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SPRING VALLEY PROPERTY OWNERS AND RECREATIONAL CORPORATION

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Thank You

The members of the Spring Valley Association Board would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with all the activities of 2011. Thank you to all who helped at Clean Up Day. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the set up and tear down of the Kiddie Carnival. With all the helping hands, the hard work was a breeze. Thank you to all who manned the carnival booths. The adults had just as much fun as the kids who played the games. And a very special Thank You to Ken Klug for brightening up the Spring Valley sign. A new coat of paint really does make a difference.

A big thank you to the monetary donation by Curtis Howell for the fishing fund.

THANK YOU!!

Fishing Patrol

Fishing season will be upon us soon. Now is a good time to think about volunteering for fishing patrol this year. Just a few hours a month is all you need to help out. If you fish a lot, this could save you money as you would fish for free!!

Please contact Dick Cope at 687-8931 if you are interested.

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2012 Activities Schedule

- May 5th** Clean Up Day/Fish Stocking/Dam Re-seeding
- June 16th** Kiddie Carnival/Neighborhood Picnic
- July 7th** Fish Stocking for Derby
- July 14th** Terry Harris Memorial Children's Fishing Derby
- Aug. 18th** Annual Meeting/Lunch to follow
- Sept. 15th** Harvest Party
- Oct. 20th** Trunk or Treat

All dates subject to change

MORE INFO WILL BE POSTED ON WEBSITE
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

How To Be a Good Dog Owner From Teller County Animal Control

The 20/20 ordinance

Your dog(s) gets a bark complaint, he barks that is what dogs do....in Teller County, the ordinance is 20 audibles in 20 minutes; an audible is defined as a bark, bay, whine, whimper, yelp or howl. If a dog makes noise; it is the owners' responsibility to quiet the dog. The 20/20 ordinance is in place to allow for a delivery person to come to the home or for people passing by and the owner is not present to quiet the dog. Boredom barking is barking for more than 20 minutes and is considered inexcusable and a violation of the ordinance.

Dog-at-large

A dog-at-large is a dog running loose, a dog on leash on another person's property, a dog off leash more than 10 feet from the owner or off leash on another person's property. All of these are in violation of the ordinance and subject to fines. Dogs are to be confined to the owner's property. If a dog is on leash it is unlawful for the dog to be on another person's property. If the dog is off leash it must be within 10 feet of the owner and under voice command and again it is unlawful for the dog to enter other people's property. If a dog is chasing wildlife, the owner is subject to fines by Teller County Sherriff's Department and the State of Colorado, Division of Parks and Wildlife. Anyone witnessing such activity should immediately contact either or both of these law enforcement agencies. In addition the dog can be destroyed for chasing wildlife or livestock.

The term "wildlife" does include migratory birds such as ducks and geese and other waterfowl. The U.S. Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 provides protection for these birds. Any depredation on waterfowl or on a nest by domestic pets can have costly penalties and charges. Specific provisions in the Federal Statute include:

- Establishment of a Federal prohibition, unless permitted by regulations, to "pursue, hunt, take, capture, kill, attempt to take, capture or kill, possess, offer for sale, sell, offer to purchase, purchase, deliver for shipment, ship, cause to be shipped, deliver for transportation, transport, cause to be transported, carry, or cause to be carried by any means whatever, receive for shipment, transportation or carriage, or export, at any time, or in any manner, any migratory bird, included in the terms of this Convention . . . for the protection of migratory birds . . . or any part, nest, or egg of any such bird." (16 U.S.C. 703)
- **Complaints and Animal Control Follow-up**

If you have a complaint, contact Teller County Sheriff Department Dispatch, at 687-9652, they may take all the information at that time or forward your call to Animal Control where you may have to leave a message. You can also contact the State of Colorado, Division of Parks and Wildlife at 227-5200. In either case you should give them as much information as possible to enable them to follow-up sooner and thoroughly. The follow-up is at the discretion of the officer, usually the complaint is answered with a warning and subsequent complaints result in additional warnings or fines.

- **Teller County Animal Control-the good guys**
- Whether it is rescuing pets from a burning home or following up on pets left behind after a foreclosure or eviction, the Animal Control officers do welfare and cruelty checks as well. Feel free to contact Animal Control through the Sheriff department at 687-9652 or online to at www.co.teller.co.us and look for the animal control link. The Animal Control Officers are very approachable and want to help, feel free to get in touch.

Midland Depot in Divide

The Colorado State Historical Fund (SHF) announced last fall that they will fund the grant request submitted by the Teller Historic and Environmental Coalition (THE Coalition) in April 2011 to stabilize the foundation of the 107-year old Midland Depot in Divide. The grant totals over \$213,000 with 100% local matching funds coming from private/public donors and fund-raisers. This grant will fund a 2-year project that is the beginning of a three-phased master plan to stabilize the depot foundation (desperately need before any other work can be done), acquire and transfer the property to a non-profit organization and preserve the depot and grounds for use as an interpretive park and visitors' center in Divide. Contracts with SHF have been signed, and THE Coalition will be recruiting local contractors to do the work this spring, with actual work beginning late summer 2012. For more information about the Midland Depot at Divide Preservation Project or to volunteer to assist THE Coalition with future depot preservation plans, call Dave Martinek (chairman) at 719.687.1516. THE Coalition is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation established in 2000 with a ongoing mission of facilitating the preservation of the historic, environmental, recreational and scenic resources in and around Teller County, and to broaden public understanding regarding the significance of those resources.

Terry Harris Memorial

Terry Harris passed away Tuesday, February 21st at home. He was surrounded by his family.

Terry lived in Spring Valley since the 1980's. He was the kind of man that would give you the shirt off his back. He was always very active in the community. He served on the Board of Directors, Fishing Committee Chairman and many other important roles in the neighborhood.

One of the things that made him smile the most was the wonder in the children's eyes during our annual Kid's Fishing Derby. Therefore, in Terry's memory, the fishing derby will be renamed the "Terry Harris Memorial Children's Fishing Derby".

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. Meetings are held once a month so very little time is required. 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, 2012. You may also email to: info@myspringvalley.org

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