

### **4th of July Neighborhood Parade**

We held our annual neighborhood parade on July 4th. There decorations for the kids to decoration their chosen mode of transportation and lots of 4th of July snacks and goodies. The fire department was also available to show up and lead the parade around the neighborhood! Lots of fun was had by all.



### **Oktoberfest**

Planning has begun for the annual Oktoberfest celebration. Continuing for another year will be a homebrew contest and chili cook off. Start preparing those recipes! If you are interested in helping out, please email [soc@fac.org](mailto:soc@fac.org) and let us know. Tentative date is currently September 22.

### **Teen Volunteer Hours**

Are you a teen in need of volunteer hours for school? Email [soc@fac.org](mailto:soc@fac.org), we are looking for some volunteers to help at Oktoberfest. Duties would include: setup, helping out with kid activities: crafts, games; and take down.

### **July Yard of the Month**

The FAC HOA Yard of the Month winner for July 2018 is 2435 Mallard Circle, belonging to Jim and Ellen Blake. Jim and Ellen think of their front landscape as in its second transitional phase. One of the original attractions to the property when they moved to Colorado in 2001 was the significant landscaping that was already in place. It proved challenging to keep neat; however, and they spent several seasons simplifying the space. Intrusive perennials and crowded shrubs were replaced with more open space, rockery, and flowering ground covers. More recently, six original large aspen clumps were removed, which means that other plants and the lawn are healthier - the forsythia are getting enough light to bloom again, and the lawn is much fuller without competing with aspen suckers. When the roots and stumps have decomposed sufficiently to enrich the soil, they will be replaced with more appropriate plantings, such as Colorado blue spruce and other compact evergreens. Currently the house is framed by informal

hedges of barberry, Mugo pines and feather reed grasses, and early blooming ground covers like periwinkle and sweet woodruff provide spring flowers. The wraparound porch likewise is framed with mock orange, forsythia, and floribunda roses that will bloom all summer.

