

Indian Mountain Spring Newsletter

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IMPOA President's Message

Hello Indian Mountain Neighbors!

We're beginning to see a few flowers and other hints of spring in our beautiful community, and I must admit that while I love winter, the warmer, longer days are my favorite as I find myself outside more and more enjoying the beauty and uniqueness of Indian Mountain.

IM is unique in many ways. Because of this, we often have interesting challenges and opportunities that must be addressed and approached differently than what many are used to in nearly any other subdivision. In talking with many of you here in the neighborhood and viewing posts on NextDoor from time to time, it is clear to me that we all value Indian Mountain for many different reasons. Still, I think we can all agree that we share a love of the area and its surrounding land, and I hope our shared love can remain at the center of discussions about any of the concerns we may have.

Later in this newsletter, you will find an article regarding Indian Mountain Covenants. I'd guess that covenants are a sensitive, debated, and contested issue in every community with them. In Indian Mountain, we again have some unique aspects that make our covenants even more complicated, confusing, and frustrating at times. It is my goal on the IMPOA board to help bring some long-term clarity to some of the questions we all have about the Indian Mountain covenants, and I hope the below article will help.

That said, there is so much more to our incredible community than covenants. IMPOA is proud to help develop and support many programs and events to help engage, inform, and even entertain our community members. Summer is a busy time, and we have added

many events to our regular calendar and changed some things around (pay special attention to the new date for Dumpster Day!). Please take a look at all the information, events, and opportunities in this message, and, as always, please feel free to share your thoughts, questions, and suggestions with the IMPOA board either by attending one of our monthly meetings on the second Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m. in the Community center or via email at impoa.bod@gmail.com.

~Article provided by: Kathryn Abrahamson, IMPOA President

IMMD President's Message

Spring has arrived. The bears are awake. The bluebirds, robins and other birds that spend their summers here have returned to entertain and delight us. The aspen are budding and our beautiful wildflowers will begin to show themselves soon.

With summer just around the corner, fire danger in the area will continue to be a concern. Colorado has already experienced a number of fires this year. Take time to assess and mitigate risks on your property. Be overly cautious when engaging in activities that create flame or sparks. A reminder that permits are required for any type of fire and renters are not allowed to have fires even if the owner has a permit.

We have a new and improved camera system up and running at the community center. It provides increased coverage, better image capture and improved image storage. Special thanks to Patrick Smith, Bill Morris and Jeff Mason.

The ice on Tarryall Creek is receding. Many improvements were made at Breton Park last year with the addition of pedestrian bridges and picnic tables. If you have not been to the park recently, it's a great place for a family picnic or a little fishing. Unfortunately, we have also had some folks dig up the banks and run small dredges in search of riches. If you see this type of activity, please report it.

The Parking Lot of the Comfort Station will be closed for resurfacing on May 9 and 10, with backup dates of May 16th and 17th. People can park on the cul-de-sac behind the Comfort Station. The driveway is just slightly east of the regular driveway.

Karen Goodman will be leaving the IMMD board. Karen joined the IMPOA board in June

of 2013 and served on that board until joining the IMMD board in July 2018. She has contributed significantly to both boards and the community. Karen is not leaving the area so I am sure we will see her around.

Jeff Mason will be joining the IMMD board effective at our May meeting. Jeff has served on the IMPOA board since August 2018. We look forward to adding his knowledge and expertise to our board.

IMWSP Members

If your meter is broken or you have a newly constructed home and now have a well connected to your structure, you can sign up for a meter install and/or certification on June 22 and 23rd at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45ABAC28AAFBC07-water2>.

~Article provided by: Carol Darland, IMMD President

Jefferson Community Church meets at Indian Mountain Community Center every Sunday for worship, service is at 10:45 am.

Join us early for conversation, coffee, tea, or cocoa at 9:00 am.

Sunday School is at 9:30 am.

Contact us at:

<https://www.facebook.com/JeffersonCommunityChurchSouthparkColorado>

~Article provided by: Jefferson Community Church

BURN PIT



The Burn Pit Facility is located next to the [RV Storage Lot](#) and [Pasture Golf and Archery Range](#) on Albino Road. It is open during summer months for the disposal of **forest slash** from community properties. The slash piles are burned under supervision of the Fire Department during winter months at a time deemed safe for a controlled burn.

The Burn Pit will open on June 2nd for the 2023 Season. The pit will be open **Fridays and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** until the pit is full. The burn pit can only be open if we have two volunteers per shift to monitor the pit. This year, the shifts will be from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. and 11:30 – 2:30 p.m. Please use this link to sign up to volunteer to monitor the pit: <https://www.signupgenius.com>. **Your help to keep the Burn Pit open is greatly appreciated.**

To use the Burn Pit, please come get your Burn Pit Permit at the office at the Community Center, Wed – Sat, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Burn Pit Permit is free for Indian Mountain residents with proof of residency (if we cannot validate your residency at the Park County Assessor's website).

Residents of Stagesstop, The Buffalo, Elkhorn Ranches and Lost Park can purchase a Burn Pit Permit for the 2023 season for \$100.

Only forest slash (trees and branches) is allowed. Please no large stumps, large green wood, and absolutely no lumber, construction waste or anything containing nails, screws or wire.

Call [719-836-9043](tel:719-836-9043) if you have any questions.

~Article provided by: Jackie Middelhoek, IMMD District Manager

RV Dump Station Update

Progress! The Park County Board of Commissioners approved our application for a conditional use permit allowing for a community wastewater treatment system on our lot located at 44 Keneu Court by the community center. Thank you Brian Kocher for all of your time and effort to get this accomplished. As I have communicated previously, there are several issues at the current vault site located on Chief Trail that cannot be resolved at that location. The new system will be a complete septic system which will significantly reduce our current and future expenses for pumping. It will also eliminate the volume issues we have experienced in the last couple of years. The new system will include remote telemetry and alarms to give notice of any system malfunction or failure. The location near the community center will improve our ability to monitor and secure the facility.

As a condition of the approval, the old site will need to be properly and safely shut down before final approval to open the new site. The goal is to coordinate these two events as closely as possible to minimize the impact to our property owners that utilize this resource.

More information will be provided as this project progresses.

~Article provided by: Carol Darland, IMMD President

IMPOA AND IMMD

What's the difference between the Indian Mountain Property Owner's Association (IMPOA) and the Indian Mountain Metropolitan District (IMMD)?

In our recent community survey, it was clear there is a lot of mystery around what IMPOA does and what IMMD does, so let's see if we can shed some light on the topic.

First, IMPOA. The IMPOA is a volunteer property owner's association responsible for maintaining the Indian Mountain Covenants and by-laws as well as executing the business of the community. Every property owner is automatically a member of IMPOA by virtue of owning property, however, any member who pays their annual dues, is considered a

“member in good standing”. IMPOA represents all property owners regardless of dues status. What does that mean? If you have a concern or complaint, we’re here to help find answers and resolve them, by helping you find the right resource. IMPOA does not enforce the Covenants. We have a process to assist you in resolving complaints when you have them. What IMPOA spends the majority of its time on, is critical fire mitigation efforts such as the burn pit which is an IMMD facility and is managed by IMMD, the chipping program and more recently, addressing the lack of maintenance on our community fences.

What do your dues pay for? First and foremost, we want to keep the community safe from wildfires. That is why we support free chipping for those who can take advantage of it. IMPOA has maintained its Firewise status for a number of years which has resulted in reduced insurance premiums for many of our neighbors. Your dues also cover things like, Dumpster Days, which allows many residents to clean up their properties and eliminate some of the trash nuisance and restore a beautiful appearance to the area. We also put on many community social events throughout the years. Remember, these dues are voluntary, but they do help the community considerably as we look for more ways to keep our community safe and free.

Now what about IMMD? IMMD is an official government established entity that owns all the Indian Mountain amenities throughout the community. IMMD owns and maintains, through your property taxes, the comfort station, the lodge, the RV dump station, Breton Park, the RV storage area, the golf course, the burn pit and The Community Center. These are YOUR amenities supported by your tax dollars and as more and more residents are coming up to enjoy their property, it’s becoming more of a challenge to keep control of who’s using these facilities. IMMD partners with IMPOA in many ways to include working the burn pit, and often co-sponsoring community events. Our big project in the coming months and years, will be re-locating the old RV station, to a new location next to the community center. We hope to accomplish this with minimal impact to the community and provide better support for the property owners who take advantage of the facility for the long term.

Both boards meet monthly on the second Saturday of every month. The IMMD meets at 0900, and IMPOA follows at 1030, so feel free to join us to meet the board, your neighbors and make your voices heard on important community issues.

~Article provided by: Brian Kocher, IMPOA Vice President, IMMD Vice President

Indian Mountain and Short Term Rentals

Greetings Indian Mountain property owners. Short Term Rentals (STR) is a topic that's growing in popularity and also concern as more property owners see STRs as an opportunity to gain some much needed income. IMPOA supports every property owner's right to use their property as they see fit and we ask that STR owners take responsibility for their tenants and help them show our neighbors the proper respect in order to keep the community safe and free.

IMPOA has had several meetings with the Park County Director of Planning regarding STRs and here's what we've learned. First, the number of Short Term Rentals in all of Park County has grown tremendously. According to a company hired by the county, there are around 1,600 licensed STRs and an astounding over 800 unlicensed STRs.

According to Park County officials, 80% of the county's Fire, Ambulance and Sheriff calls for service are attributable to unlicensed STRs. The county has hired a company to locate and track all licensed and unlicensed STRs. The county has also put out position opening notices for two Code Enforcement Officers who will soon start ticketing those unlicensed STRs. The cost of an STR license is an initial \$605 and renewal is somewhere around \$215, while future fines for failure to license will be considerably more. All the information you need to apply for an STR license is found here:

<https://parkco.us/858/Short-Term-Rental>

Soon Park County will be publishing a list of all licensed and unlicensed STRs so IM residents have an avenue to voice their complaints when issues arise. For anyone who has a complaint regarding an STR, they need to go to the following link. The county will begin responding to every formal complaint in an effort to get the STR growth under control.

[Form Center • Park County, Colorado • CivicEngage](#)

We hope STR owners found a recent "good neighbor" letter to be helpful and have provided it to their tenants as a reminder of the Park County Regulations. If you need another copy, see our website at:

https://www.impoa.net/editor_upload/File/Misc/2023%2004-10%20Good%20Neighbor%20Information.pdf

~Article provided by: Brian Kocher, IMPOA Vice President, IMMD Vice President

Indian Mountain Covenants

One topic that seems to have a lot of confusion surrounding it is Indian Mountain Covenants and the role Indian Mountain Property Owners Association (IMPOA) plays in the Covenants. Let me quickly reiterate a couple of things about IMPOA. First, we are not an HOA, and membership is voluntary. Second, we are a nonprofit corporation created to act, inform, educate, and advocate on issues of concern to property owners to maintain the quality of life in Indian Mountain. These are significant distinctions when discussing our covenants and enforcement of them because while IM does have covenants, they are not enforceable in the same way you are likely familiar with from other neighborhoods, nor are they easily changed.

All owners within any Indian Mountain recorded filings in Park County are subject to one of the sets of covenants. There are a few different versions depending on the filing, but all of the IM covenants have the same options & requirements when it comes to two important topics – enforcement and changes to the covenants. And none of the covenants mention IMPOA at all.

If you're thinking, "this already sounds complicated, so why not just change them?" you're not alone. Many people have suggested that the IM covenants need to be updated or revised. However, this is one of those unique scenarios that is VERY different in Indian Mountain. All the covenants include language about making changes, summarized as follows, "covenants contained herein shall not be waived, abandoned, terminated, or amended except by written consent of the owners of 75% of the privately owned land included within the boundaries of the subdivision." While this requirement may be up for debate and open to some different interpretations, it has nothing to do with IMPOA. So, to make any change, 75% of all privately owned land, not 75% of the voluntary members of IMPOA, need to vote *in favor* of the proposed change. While IMPOA can help organize a vote on the covenants, there are many challenges to accurately meeting this requirement. Therefore, at this point, the board has decided not to pursue any options to change or update the covenants.

So, moving on to covenant enforcement. As outlined in each of the filings, enforcement of our covenants is not provided to a single enforcement body (Again, IMPOA is not mentioned) but instead available to each lot owner. This means that ownership of a lot in the Indian Mountain subdivision makes you both subject to that property's covenants and provides you with enforcement options.

So, you may ask, what are those options, and what role does IMPOA play? As stated earlier, IMPOA is a nonprofit corporation with the goal of maintaining the quality of life in

Indian Mountain through things like educating, informing, and advocating for our community. To that end, IMPOA is happy to help you locate the covenants that apply to your lot or lots and identify if an area of concern is part of Indian Mountain's recorded filings and covenants.

To the extent that any individual Indian Mountain property owner believes a covenant violation is taking place and feel that enforcement actions need to be taken, IMPOA encourages the first step to be a friendly conversation between neighbors – in most situations, this is the quickest and easiest resolution. The IMPOA board is happy to assist with these conversations, up to and including sending written notice of the covenant issue in question. Ultimately, should additional enforcement action be desired, property owners should be prepared to consult with their legal counsel and determine what, if any, enforcement action is appropriate to take on as an individual.

~Article provided by: Kathryn Abrahamson, IMPOA President

To Fence or Not To Fence

To fence or not to fence, that is the question being asked a lot these days. It seems that recently, livestock have been roaming and grazing in Indian Mountain more than in prior years. What's changed? That's a great question. So let's get a look at what it means here in Colorado, to be a "fence out" state.

Basically, Colorado is an "open range" state and ranchers are not required to fence in their cattle. Colorado has a number of Revised Statutes (C.R.S.) that outline livestock laws but the bottom line is, if you want to keep livestock off your property, you have to fence them out.

Now let's look at the Indian Mountain Property Owner's Association (IMPOA) Covenants and by-laws, which state, "No fence, wall or similar type barrier of any kind shall be constructed, erected or maintained on any lot, except such fences or walls as may be approved by Grantor as an integral or decorative part of a building to be erected on a lot, or for the control of livestock." When these bylaws were written, Indian Mountain had boundary fences intended to keep livestock from entering the community. Over decades of lack of maintenance, those fences are either non-existent, poorly constructed and maintained or missing necessary cattle crossing guards and gates. As more and more are moving to the community, full and part time, the issue of livestock is growing. That combined with seemingly uncontrolled livestock presence, IMPOA is putting priority on

addressing the issue.

The real dilemma is this: what authority does the IMPOA have to repair fences or enforce the “no fence” covenant? Well, that’s really up to the property owners. As it stands now, POA membership is voluntary and the board’s role in enforcement is to assist property owners who have specific complaints. With regard to the specific fencing issue, we see there are really three courses of action:

1. Do nothing, which has been the option for several decades.
2. Restore perimeter fencing to keep livestock out of IM.
3. Assist property owners individually affected by livestock.

The IMPOA board has decided to see what can be done regarding repairing perimeter fencing so we can help keep livestock out of the community. To that end, we are preparing to fix the fences in a phased approach, based on where the most likely and frequent breaches are occurring. The first phase will be the 4 miles of fence bordering the west boundary. That is where the majority of the breaches seem to occur . We’ve received a proposal from a local fence repair specialist and will review and discuss during the May meeting. The next phases are still TBD as we work through several important issues. First is where the true property boundaries are. After inspecting fence lines and comparing them to known property corners and online mapping tools, it’s clear there are many fences that were put up off of the boundaries.

The second issue is gaining property access to repair fences. The board will not enter IM property without permission as well as an accurate fence placement.

IMPOA will be discussing at the next meeting some combination of options 2 and 3 where we will look at fence and cattle guard issues. I also think we have an opportunity to work with individual property owners to assist in repairing fences on their property. This will allow us to affect high traffic fence areas that we have access to, without trespassing and also target properties that are negatively affected by intruding livestock.

So, having said all that, know that your IMPOA is working hard to find the right “fence out” solution and in the meantime, if you have an issue with livestock on your property, we recommend calling:

1. Property owners can use the following link: [BrandAbetical Search | Department of Agriculture \(colorado.gov\)](#) to search for the livestock owner and contact the

livestock owner directly. In addition, please call the Park County Sheriff and the branding office.

2. The Park County Sheriff's Office non-emergency dispatch at: (719)-836-4121 option 5
3. The Colorado Branding Inspectors for Park Count at:
 - a. Shane Schvaneveldt (720)-545-4604
 - b. Colby Stone (719)-426-8231
 - c. Brice Lewis (719)-221-2071

IMPOA will also be putting up a map at the Community Center where residents can mark where cattle are entering the community, so we know where to focus our efforts. We will also be providing a log where residents who need border fences added or repaired, can provide property details as well as permission for contractors to come on the premises and make needed repairs.

For more information, go to:

<https://casetext.com/statute/colorado-revised-statutes/title-35-agriculture/livestock/article-46-fence-law/section-35-46-102-owner-may-recover-for-trespass>

~Article provided by: Brian Kocher, IMPOA Vice President, IMMD Vice President

BLUEBIRDS



You've probably seen birdhouses perched on fence posts along the County Road here in Park County. Some are painted bright colors, while others are left with natural wood coloring. Most of those have been installed with the purpose of providing safe places for the local bluebirds to nest.

In Colorado, we can find three different species of bluebirds – Eastern, Western, and Mountain. Around Indian Mountain we mostly see Mountain Bluebirds. As their name suggests, Mountain Bluebirds are observed at elevations up to 12,500 feet during the breeding season. Once winter arrives, they typically fly down to lower elevations. These birds are found in open areas, such as meadows, prairies, or pastures. They also enjoy habitat with a mix of grasses, shrubs, and trees, such as open woodlands, burned areas, or places that have had the forests thinned by logging.

Bluebirds are cavity-nesting birds that live in trees, fences and downed vegetation. Bluebirds compete with sparrows and wrens for cavities, so a properly placed bluebird house can provide the birds with a safer alternative and provide you with months of entertainment. The best places for bluebird houses are open areas scattered with a few trees or near the edge of a forest. Some underbrush is useful for drawing out the insects

the bluebirds eat, but too much underbrush covers the insects too well.

A bluebird house should not be placed near houses, barns or dilapidated buildings, because these are the territories of house sparrows. Sparrows are larger than bluebirds and make nests earlier, so they will outcompete the bluebirds for the houses. In suitable areas with a large sparrow presence, two houses can be placed at least 25 feet apart, because the sparrows will use one and leave the other alone. Bluebird houses also should not face bushes or large amounts of brush, because wrens will take advantage of these houses. Bluebird houses should be spaced at least 100 yards apart so that mating pairs can maintain their territories without stress.

Bluebird houses should be mounted 4 to 6 feet above the ground. They should be on a metal or wooden post. Mounting on trees and telephone poles is also permissible, but climbing predators such as cats are more likely to get into these houses. The most important rule for orienting bluebird houses is to make sure the residents can see a perch nearby. The fledglings will likely head to this perch during their first flight. If possible, the opening should not face the rain and prevailing wind. While a bluebird house should be in sunny location, the opening should not receive too much direct sunlight, if possible. Facing east is usually good for the amount of sunlight desired.

~Article provided by: Jeff Mason, IMPOA Treasurer and IMMD Treasurer

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Do you have a Comfort Station key card and or dump station key?

The district is in the process of upgrading our systems and contact information for key holders. To ensure your access to these facilities is not interrupted, please send the following information to indianmtn@hotmail.com:

Property Owner Name

Indian Mountain Property Address

Mailing Address

Please submit this information before your key(s) is/are disabled.

~ Article submitted by IMMD

CHIPPING DAYS

IMPOA is happy to offer chipping days again this year, starting July 31st for 2 weeks. Chipping in conjunction with the burn pit will help our community maintain its Firewise status. NOTE: Chipping is FULL for this year.

Signups via NextDoor, the IMPOA website, and email notifications started on March 4th and it was full by March 10th. We're able to accommodate 60 properties this year. We have a waitlist in place in event there are any cancellations. Congratulations to those that are signed up.

If you are signed up, please remember these rules:

*Chipping items no more than 9" in diameter, only 1 pile for all items, chipping will be broadcast cast back onto your property.

*Email picture of chipping pile by July 7th to impoa.bod@gmail.com.

We're using a new company this year and hope to have a successful event.

~ Article submitted by Kim Novitch, Firewise Director

Info From Park County

Highlights from Board of County Commissioners Meeting on May 2, 2023

Revised Building Code

The Park County BOCC adopted the [2018 County Building Codes](#). This code shall become effective upon adoption by the BOCC. Applications for permits made prior to the adoption by the Board of County Commissioners, shall be governed by the terms of the code in effect at the time of the application. Applications under the previous 2012 code will be accepted until December 31, 2023. Stay tuned for more details.

Park County Announces Formation of Project Development Team and New County Engineer Position

Park County Announces Formation of Public Works Project Development Team and New County Engineer Position



Park County, CO – Park County is proud to announce the creation of a Project Development team focused on infrastructure enhancement and the improvement of the county's public works. The team will be led by the newly appointed Park County Engineer, Darrel Evig, who previously served as the Public Works Director.

Joining Darrel Evig on this innovative team will be Mike Smith, who assumed the position of Director of Development Services in July 2022. Smith will also take on the duties of Director of Public Works in his new role as the Park County Director of Operations. Together, Evig and Smith will lead the charge in developing a comprehensive infrastructure enhancement program for Park County.

The Project Development team's primary objective is to deliver a wide range of improvements to the county's infrastructure, including updated maintenance scheduling, roadway surface upgrades, and safety enhancements. These improvements will ensure that Park County's infrastructure is well-maintained, efficient, and safe for all residents and visitors.

Park County's leadership recognizes the importance of investing in infrastructure to support the growth and vitality of the community. The formation of the Project Development team, under the guidance of experienced professionals like Darrel Evig and Mike Smith, demonstrates the county's commitment to enhancing the quality of life for its residents.

For more information about the Project Development team and the infrastructure enhancement program, please visit www.parkco.us or contact Please join us for a [Town Hall on Thursday, May 18, from 5 – 7 PM](#) to learn more and ask questions.

Zoom meeting info:

Video To join the meeting, click on the link below or copy and paste into your preferred web browser: <https://zoom.us/j/632627219?pwd=Q2gvUVEwd0JuQ0R3TE9qWE9LTk9kQT09>

Audio Upon joining the meeting, you will have the option to use either your computer mic and speakers for audio interaction, or participate by phone.

If you are not using your computer speakers and mic to interact in the meeting, you may use the dial- option below:

Dial by your location (669) 900-6833 US (Western US) (929) 205-6099 US (Eastern US)

Meeting ID: 632 627 219 Password: 04408

The following articles were 1st published in the Spring 2010 newsletter and are still relevant today. All newsletters are archived and can be found on both the IMMD and IMPOA websites located at <https://indianmountain.info/> and <https://www.impoa.net/default.php> respectively.

FIRE AWARENESS

This last winter proved to be a snowy wet season. But despite all the moisture, the ever present winds are quickly drying out the vegetation. So as the nicer weather brings more people up to Indian Mountain, everyone needs to be extremely careful with any form of fire. All fire pits should be located away from trees, in an open area, built in a deep hole with rocks around it, and have plenty of water available to extinguish stray embers and flames. Be sure your fire is completely out before you leave. Cover it with water and dirt to prevent any possible flare-ups. Remember even a discarded cigarette can cause major devastation. We all love and cherish this special place we call Indian Mountain, so please do your part to protect it from harm.

Note: There have been updates to Fire Awareness since the original article was published. Here is information from the IMPOA website:

Almost any burning in Indian Mountain in the dry season, other than barbeque grills, requires a burn permit. [You may obtain a burn permit from the Jefferson Como Fire Station #5](#)

[on Elkhorn Road](#). When not under a fire ban you must report the burn event before it occurs. This reporting is to avoid unnecessary dispatch of emergency equipment. You can report burning before starting to burn by calling (833) 935-1189. When there is a fire ban posted at the fire station or in the newspaper, you may not burn even though you have a permit.

Although burn permits are a legal way to burn in the open, burning of forest slash in our wildland urban interface is not encouraged by IMPOA. Erratic winds and our normally dry conditions can easily lead to a loss of control of a fire. Alternatives to burning forest slash include chipping on site and using the IMMD burn pit. Alternatives to burning trash are the annual Dumpster Days sponsored by IMPOA, the Fairplay Dump Station and contract waste removal. (NOTE: Park County has made burning of household trash illegal.) A local supplier of trash removal is Mountain View Waste (303/838-0560) for approximately \$120/qtr. Pick up is on alternating Tuesdays depending on where you live.

To summarize, if you want to have an open-air fire (bonfire, fire pit etc.), you need an approved permit. If you are having a barbecue, a permit is not required. Here is the link and information on how to get your burn permit. <https://www.jcfd.org/burnpermits>

Call 1-833-935-1189 whenever you want to burn. A registered burn is valid for 24 hours. This number will also give you information on whether or not a burn ban is in effect.

Any fire in the open should have a nearby water supply (even if it's just a big bucket full) and a shovel for containing a fire that spreads to the grass if the wind whips up.

PETS AT RISK

We all want our pets to have some freedom and enjoy the great outdoors, but it comes at a price. Last year a handful of pets were killed by wild animals or lost. It is up to each owner to keep their pets out of harms way. There is also a leash law in Colorado. It is against the law for pets just to roam free. None of us want stray animals wandering around our roads or property.

Out of respect for and the safety of your neighbors, we urge everyone to be more thoughtful with their pets. And we need to remind owners of lost pets that it is illegal to tape posters to county road signs and ask that you remove any that you have posted.

The Park County Sheriff's Office Animal Control Unit provides law enforcement and

support services for animal related incidents. Contact 1180 CR 16, P.O. Box 604, Fairplay, CO 80440; or call (719) 836-4380.

ATVs, DIRT BIKES & OTHER UNLICENSED VEHICLES

A reminder to Indian Mountain property owners: off-road vehicles such as ATVs, dirt bikes and other vehicles that are not licensed to drive on state, county, and city roads are illegal and subject to a \$50 fine. Colorado State Statute 33-14.5-10 states:

(1) No off-highway vehicle may be operated on the public streets, roads, or highways of this state

(2) Any person who violates subsection (1) of this section is guilty of a class 2 petty offense and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of fifty dollars.

The full text may be found on-line by searching "Colorado Statutes."

IMMD Board Changes

There are some changes to the IMMD Board of Directors effective June 2023. Karen Goodman's term ended in May and she chose not to run again. Karen served the Indian Mountain community for many years. She volunteered for the IMPOA Board for several years where she served as Treasurer and then moved to the IMMD Board in 2018 to serve as Treasurer for the last five years. Karen's accounting experience has been extremely helpful and she will be missed.

Carol Darland's term continues and the terms for Brian Kocher, Marcia Logan, and Dan Qualman expired in May. They all volunteered to continue serving the Board. Jeff Mason volunteered to replace Karen. As the number of vacancies had a volunteer to serve, Brian, Marcia, and Jeff were deemed elected for four-year terms and Dan was deemed

elected for a two-year term. They will be sworn into office at the June meeting.

~ Article submitted by Marcia Logan, IMMD Secretary

Indian Mountain Community 2023 Events

visit <https://www.impoa.net> for more details!

- May 1: Start of Litter Bug Patrol
- June 11: Dumpster Days 8AM until full
- July 1: Summer Picnic 11AM – 2PM & Music on the Mountain 4PM to 7PM
- July 31: Community Chipping Begins
- August 12: IMPOA Annual Meeting Noon – 1PM
- August 19: Frisbee Golf 9AM to 1PM

- September 30: Picture contest for 2024 calendar
- October 28: Annual Craft Fair 9AM to 3PM & Trunk or Treat 4PM to 6PM
- December 9: Tamale making w/Nick Rinaldi Noon to 3PM

Save the dates! We hope to see you there!

~Article provided by: Jeremiah Davidson, IMPOA Events Director

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