

HAPPY CANYON HOA

NEWSLETTER - April 2018

2018 Annual Meeting!

Tuesday, May 1st: 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Please join us on Tuesday, May 1, at the Philip S. Miller library (East Room; 100 S. Wilcox St.) for the Happy Canyon HOA Annual Meeting. We will hear from Tri-County Health about issues residents face with our water and septic systems, check in about our neighborhood watch program, and vote to elect new Board members.

Neighborhood Watch Update

On September 6th, twenty-nine Happy Canyon residents from twenty-three different households attended an orientation on Neighborhood Watch presented by Deputy Jason Blanchard of the Douglas County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Blanchard answered residents' questions about the program and described how the program works to prevent crime by having residents watch for and report suspicious activity. He explained that ***when these programs are actively supported by residents***, they are effective in reducing crime.

Following the orientation, the Happy Canyon HOA decided to install two signs at critical locations in the neighborhood: one at the neighborhood entrance (at the intersection of Strawberry Lane and Mesa Drive), and the other at the "top" of the Canyon near the intersection of Mesa Drive and Pawnee Drive.

All residents can be active participants in this worthwhile safety program. Be sure to note the non-emergency number to call to report suspicious activity: **303-660-7505**. You may also report emergencies by dialing 9-1-1.

Bottom Line: If you see something questionable, call it in (**303-660-7505**). You do not need to determine if there is actually a problem and you do not need to feel badly about asking the police to check it out!

Welcome to New Residents!

Are you new to the neighborhood? Welcome! We have a printed Happy Canyon Directory for you and would love to include you on Happy Canyon HOA emails. Please let us know you are here by emailing us at happycanyonhoa@gmail.com.

Updated Happy Canyon Website

If you haven't yet seen our neighborhood website, take a look! It includes HOA Board minutes, newsletters, a list of helpful contacts and links, information about the HOA Board, our Community Wildfire Protection Plan, a PayPal link for paying dues, and a history of Happy Canyon.

<http://www.happycanyon.org>

Road Safety Reminders

The best way to protect our neighborhood children, animals, and others is to obey the posted speed limits. With windy roads, blind drives, and no sidewalks, it is especially dangerous for people walking, biking, and playing outside.



Remember:

- * The maximum speed in Happy Canyon is **25 m.p.h.**
- * Do your teen drivers know this?

The very few seconds you can shave off your commute do not compare to the tremendous risk you pose when you disregard this limit. Thank you for slowing down!

Wildfire Preparedness Workshop

A free Wildfire Preparedness Workshop will be held Saturday, April 28, from 9:00 a.m. to

noon at the Philip S. Miller Building (Commissioners' Hearing Room, 100 Third St., Castle Rock 80104). The workshop will provide information to citizens regarding wildfire hazard reduction techniques, community wildfire mitigation and preparedness efforts, evacuation planning, and insurance needs. RSVP by April 20 to jenelle@douglas.co.us.

HOA Board Election

Election of Board members to the Happy Canyon HOA will take place at the Annual Meeting on May 1. We anticipate one vacancy. Please be thinking about whether you might serve our community in this way and contact James Coope if interested (303-506-3810).

Why Pay HOA Dues?

We live in a unique and wonderful community! Happy Canyon offers a quiet, private neighborhood of acreage lots with custom homes. But one of the nicest features of Happy Canyon is the neighbors! The Board works to build community in our neighborhood through a variety of avenues, including the summer picnic, holiday party, homeowner directory, newsletters, and more.

To fund these activities, voluntary dues of \$40 are collected each year. Paying your dues also affords homeowners the right to vote on Board members and other important issues at our Annual Meeting on May 1.

And paying your dues is easy! We have a PayPal link (www.happycanyon.org) on our website or you can mail or drop off a check to Deb Duhon, 5140 N. Lariat Dr., Castle Rock, CO 80108, or bring your check to the Annual Meeting.

County's Slash-Mulch Site Open

Disposing of branches, loose pine needles, and shrubbery properly not only helps to mitigate properties for wildland fire prevention, but also is good for the environment. Douglas County's slash-mulch site (1400 Caprice Drive, Castle Rock) is open April 7 to October 27 on Saturdays from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. The site also gives residents the opportunity to go home with fresh mulch. There is a max length of 6 ft. and max diameter of 12 inches. Grass, lumber, roots, stumps, and dirt are not accepted. In the event of inclement weather, call 303-663-6274 to ensure the site is open as scheduled.

Update on The Canyons

Phase 1 is moving forward. Infrastructure work will occur in 2018, and they will be breaking ground for homes in 2019. At this point, The Canyons estimates work on Phase 2 (which includes the buffer area that will come closer to Happy Canyon) is supposed to begin in 3-5 years.

Holiday Party Thank You!

Butch and Martie Gorden graciously opened their home to the residents of Happy Canyon once again, and everyone enjoyed the fellowship and food. Thank you to all who attended and especially to the Gordens for hosting another fun evening!

Next Board Meeting:

Join us at the Annual Meeting,
May 1 at the Philip S. Miller
Library from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.



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