# SPRING VALLEY NEWS

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# **Election Time**

We will be electing new board members in July with three 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, 2017. You may also email to: info@myspringvalley.org

#### 2017 Activity Schedule

June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Smoke Off/Fish Derby Fundraiser
July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Terry Harris Memorial Children's Fishing Derby
September 16 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Activity
October 21st	Trunk or Treat 6:30 to 7:30 pm

All dates subject to change

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# **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 <u>www.myspringvalley.org</u> 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.

## **Community Involvement**

by Janet Perry

There are so many things about living in Spring Valley that make me feel fortunate to live in this community—the Pikes Peak views and all the beautiful scenery in every season, the fishing, the community events and most of all—the people who live here and are willing to put in the time and work to keep Spring Valley the best community in this area!

As property owners in Spring Valley, this is <u>our</u> neighborhood. All of the common areas, such as the lakes, the island, the pavilion, etc. belong to all of those who pay the annual dues. So, I am always saddened when I see someone taking advantage by disrespecting the rules, destroying property or publicly arguing and disrespecting other neighbors. Some of the things that have happened include theft of supplies from the pavilion, parking a vehicle in the volleyball pit, destroying the volleyball net, screaming and cursing at other residents in the common areas, non-residents fishing, fishing when the red flag is up, flying drones over the common areas when private parties are going on and disrespecting board members and fish patrol volunteers when they are confronted for breaking the rules. And these are just a few things.

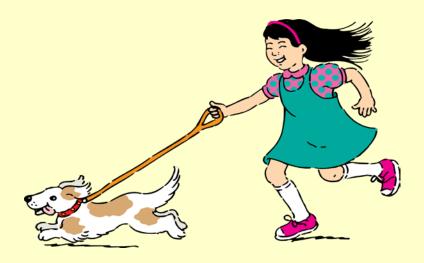
What can be done about it? Do you think "it's the board's responsibility to take care of this"? Do you ignore it? I think we've all had these thoughts. But, as property owners, in order to continue to have the best neighborhood in this area, it is really all of our responsibility to not ignore problems when we see them. If you are fishing and you see someone hanging around at the pavilion that you don't recognize, do you ask them if they are residents? If you see someone parking in the volleyball pit, do you ask them to move their vehicle? Or maybe you don't feel comfortable confronting someone, but would you be willing to report this to a board member immediately?

Also, as a property owner, it is up to you to be familiar with the covenants and rules and follow them. I know that most of us care about this community and want to keep it nice. If you choose to break the rules, and you are confronted by a board member or neighbor, listen to them and don't be confrontational. It will only escalate the problem. Keep in mind, our board members and fish patrol are volunteers. They usually spend many hours a year handling conflicts, attending meetings and organizing events and clean-up days. They deserve our respect and compliance.

Would you be willing to help by volunteering for fish patrol or coming to help out on a clean-up day? What about helping with an event such as the kid's fishing derby? How about donating your aluminum cans or donating items to the derby? These are all great things to participate in and they make a positive impact on our community. It is also an opportunity to meet others in the neighborhood.

I love this community! Let's keep it the best in the area! Not only will it keep our property values high, but it will allow us and our families to enjoy living here for a long time.

For the safety of your pets and for the safety of others, please remember to keep your dogs on a leash when taking them for a walk.



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual BBQ Smoke Off & Derby Fundraiser

The BBQ Pit Masters of Spring Valley will be competing once again to earn the title of Spring Valley Pit Master and raise a little money for the "Terry Harris Memorial Children's Fishing Derby". This event is proving to be an increasingly successful fundraiser for the Derby and a much anticipated competition.

We would like to welcome new pit masters to the competition. Show off your skills for smoking meats and enjoy the friendly competition between neighbors.

We also added a Silent Auction to the event and we were able to substantially increase the money raised for the Derby. That being said we are seeking donations for the Silent Auction that will spark a bidding war and raise monies for a good cause.

For more information concerning this event please contact us at <u>info@mypringvalley.org</u> or call (719)686-1825

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