

SPRING VALLEY NEWS

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SPRING VALLEY PROPERTY OWNERS AND RECREATIONAL CORPORATION

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Fishing Patrol

Fishing season has begun and we are still in need of volunteers for fishing patrol. We only have a few days a week covered by volunteers and have very few substitute patrol. If you can spare just a few hours a month, it would be greatly appreciated. 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.

Kids' Fishing Derby 2010

The event of the summer, the annual Kids' Fishing Derby, is just two months away, July 17th. The Derby fulfills many kiddos (parents as well) dreams of catching the biggest fish. But, like any event, it doesn't come to fruition without volunteers and donations. We are in need of donations for raffle prizes, hit up your favorite business owner, see if they will make a donation or somehow help to sponsor the derby or you could donate a raffle prize too. In the past, the kids have thoroughly enjoyed receiving the goodie bags at registration, contents for the bags are needed, it doesn't have to be fishing related, the kids appreciate anything! Help us round up those donations to help make this a memorable day. Then there is the feeding of the masses, we need food and beverage donations for the event. The day of the derby, volunteers are needed to help set-up, run stations and of course clean-up. If you want to be on the Derby committee contact Deb (687-7476) or Roni (687-6906). Your input and help is much appreciated.

Fishing Derby rules will be posted on the website.

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Water Usage

Several inquires have been received by the SVPORC Board about water usage in the community. To try and clear up some general questions, our water usage is only allowed inside the house (domestic use). That appears to be the case with not only the community water system but also private wells within the community. This website link will take you to the Colorado Division of Water Resources: www.water.state.co.us. On the right side of the page under "Quick Links..." select "Well Permit Search". The next page will allow you to search by Permit Number, Owner, Location - just about anything. Included in the watering usage restrictions, we are currently not allowed to capture rain water (as if from a rain gutter) for contained future use. There are a few areas in the State that are being used as test areas to measure the impact to ground water, but we are not located in one of those areas.

If you are on the community water system and have specific questions related to water usage within the community, please contact the Valley Maintenance Corporation at 687-1887.

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 and the Division of Wildlife. In addition the dog can be destroyed for chasing wildlife or livestock.

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. 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 Animal Control 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.

Election Time

Our annual election will be held in July with the ballots being mailed to all SVPORC members. The results will be announced at our annual meeting on August 14. We currently have four board seats open for election. Anyone who is interested in running for office, please send a letter of intent along with a brief biography to SVPORC, PO Box 513, Divide, CO 80814 by June 30. You may also email your information to our email address listed on page 1.

Please consider volunteering a small amount of your time by being a board member. New faces and ideas are always welcome.

Dam Maintenance

In 2002, the Dam Safety and Security Act was put in place to enhance the Nation's ability to assure that adequate dam safety programs and practices are in place throughout the United States. The Act of 2002 states that the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in cooperation with the National Dam Safety Review Board, shall carry out a program of technical and archival research to develop and support:

- improved techniques, historical experience, and equipment for rapid and effective dam construction, rehabilitation, and inspection;
- devices for continued monitoring of the safety of dams;
- development and maintenance of information resources systems needed to support managing the safety of dams; and
- initiatives to guide the formulation of effective policy and advance improvements in dam safety engineering, security, and management.

Information taken from the National Dam Safety Program - Research Needs Workshop: Seepage through Embankment Dams.

Due to the outcome of this research, our current dam monitoring techniques and requirements set forth by the State Dam Engineer require us to upgrade our current monitoring efforts. This recommendation has been in the inspection reports since 2002, however now; it has been made mandatory. Spring Valley is required to make the necessary upgrades as we are held liable for the safety of the dam and those downstream.

The responsibility for maintaining a safe dam rests with us. Safely maintaining the dam is a key element in preventing a failure and limiting the liability to our members. This involves in part, monthly monitoring and reporting the amount of seepage that comes through our earthen dam. All Earthen Dams have seepage. Currently, we have surface ditches along the lower part of the dam that attempt to capture the seepage. This directs the seepage through weirs (allowing us to measure change in the amount of water and consistency that is coming through the dam. It has been found that this system is not capturing the seepage sufficiently.

The Board put out a Scope of Work for a Competitive Bid for Professional Engineering Services to design a new toe drain system that is being required by the State Dam Engineer. Four Engineering Firms were notified - one responded and a fifth Firm responded (unsolicited). The low proposal/bid is JDS Hydro Engineering out of Colorado Springs. Once the Engineering design is complete, this project will be competitively bid to Contractors for construction.

If you have questions or would like more detailed information about the process, please feel free to contact me via email at shauncgordon@msn.com or home phone 687-6906 (but keep in mind that I work full time - so I will try to respond as soon as possible).

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Advertisement

A preschool program for 3-5 year old children is offered at Summit Elementary School. Call 686-2415 for information.

2010 Schedule of Events

Fish Stocking for Derby July 10

Kids Annual Fishing Derby July 17

Annual Meeting/Neighborhood BBQ
and Kiddie Carnival to
follow meeting August 14

Oktoberfest October 16

Christmas Party December 11

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