLEY NEWS

## NEWS ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY

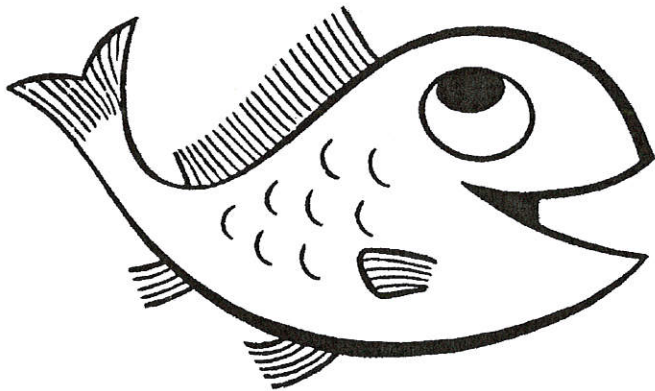
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## Election Time

We will be electing new board members in July with four seats up for election. The results of the election will be announced at the annual meeting in August. Please consider running for a two year term. It is a great opportunity to learn more about your community and help make this a great place to live. If you are interested in running for a seat on the board, please send your intentions with a brief biography for the ballot to PO Box 513, Divide, CO 80814. Must be postmarked by June 30, 2018. You may also email to: [info@myspringvalley.org](mailto:info@myspringvalley.org)



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NOTICE: Limit for fish caught has changed from 3 to 2 fish for the 2018 fishing season

## Fish Patrol

We are in need again this year of fish patrol volunteers. We especially need help on Mondays. If you have a few hours available and would like to fish for free, please contact Dick Cope at 687-8931. You may also volunteer as a substitute as they are always needed when the regulars are unavailable.

Fishing permits are available from any fishing patrol volunteer, on the website at [www.myspringvalley.org](http://www.myspringvalley.org) or by calling SVPORC at 719-686-1825.

All boats that are kept at the boat dock by the pavilion must register their boat with Dick Cope if you have not already done so.

## Teller County Hiking

by Janet Perry

A favorite activity of many who live in the Pikes Peak region is hiking. There are several hiking trails in Teller County within a 20 – 30 minute drive from Spring Valley. It's great exercise in a natural environment and enables you to see parts of the forest and mountains that you must experience by getting off the main roads.

These are just a few of the hikes in our area that you can enjoy:

Easy:

- Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument – Petrified Forest Loop, Ponderosa Loop
- Mueller State Park – Grouse Mountain Overlook, Lost Pond
- Horsethief Falls

Moderate:

- Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument – Geologic Trail, Hornbeck Wildlife Loop
- Mueller State Park – Osborn Homestead Loop, Overlook Ridge
- Catamount Trail
- Raspberry Mountain
- The Craggs
- Lovell Gulch

Difficult:

- Mueller State Park – Cheesman Ranch, Elk Meadow
- Dome Rock
- Pancake Rocks
- Rampart Range Reservoir Loop

If you've never hiked here before, start with the easier hikes. Recommended to bring with you is a good pair of hiking shoes or boots that are comfortable, water, a first aid kit, sunblock, and a snack such as a protein bar, granola bar, nuts, or Clif bar.

Another hike that is right here in Spring Valley is the loop around Burgess Lake. Most of the hike is on the county roads (Spring Valley Dr, Lake Drive East) that go about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way around the lake. But then it connects to the trail that goes across the dam, and then winds along the bank of the lake all the way to the pavilion. This is an easy hike and no elevation gain.

The section between the dam and the pavilion is possible because of volunteers in the neighborhood. Volunteers are just people who live in Spring Valley who are willing to take a couple of hours on a Saturday twice a year to help maintain the common areas so we can all enjoy the quality of life that we expect while living here.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped at Clean Up Day on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. With all the wonderful help we can keep our community looking great.

## Spring Valley Fire Preparedness

by Janet Perry

After having such a dry winter and spring so far in 2018, the fire danger in our area is extreme. Living in the forest has its benefits. But the threat of fire looms.

Those who lived here in Spring Valley in 2002 and experienced the Hayman Fire know the fear of the possibility of losing their property or their lives to fire firsthand. The Hayman fire came very close to the neighborhood and many people were evacuated. Also, the Waldo Canyon fire happened in 2012, and again Spring Valley residents lived under threat of wildfire and evacuation for several days.

So, what can you do to prepare yourself for the possibility of fire?

- **Fire mitigation around your property**
  - \* Trim the lower limbs up to 10 feet of trees within a 50 foot perimeter around your house
  - \* Clear your rain gutters and roof of leaves and pine needles
  - \* Rake dead pine needles and leaves and bag them up. Your trash service will collect them
  - \* Cut down smaller saplings, and thin trees and brush cover to reduce the density
  - \* Store firewood away from your house
  - \* Mow dry grasses and weeds
  - \* Dispose of slash and fallen limbs (Divide has a slash station that will take your slash for a small fee)
- **Create a “grab and go” supply kit. Include:**
  - \* Important documents such as birth certificates, identification, etc.
  - \* Prescription drugs
  - \* Clothing and toiletries to last 3 days
  - \* Family photos and heirlooms
- **Come up with a quick exit strategy for your family and pets**
- **Smoke alarms – install smoke alarms if you don’t already have them. Check the batteries on a regular basis**
  - **Connect water hoses and check fire extinguishers**
  - **Sign up for alerts**
- \* Teller County has the Nixle alert system which you can sign up for on the Teller Sheriff’s website (<http://www.tellercountysheriff.com>)
- \* El Paso reverse 9-1-1 is a system that will alert you with a phone call or text message (<http://www.elpasoteller911.org>)



### El Paso-Teller County 911, CO | Official Website

The El Paso-Teller County 9-1-1 Authority shall provide the public reliable access to public safety agencies by managing high quality, redundant, secure, and cost-effective 9-1-1 services while providing exceptional customer service to Authority stakeholders.

[www.elpasoteller911.org](http://www.elpasoteller911.org)

If you have elderly neighbors who are unable to perform fire mitigation tasks or sign up for alerts, please offer to help them. It’s very important for all of us in Spring Valley to work together and collaborate to keep our community safe from the threat of wildfire here in the forest.

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