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A Message from the IMMD Board President **(Indian Mountain Metropolitan District)**

As you all know, winter 2025-2026 has not been kind in the way of moisture for our area. Fortunately thanks to our amazing volunteers we were able to burn the pit. This makes way for our residents to complete additional fire mitigation efforts this year. Please volunteer to assist at the burn pit this year so we can keep it open for this important community-wide initiative.

If you are looking to complete fire mitigation yourself or have someone else complete work on your private property, I highly encourage you to review the information included in the District's Forest Management Plan, <https://indianmountain.info/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/2025-01-11-IM-Park-Forest-Management-Plan.pdf>. This information will give you a clear set of guidelines and expectations on what should be done with live and dead trees as well as slash depending on the type of trees on your property.

2026 Projects

Fire mitigation at Indian Mountain Park is a multi-year initiative to address the fire danger presented by dead, dying and downed trees on the mountain. Significant progress has been made but there is much more to do. The district applied for a grant to assist with this expense. Unfortunately, we were not awarded any funds. At the April board meeting of the Indian Mountain Metropolitan District, the district approved funding of approximately \$178,000 for this year's effort. Once plans are finalized, more detailed information will be available.

Trent Smith, Jefferson-Como Fire Chief, attended our April meeting and provided us with an update on the cistern project. The current plan calls for the cisterns to be ordered in June.

We have also been made aware of a growing infestation of Canadian Thistle. The District is currently working to engage an experienced contractor to treat district owned property.

Community Spotlight

Want to recognize a community member? Contact us at indianmtn@hotmail.com

Get Involved

Want to suggest topics for future editions? We welcome your ideas and feedback! Contact us at indianmtn@hotmail.com.

Closing Thoughts

The individuals in the office that support the Indian Mountain Metropolitan District and Water Service Plan are there to assist you, answer questions and to ensure that the policies and procedures of the District and Water Service Plan are adhered to by all. They do not make the policies. Please do not shoot the messenger. The board has been made aware of an increase in hostile and inappropriate behavior toward the office staff. The board will not tolerate this behavior toward these hard-working individuals and will take action to address this behavior with individual property owners.

Be kind. Be respectful. Treat others as you would like to be treated.

Article submitted by Carol Darland, President

A Message from the IMPOA Board President (Indian Mountain Property Owners Association)

Hello, Indian Mountain neighbors,

I hope this message finds you well and looking forward to the warmer months ahead on the mountain. Your Board has been busy working on a few updates that I want to share with you directly, because I believe keeping our community informed is one of the most important things we can do. Let me walk you through three things that I think you will find encouraging.

A New DBA "Doing Business As" Name for IMPOA

You will start seeing a new name appearing in our communications, signage, and outreach. The Board has decided to register a new descriptor as a "Doing Business As" (DBA) name for the Association. Nothing about our legal structure, our nonprofit status, or our bylaws is changing — we will remain the Indian Mountain Property Owners Association, a Colorado nonprofit corporation. The DBA is simply a friendlier name we will use when communicating with the broader community. The new DBA name is:

"Indian Mountain Community Alliance"

New Website Address: myimca.org

I want to be especially clear about one thing: **we are not, and never have been, a Homeowners Association (HOA).**

This distinction matters. An HOA typically has the authority to enforce rules and restrictions on what property owners can do with their land, and to levy fines or assessments. That is not us. IMPOA has no authority over your property, imposes no restrictions on how you use your land, and has no power to fine or penalize any member.

What we *do* is provide our landowners with a forum to come together, share information, discuss community matters, and advocate collectively with county, state, and federal agencies when our shared interests are at stake. We work to maintain and enhance the quality of life on Indian Mountain *through community, not control*. The new DBA name is meant to reflect exactly that spirit.

Modernizing Our Communications and Record Keeping

We are also moving to a dedicated, personalized Google™ Workspace account for the Association. This gives us a proper email address that reflects who we are, rather than a personal account repurposed for Association use. It also provides us with the cloud storage space we need to maintain our records in an organized, secure, and accessible way.

Good record keeping is something your Board takes seriously. Our bylaws require that minutes, budgets, ballots, and other official documents be available to members in good standing, and that key records be posted to our website. Having a dedicated account means those records are stored in one place, not scattered across personal inboxes, and that they remain with the Association even as board members change over time. This is simply the right way to run a responsible nonprofit organization, and I am glad we are making this investment.

Welcome, Melissa Pryce — Our New Board Secretary

On behalf of the entire Board, I am delighted to welcome **Melissa Pryce** as our newly appointed Secretary. Melissa has been appointed by the Board to fill this important role, and we are very glad to have her. The Secretary plays a central part in keeping our Association running smoothly — maintaining meeting minutes, managing records, and ensuring that our elections and ballots are conducted properly.

Melissa, welcome to the Board. We are grateful for your willingness to serve our community, and we look forward to working alongside you.

Canada Thistle on Indian Mountain: A Community Issue

Many of you have likely noticed the spread of Canada thistle across parts of our subdivision. This invasive weed is a serious concern — it spreads aggressively, crowds out native vegetation, and is notoriously difficult to eradicate without professional treatment. The Board has been looking into organized options to help address this problem on behalf of the community.

We reached out to the community to gauge interest in a coordinated spraying effort, and we have to be candid — the response was limited. Without broader participation, organizing a community-wide program is difficult to justify. That said, we understand that

this is a real problem for many individual property owners, and we do not want to leave you without options.

If you are interested in having your property treated and would like contact information for the company we identified that can perform the spraying, please reach out to the Board directly. We are happy to pass that information along so you can make arrangements on your own terms. The more property owners who take action — even individually — the better the outcome for the whole mountain.

As Always, This Is YOUR Association

I want to close by reminding everyone that IMPOA/IMCA exists because of you and for you. Every property owner in Indian Mountain can become a member of this Association, and the Board serves at their pleasure. If you have questions about any of the updates above — or anything else on your mind about our community — please do not hesitate to reach out. That is exactly what we are here for.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Annual Member's Meeting this summer. Until then, enjoy the mountain.

Warm regards,

Edgar E. Vidal

President, Indian Mountain Property Owners Association

*dba **Indian Mountain Community Alliance***



2026 EVENTS



DATE / TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	SPONSORED BY
5/16/26 10:00am	FIREWISE Education Event	Community Center	IMMD / IMPOA
5/23/2026 10:00am	Mark Hanson - Tarryall Gold Presentation	Community Center	IMMD
5/24/2026 10:00am	Poker Run / Scavenger Hunt	Registration and Start at the IM Picnic Pavilion	IMMD
7/4/2026 12pm – 2pm	Annual Picnic	IM Picnic Pavilion and Park	IMMD / IMPOA
7/18/2026 9am – 2pm	Community Garage Sale	Community Center and Parking Lot	IMMD
July/August TBD	Community Chipping	IM Neighborhood	IMPOA
8/1/2026 11:30am – 1pm	IMPOA Annual Meeting	Community Center	IMPOA
8/8/2026 11:30am-1:30pm	Volunteer Luncheon	Community Center	IMMD / IMPOA
8/15/2026 8am – 3pm	Dumpster Day	Lot next to the Community Center	IMPOA
9/1 thru 9/30	Photo Contest	On Line	IMPOA
10/3/2026 9am -3pm	Craft Fair	Community Center	IMPOA
10/10/2026 2pm – 4pm	Chili Cookoff	Community Center	IMMD
10/31/2026 11am – 1pm	Trunk or Treat	Community Center Parking Lot	IMMD
11/14/2026 4pm – 7pm	Thanksgiving Potluck	Community Center	IMMD / IMPOA
December Date/Time TBD	Tamale Making with Nick	Community Center	IMPOA



FIREWISE USA®
Residents reducing wildfire risks

Firewise Educational Event
Saturday, May 16th at 10:00am
Indian Mountain Community Center

IMPOA and IMMD's Firewise program, in partnership with Jefferson-Como Fire Protection District, will host a Firewise educational event at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 16, at the Community Center.

This session will focus on Indian Mountain's recently approved Firewise renewal, our 2026 Community Wildfire Risk Assessment and our 2026–2028 Action Plan. The discussion will provide a practical look at what we are doing well as a community, where continued work is needed and how individual property owners can support our larger wildfire preparedness efforts.

A key focus will be the Home Ignition Zone, especially the immediate area within 0 to 5 feet of homes, decks and attachments. This is one of the most important areas residents can address to help reduce the risk of ignition from embers or surface fire. We will also discuss seasonal roof and gutter cleanup, ladder fuel reduction, slash removal, burn pit use, chipping planning and continued mitigation work in Indian Mountain Park.

A representative from Jefferson-Como Fire Protection District will be on hand to share local insight into community risk, current weather and fire conditions, response considerations and broader wildland fire awareness. This will also be an opportunity for residents to ask questions and better understand how individual property work connects to our larger community preparedness efforts.

All residents are encouraged to attend, ask questions and learn more about practical steps we can take individually and together. Indian Mountain has made significant progress through community chipping, burn pit and mitigation work, but ongoing success depends on continued participation from property owners, volunteers, IMPOA, IMMD and our fire district partners. Together, we can keep building a more prepared, resilient and fire-adapted community.

NOTE: For those who have asked for a recording of this presentation because you cannot attend, we will post a copy of the presentation documents and some of the Q&A discussion on the IMPOA/IMCA Website at myimca.org

IMMD and IMPOA Responsibilities

The IMMD and IMPOA Boards have separate and joint responsibilities. The responsibilities of the IMPOA and IMMD Boards are often confused by property owners. Here is a chart that might help you decide where to go to get information or help.



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www.indianmountain.info



IMPOA
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Both organizations are located at 31 Keneu Ct. Como, CO 80432, and share the same office phone number. The IMMD Business Manager handles all the phone calls.

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The joint activities are the Indian Mountain Newsletter, the Annual Picnic and representing IM before Government Entities.

Indian Mountain Metropolitan District (IMMD)

Public, non-profit Special District of the State of Colorado funded by property taxes paid by all property owners	Facilities/Amenities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Center • Comfort Station • Ski Lodge • RV Dump Station • Breton Park
Five board members are property owners elected by property owners for staggered 4-year terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian Mountain Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hiking Trails ○ Disk Golf ○ Playground ○ Picnic Pavilion
Meets 2 nd Saturday every month - 9:00 a.m. at Community Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian Mountain Ranch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ RV Storage Lot ○ Pasture Golf Course ○ Archery Range ○ Burn Pit
Administers the Water Service Program	Events: Annual Picnic, Community Garage Sale, Volunteer Lunch, Chili Cook Off, Trunk or Treat

Indian Mountain Property Owners Association (IMPOA)

Voluntary Association, no enforcement authority, not an HOA, funded by voluntary payment of annual dues	IMPOA Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Chipping Program/Firewise Program • Covenants and LURs Information
Seven board members are property owners elected by members in good standing for staggered 3-year terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Annual Meeting ○ Dumpster Day ○ Annual Picnic ○ Craft Fair
Check the IMPOA website to see meeting dates and times.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Calendar Photo Contest ○ Tamale Making with Nick
Contributes to IMMD Special Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain Owner Database • Annual Membership Drive & Dues Effort

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INDIAN MOUNTAIN CHIPPING PROGRAM 2026



Photo Courtesy of Rhonda Cates

IMPOA is currently accepting bids from Mitigation contractors for the Indian Mountain Chipping Program this summer.

Once we have chosen a contractor to do the chipping, an email will be sent to the community with the dates and a sign-up sheet.

Please watch for that email or check the IMPOA website myimca.org for Chipping Dates.
Article by Becca Wilhelm, IMPOA

Burn Pit

There are new gates at the entrance to the Burn Pit / RV Storage Lot. No more wrestling with the barbed wire gate!



This year the burn pit will be open every **Friday and Saturday from 8:30am – 2:30pm from May 29th till August 29th or until full, provided volunteers sign up to monitor the pit.**

A big thank you goes out to all volunteer pit monitors. Without them we would be unable to open the burn pit. Volunteering at the burn pit is a great way to meet your neighbors and to help out your community!

To sign up to volunteer at the burn pit please go to this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45ABAC28AAFBC07-63608042-burn>.

Please be sure to click on the “**Sign Up Now**” button at the bottom of the page to finalize your sign-up.

Remember, we have a brand-new shade-filled gazebo to keep our volunteers comfortable!



We are allowed to use our burn pit because we follow the rules of Park County, Jefferson-Como Fire Protection District, and the State of Colorado. Please help us keep the privilege of the burn pit by following the rules.

For more information including what is allowed in the pit, along with other rules of use, please go to the burn pit page of the IMMD website: [Burn Pit – Indian Mountain Metropolitan District](#)

Article by Patrick Smith (IMMD) Facilities Manager

[Facilities Opening for the Season](#)

The RV Dump Station, Pasture Golf and the Archery Range are now open!

For more information about these amenities, please visit:

RV Dump Station: [RV Dump Station](#)

Pasture Golf and Archery Range (next to the 5th fairway of the Pasture Golf Course):

[Pasture Golf/Archery Range](#)

Article by Patrick Smith - (IMMD) Facilities Manager

Mark Hanson, Tarryall Gold Presentation

We are very excited to announce that there will be a presentation by Mark Hanson about Tarryall Gold at the Indian Mountain Community Center on Saturday May 23, 2026 at 10:00am. Lunch will be served afterwards. For more information, please visit [the Indian Mountain Metropolitan District website](#). Residents of neighboring subdivisions are welcome.

Indian Mountain Poker Run

On Sunday May 24, 2026, the Indian Mountain Metropolitan District will host a Poker Run/Scavenger Hunt. Registration will be at the Indian Mountain Picnic Pavilion at 10:00am and groups/cars will be sent out at 10:30am in a staggered fashion. For more information, please visit the [Indian Mountain Metropolitan District website](#). **This event is for Indian Mountain Property Owners only!**

Indian Mountain Metropolitan District – New Board Member

Long time Vice President of the Board, Glenn Haas, left the Board after selling his home. He will be dearly missed. Glenn was instrumental in starting the Indian Mountain Water Service Program and was very knowledgeable about everything in Indian Mountain. He promised us that we could still pick his brain anytime we needed though.

In his place, Craig Colborg was appointed to the Board. Craig is a 3rd generation Colorado Native. He has been a full time Indian Mountain resident since 2018. He is an avid fisherman with a love for the Colorado outdoors. He previously served as treasurer for the Colorado Sierra Fire Protection District in Gilpin County. Craig is retired with a diverse background in work experience. Welcome to the Board Craig!

Community Garage Sale

The Indian Mountain Community Garage Sale will take place this summer at the Indian Mountain Community Center on Saturday July 18th from 9:00am – 2:00pm. Residents of neighboring subdivisions are welcome to join. Lunch will be served. Please reserve your

spot by emailing Jackie at indianmtn@hotmail.com.

IMWSP Reporting Errors

First, many thanks to all IMWSP members who report their water meter reading correctly and on time every month, which is most of the IMWSP members! However, some members still make mistakes which cost the WSP Administrators a lot of time to figure out and correct.

- Some members unfortunately still put in a wrong ID number. Please look at the reminders we send out every month. It lists your ID number as well as the last name you should be reporting under.
- Please do not report decimals. Most digital meters show decimals, but the separator dot is very hard to see. If you report the decimals in error, your water meter readings show a huge volume of use.
- If you have a remote Hersey reader, please add a 0 at the end of your reading.
- If you are not sure how to read your meter, please contact the WSP Administrators at 719-836-9043 Wed – Sat, 9am – 1pm.
- Please remember to hit the “Submit” button at the bottom of the page.
- If you do not report by midnight on the 6th of every month, your reading will not make it to HASP which is in violation of the rules we have to abide by. The WSP Administrators have to email the water meter readings to HASP at the beginning of every month and in turn HASP has to email the water meter readings to the Colorado Division of Water Resources every month. Once the Administrators have emailed the water meter readings, HASP does not allow the Administrators to send additional readings at a later date.

One last observation. The Indian Mountain Metropolitan District Board of Directors (IMMD) and the WSP Administrators do not make the rules. They are simply abiding by and enforcing the rules from the Colorado Division of Water Resources and the Headwater Authority of the South Platte (HASP) as outlined in the Intergovernmental Agreement between IMMD and HASP.

Article by Jackie Middelhoek

Fire Department Cisterns on Chief Trail

The Indian Mountain Metropolitan District and the Jefferson-Como Fire Protection District are planning a joint project this summer to install two mated 3500-gallon fire protection cisterns side by side at the location of the old RV Dump Station on Chief Trail. The old well there will feed these cisterns automatically. This will increase the much-needed firefighting capacity for Indian Mountain and surrounding neighborhoods.

Article by Jackie Middelhoek

Volunteer Luncheon

The Indian Mountain Metropolitan District and the Indian Mountain Property Association would like to invite everyone who has volunteered at any of our events and facilities in 2026 and 2025 to attend the Volunteer Luncheon at the Community Center on August 8th from 11:30am – 1:30pm. Raffle prizes will be given out.

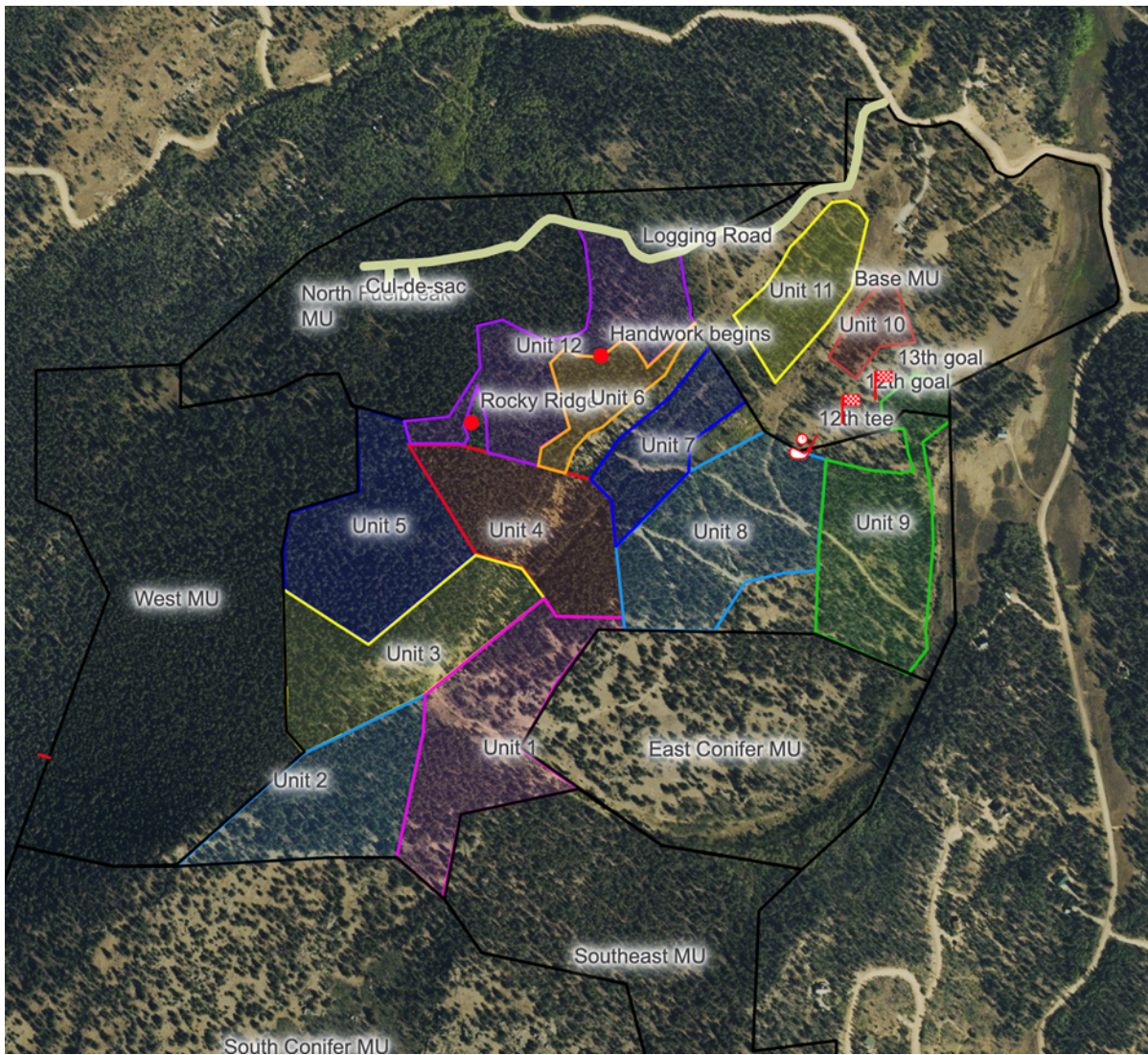
Fire Mitigation on Indian Mountain this Summer

The Indian Mountain Metropolitan District will continue this summer with the fire mitigation on Indian Mountain to complete the main priority areas as determined by our forester Rocky Mountain Forestry LLC. Treatment Units 1 – 4 were completed last year. This year Treatment Units 5 - 11 will be treated which include areas around some of the hiking trails and the disk golf course. Due to difficulty in getting motorized vehicles and equipment to mitigation sites, trees and slash will be dealt with by a lop and scatter method so the trees and slash will be left with contact to the ground so they will rot as quickly as possible. Where possible, slash will be chipped. For areas that motor vehicles can get to, the IMMD Board of Directors is discussing possibilities of offering some firewood to property owners.

While crews are working up there, please avoid the area and respect the closed signs. No extended closures of any areas in the treatment units are expected during the project. Trails impacted by felling operations will be closed momentarily and monitored very closely to protect hikers and community members during the project.

Please keep your dogs on leash for their and the crew's safety! The project will run from June 15 – October 31, 2026. If you have any questions, please call the IMMD office at 719-836-9043. Office hours are Wed – Sat, 9am – 1pm.

Article by Jackie Middelhoek



Get the Most from Your Library Card – No Cost Access to Digital Media, Movies, Entertainment!

A Park County Public Library card provides far more than access to physical books—it opens the door to a wide range of digital content through platforms like **Hoopla**. With a valid library card, residents of Park County, Colorado can access thousands of titles online, including magazines, eBooks, audiobooks, movies, and TV shows, all from home or on a mobile device.

Hoopla is a digital streaming and download service available through many Colorado library systems. Once a library card is obtained, users can create a Hoopla account using their card number, PIN, and email address. From there, content can be streamed instantly or downloaded for offline use on smartphones, tablets, or computers. Hoopla’s catalog includes a wide selection of digital books and audiobooks, making it a convenient alternative to visiting a physical library.

One of the most useful features of **Hoopla** is its accessibility and variety. Users can borrow movies, TV shows, music, comics, and eBooks with no waitlists, which is a major

advantage compared to some other library apps. Many libraries also offer access to digital magazines through Hoopla using something called a “BingePass,” which allows unlimited access to select content for a set period. **This means a Park County library card can function as an all-in-one entertainment and learning resource.**

Typically, **Hoopla** operates on a monthly borrowing system. For example, many Colorado libraries allow around 10 borrows per month, with each item available for a set loan period (often about 7 days). This encourages users to explore a variety of content without any additional cost. Because the service is funded through the library, everything accessed through Hoopla is free to the user.

Library cards are typically free for residents, making them one of the most cost-effective resources available. Once issued, the card grants access not only to Hoopla but also to other digital platforms like Libby or Kanopy, depending on the library system. These services collectively provide eBooks, audiobooks, films, and educational materials that can be accessed 24/7 from anywhere with an internet connection.

A Park County Public Library card is a powerful tool for accessing digital entertainment and educational content. Through Hoopla, users can enjoy magazines, books, and movies without leaving home, **all at no cost**. The ease of obtaining a library card combined with the breadth of digital offerings makes it an essential resource for residents looking to maximize convenience, save money, and expand access to information and entertainment.

Article by Melissa Pryce, IMPOA

BEAR AWARENESS IN OUR COMMUNITY

A Safety Reminder for All Residents

As warmer weather arrives, bear activity naturally increases throughout our region. Our neighborhood sits within active black bear habitat, which means sightings are not unusual and our daily habits play a major role in keeping both people and wildlife safe. When bears find food around homes, they quickly learn to return, creating risks for the entire community.

Why Bears Come Near Homes

Bears are driven by smell and calories. Trash, birdseed, pet food, and outdoor cooking residue are some of the most common attractants. Once a bear learns that a neighborhood provides easy meals, it can lose its natural caution around people.

How Residents Can Help Prevent Conflicts

- Secure all household trash in bear-resistant containers or store it indoors until pickup day.
- Remove bird feeders during active bear seasons; consider alternatives like bird baths or native plants.
- Clean grills thoroughly after each use and store them in a garage or shed when possible.
- Feed pets indoors and keep all pet food inside.
- Keep garage and vehicle doors closed to prevent curious bears from exploring.
- Pick up fallen fruit and avoid leaving coolers, food scraps, or scented items outside.

If You Encounter a Bear

- Stay calm and give the bear plenty of space.
- Make loud noises from a safe distance to encourage it to move on.
- Never approach, corner, or attempt to scare a bear at close range.
- Contact local wildlife authorities if a bear appears injured, aggressive, or refuses to leave the area.

Protecting Bears Protects Our Neighborhood

When bears become too comfortable around people, they often must be relocated and sometimes cannot be safely moved at all. By working together and staying vigilant, we can reduce conflicts and help keep these animals wild, healthy, and safe.

Article by Jeff Mason, IMMD



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