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SPRING VALLEY PROPERTY OWNERS AND RECREATIONAL CORPORATION

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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, 2015. You may also email to: info@myspringvalley.org

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2015 Activity Schedule

May 2	Clean Up Day/Fish Stocking
June 20 th	Kiddie Carnival/ Neighborhood Picnic
July 11 th	Fish Stocking for Derby
July 18th	Terry Harris Memorial Children's Fishing Derby
September 19 th	Fall Activity
October 24 th	Trunk or Treat 6:30 to 7:30 pm

All dates subject to change

Fish Patrol

We are in need again this year of fish patrol volunteers. 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 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.

The Sign Wars

by Zug G. Standing Bear

Recently there have been complaints made to the Board concerning real estate signage springing up throughout the neighborhood concerning homes in our subdivision that have been put up for sale (Who would have thought of such a thing?!). Our Board tries to be very reasonable in the accommodation of our residents, but we are also charged with trying our best to keep our neighborhood looking as good as possible while maintaining a “mountain living” atmosphere. I have a friend that lives in a Colorado Springs subdivision which employs a patrol to write costly citations against residents who leave garage doors open or leave their rolling trash carts at the curb too long after the refuse collector has departed. And I’m sure you have all heard of homeowners associations from hell around the country suing residents for erecting a flagpole to fly the U.S. flag. We certainly do not want to get that kind of a reputation, but often it is like walking a tightrope balancing the wants (and occasional rants) of residents who think “we” ought to be “doing something about” a neighbor they feel is irresponsible or concerning county services that “should” be delivered a little faster than the speed of a glacier.

I think most of you will agree that an excess of signs around the neighborhood is not a welcome view. The most recent proliferation have been real estate “directional” (arrow) signs pointing folks to local houses for sale, and a fairly large sign right at our entrance advertising a property on Heather Circle by an outfit called “Touch of Class Realty,” which turns out to be located in Cripple Creek. So, I placed a call and left a message. The realtor called me back and told me that she had reviewed the covenants and had found no restrictions on real estate signs. I had to inform her of the county land use regulations that very succinctly regulated signs of all types, including real estate signs. She immediately apologized and agreed to remove both of her signs within a few hours of our conversation. Well, I guess that was a fairly “classy” response. However, I do believe that it is the job of professional realtors to know, exactly, what are the rules and regulations under which they must work, be they subdivision covenants, county rules and ordinances, and/or state laws. After all, that’s why we hire realtors.

So, to those of you seeking to sell your properties (Who could think of such a thing!?), listen up! (I always wanted to be a Marine Gunnery Sergeant). Buried in all of those Teller County ordinances are the Land Use Regulations, and (get this!) in Chapter 5, Section 5.8.D.1m(1)(a) are the real estate sign rules. Now, here are the basic rules. NO real estate signs are permitted on the public right of way (all of our roads here are public county roads except for that stretch of Aspen Circle which reports to the CIA and whose snow removal is done by off-duty Navy SEALs, as far as I am told). Also, NO real estate sales signs are permitted on PRIVATE property that is not the property offered for sale! The only exception is a sign advertising an Open House, and there are many restrictions on that signage activity (especially in terms of time).

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OK, I guess I've become the official "sign police" for the neighborhood. I've got all the regulations in hand and am ready to roll on that front. I guess that's OK since I've been feeling bad lately about not being able to participate in some of the more physical efforts around the neighborhood, having probably jumped out of too many perfectly good airplanes after 33 years in the Army and undergoing lots of surgeries in the last couple of years. SO, you see an offending sign, give me a telephone call (719-687-8087) or an email (MGSpikers@aol.com).

SVPORC Property Recreational Regulations

Property owners are responsible for making sure they, as well as their guests and renters, are aware of the rules contained in Policy 810 that is posted at the Pavilion and also can be found on the website at www.myspringvalley.org. Some changes to the Policy are highlighted below:

New Fishing Regulations:

1. Corporation Members must accompany their guests when fishing. Otherwise, the guest must have a Board issued Special Access Permit on their person.
2. Catch & Release will be permitted on a trial basis. Any fish released upon catch must be released alive and active. If the fish is hooked deep in the throat or stomach, cut the line as close to the hook as possible and leave the hook in the fish. If we experience floaters (fish kill), catch & release will again be prohibited.
3. The limit on fish in possession for adults has been reduced to 3 fish per day.
4. Refer to Policy 810, Section VI. Fishing, for more detailed information.

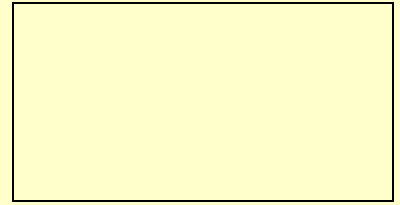
Roads Within Spring Valley and Shadow Lake

The roads in our neighborhood are County roads and are maintained by the Teller County Department of Transportation. Any concerns about the condition of the roads in the neighborhood, the ditches, culverts or road signs should be forwarded to the Teller County Department of Transportation at 687-8812.

Furthermore the roadways are governed by the Teller County Sheriff's Department. The posted maximum speed limit in Spring Valley is 20 miles per hour. As nicer weather approaches more folks are out and about walking, bicycling and exercising their dogs; we also have more visitors and renters. Be a good neighbor and set an example by obeying the posted speed limit. It is also unlawful to operate unlicensed vehicles, which includes ATV's, on State and County roads. Concerns about ATV use, speeding, parking on the roadways and other traffic violations can be addressed by the Teller County Sheriff's Department at 687-9652.

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