



NEWSLETTER

A Quarterly Newsletter for Silverheels Ranch Owners Association /Vol 39 / Summer 2016

A copy of this Newsletter and lots of other important up to date information is always available on the SROA website www.silverheels.org.



PARK COUNTY – BURN BAN!

Effective June 19th at 12:33 p.m. Sheriff Fred Wegener announced a BURN BAN in effect until further notice. NO Open Burning allowed. For more information call 719-836-4160

Annual Meeting 2016

September 10, 2016

Location: Fairplay Community Center (FAIRBARN Quonset Hut)
880 Bogue Street
Continental Breakfast at 9:00
Meeting begins 10:00

Fishing Update

The Silverheels Ponds were stocked on May 9th, and early reports are the fishing has been good. We are sad to report our fish supplier since 2009; E & J Fish Farm has informed us this will be their last year in business, so we will be looking for a new supplier in 2017. Anyone with knowledge of another fish farm or hatchery, please contact the board.

The new fishing regulations are in force, with new signage posted at both ponds. Remember, Fishing is allowed for SROA Members, Long-term renters and their guests only.



When fishing at either SROA pond, ALL SROA Members or their Guests must possess an official SROA Fishing pass and produce the pass upon request.

Daily Limit for Trout is 4 fish per day. Contact Secretary/Treasurer Mike Peterson to get your fishing passes if you have not already received them.

Weed Control

The Board has a continuing effort to control the Canadian thistle weed infestation in the subdivision. We will begin spraying in the spring when first growth appears; however we want the thistle to have an opportunity to get some growth.

We use a product that is very selective and can be sprayed in areas where livestock graze, as well as near ponds and streams. The thistle tends to get started on the roadway and then spread into the property. So far the spraying has been fairly successful in controlling the Canadian thistle, but it is very important to stay vigilant. It can get out of control quickly and destroy the native plant population.

Please report any Canadian thistle you see along the roads or on your property to me (Rick Bremer 719-836-1595 or email: rrbremer405@gmail.com) and it will be treated. If you are not sure what to look for, here are two sites to review: www.cusp.ws/weeds or www.uppertsouthplatte-weeds.org

These websites have pictures for identification as well as other useful information regarding the plants. We want to be sure to treat the plants before they can go to seed and blow around your property.

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Noxious Weed Information for Homeowners

The SROA wants all homeowners to be aware of the Colorado Noxious Weed list. There are three levels of noxious weeds listed on the web link. Yellow toadflax is prevalent in our area.

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/ag/conservation/noxious-weed-species>

Colorado Natural Gas Update

Rick Bremer of the SROA Board took a resident's question regarding Colorado Natural Gas completion of phase 1 on Little Baldy Circle past lot 514 and Lumberjack, as well as completing phase 2 to Colorado Natural Gas for answers. He was told due to budget issues created by gas prices they will not be doing any work on gas lines in our subdivision during 2016. However, in January when they determine their 2017 budget they will decide what projects will be completed and hopefully we will be included in the budget.

We on the board were disappointed CNG is postponing the finishing of the gas lines, but unfortunately it is out of our control.

Speed Limit Reminder

Please remind your family and guests that the speed limit in the subdivision is 25 MPH. Driving faster than the posted 25 MPH limit contributes to the washboard issues we have on our roads. Our thanks to everyone for working to keep the community a safe and less bumpy place!

Road and Bridge Update - June 2016

The Road and Bridge Department of Park County has been working to improve the most impassable portions of our roads. In particular they have worked on the lower portion of Little Baldy Road and the corner of Silverheels and Palmer Peak Rd at the entrance to the Forest Service.

The lower part of Little Baldy will require ongoing repair as the underlying streams keep shifting and creating new streams under the road.

Please call Road and Bridge directly when you have concerns about the roads, they need to hear from multiple residents as a means of

helping them set priorities for the work of the limited personnel available.

Road and Bridge Department can be reached through Park County Government at: 719-836- 2771

ATVs on Silverheels Roads

ATV's and dirt bikes are not allowed to drive on county roads. That includes all public roads in Silverheels Ranch. Those wishing to use the National Forest should trailer these vehicles to the parking area at the entrance, the only public access point.

Those crossing private property without permission can be prosecuted for trespassing. If you witness a violation, please note the location and the direction plus a description of the vehicle and rider. Then call the non-emergency dispatch number (719-836-4125) to report the incident.

Check Fence Lines:

Please remember, if your property borders the National Forest, you have a responsibility to check your fence and make sure it is in good repair. Many thanks!

Burn Permit Needed for 2016

It's a new year/new summer, so your old burn permit is no longer valid. It is also very, very important to understand the safety requirements for burning and fire pits...If you intend to burn slash or have large bonfires, you will need to contact the North West Fire Protection District Station #2.

The station is located at 21455 Hwy 285 in Fairplay. The hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 8 to 5 and Saturday from 10-2. The permits cost \$10 and are valid until Dec 31st 2016. They do not accept credit or debit cards, so bring a check or cash. Forms can also be printed from their website nwfpd.net or call 719-836-3150 for more information.

The Fire Department also has great address number signs for \$10, available at the office during

business hours. These have large reflective numbers and are preferred because they greatly improve the fire department's ability to find your property at night in case of an emergency.

Wood Clearing

It is to everyone's benefit if lot owners work on clearing dead wood on their property. Serendipitously, there are folks in our community who can make good use of the wood that we don't want dead on our property.

The Salvation Army organization in this area will haul away dead wood cut in 3-4 foot lengths. They provide the wood to needy families in South Park. The Salvation Army wood retrieval contact is [John Redmond](mailto:John.Redmond@salvationarmy.org) 719-836-1676.

FAIRPLAY SLASH SITE OPEN

The Site is accepting [clean slash](#) Saturdays from 9am - 4pm
Location: Hwy 285 next to Fairplay Waste Disposal Station (also known as the DUMP)
www.fairplayslash.com
719-748-0033
\$10/pick up bed load

NO stumps, roots, lumber, trash, metal, dirt, pinecones, pine needles or grass are accepted.

Bear Sighting in Silverheels

Silverheels resident Maureen Moe reported her home on Iron Mountain Road was visited by a black bear on Friday night. Remember to keep your BBQ grills and bird feeders put away in the evenings and keep an eye on your pets.



ACC Reminder

Got a Project? Get an App!

By comparison to other communities, our covenants are remarkably easy to comply with. Contact us now if you are planning to add solar panels, repaint, reroof, or build a new fence, wall, corral, shed etc. You must obtain pre-approval before starting any work. It's easy to contact us with our new email address:

ACC@silverheels.org.

We've created a simple form for you to complete and it is available via mail, e-mail, or from the SROA website, www.silverheels.org, go to the Documents Page, then the Applications section. Remember, it is the responsibility of the property owner, not the contractor, to fill out and submit the form.

If your project requires county permits, you will also need to obtain those before start up. The county can and will "red flag" your project, stopping construction, until the required permits are obtained. You may submit an incomplete ACC application form and supply the permit numbers when they are available, however, your application will not be approved until all applicable permit numbers are supplied.

LOCAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Please check the South Park Events Newsletter, which is published Bi-monthly and distributed through a number of area locations. In addition to listing local events and activities, the Newsletter contains information and ads from local businesses and key government phone numbers. Go to www.SouthParkEvents.com or select the link from our Area Links page of our website.

SROA Directory Update

We encourage everyone to check your entry! The final 2015 version was sent out last fall, but we continue to experience failed emails and incorrect addresses. If you did not receive your directory or need to make corrections, please contact us through board@silverheels.org or page_72@q.com. You can also call Page directly at 303-807-1717. Thank you for helping us to keep the directory up to date!