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October 2022 Newsletter

Recent Catalytic Converter Theft

Sorry to say, we've had another overnight theft on Silver Plume, most recently of a catalytic converter on a parked car. Unfortunately, stealing a catalytic converter is a very easy thing to do. Thieves usually slide underneath a car with a battery-powered reciprocating saw and cut it right out of the exhaust line. It takes about 2 to 3 minutes or less and makes as much noise as any other power tool. The thieves are after the valuable rare earth metals in the converters. Hybrid vehicles make the most desirable targets because their converters have higher amounts of the metals. If you hear noises outside in the wee hours, please take a look and call 911 if you suspect a theft in progress. **Do not confront the thieves!**

There are a few ways to lower the risk of theft:

- Park in well-lighted areas.
- Etch your license plate number onto the converter.
- Install an anti-theft device around the converter.

Red Flags Days Are Back

The summer monsoon kept us green for a long time, but now we're drying out and seeing Red Flag warnings again in our local forecasts. By way of fire mitigation, the HOA has removed all the big junipers in the parking islands, trimmed a 10-foot-wide swath in the grasses around our perimeter, and lowered field grasses near large fuels outside that perimeter; we'll also be doing a fall cleanup in our parking islands to further reduce available fuels over the winter in our common areas.

Now it's up to Silver Plume homeowners to help protect themselves and the neighborhood. **Please remember that even short grass can burn when it's dry.**

If you have anything highly flammable along your fence line that could come in contact with burning grass of any length, a fuel ladder could still form that could ignite your home and others around it. And as we were reminded by Boulder Fire-Rescue's Wildland Fire Chief Brian Oliver, to keep your home from burning, the most important mitigation you can do is to your home itself and in the first five feet around it. Note that unless a split rail fence is connected to a home or other structure, it doesn't pose a particular hazard all by itself. It's hard to light a hot fire with two widely spaced logs, and dry grass burns quickly enough and at a low enough temperature to leave such fencing largely unscathed, although with time it could smolder up to an attached structure.

For more information on protecting your home from a wildland fire, see the [Wildfire Preparedness information](#) on our website.

New Landscaping

We've recently completed the new post-juniper landscaping in Silver Plume Court. Many thanks to the volunteers there who have committed to keeping it alive and thriving!

Halloween 2022

The last few years have seen precious few small ghouls and goblins on Silver Plume, but this year might well be different. Our new neighbors at 3620 (welcome, Moore family!) are looking to wrap Silver Plume into the trick-or-treat parade event that in the past has taken place on Smuggler and Telluride. So if you'd like, break out your best Halloween decor and stock up on a little more candy. It could get spooky here on the 31st. Here's additional information from Nicole Moore:

Halloween Parade and trick-or-treating on Smuggler, Telluride, and Silver Plume! We'll be starting at 5 p.m. at the corner of Smuggler Way and Lehigh St, and weaving our way around all 3 streets. This parade was designed for our little ones who are done by 6:30 p.m. or so, but everyone is welcome. Please join in the fun!

Note: Nicole reports roughly 50 kids participated in this event last year, so plan accordingly!

Welcome, New Neighbors!

We have a few new families in our Silver Plume neighborhood – in addition to the Moores at 3620, we also want to welcome the Norths at 3690, Jake Hohmann and Deborah Stabler at 3545, and Kelly Notaras at 3685. Glad to have you!

Please Update Phone/Contact Info

With winds picking up and moisture dropping, it's time to think hard about emergency preparedness. Be sure to register your phones for emergency notifications from the [Boulder Office of Emergency Management \(OEM\)](#). It's also important that neighbors check on neighbors during emergencies. We have more information about this on our [website](#).

To facilitate neighbors contacting one another in the event of a wildfire evacuation, we are working to update the HOA contact list supplied to residents with more, and more current, information. It is very important to have the current telephone numbers for each occupant of a home, and the best way to contact each occupant (phone call, text message, etc.). If you are an owner of a rental property, we need the renter information in addition to your own. Please send a message to president@shanahanridge4.org with your current information as soon as possible.

This information should include the street number, occupant names, current telephone numbers, whether text messaging is used, and consent to release this information to the HOA membership. If you do not wish to have your phone number(s) published, we will honor that.