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Meadows Monthly

A monthly newsletter for residents of beautiful Elk Meadows in Ridgway, CO

Meadows Monthly- June Edition

Hello Neighbors,
June has been a busy month for the Board! We have been working on both new and ongoing projects, other neighborhood issues, and preparing for the annual meeting – whew! We'll do our best to get you caught up here...

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Weed Spraying

The Board has modified our agreement with Austin Shelby of Spring Branch Forestry due to concerns about chemical runoff potentially contaminating our water supply.

Instead of spraying throughout the subdivision, we will now avoid the entire Goff spring watershed area.
As a result of this decision, we're asking residents to help manage weeds through hand-pulling wherever possible. Maybe you and a friend can 'adopt' a section of road or open space to manage? 😊 Please bring any questions or concerns about our weed control approach to the annual meeting.

Perimeter Fence

In early June, a group of four volunteers set out to inspect and make minor repairs to our perimeter fence line. We do this in an effort to keep cows from neighboring ranches from getting into the neighborhood.
Fallen trees were cut off of the fence and loose wires were repaired and reattached.



Amy Clewell shows how it's done!

Because of the extent of disrepair on the eastern fence line below the escarpment, Kaylor fence was hired to repair that stretch.
Thanks to those volunteers!



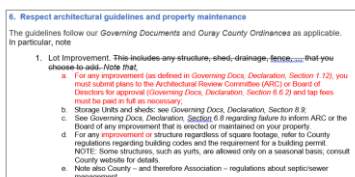
Marni McKay and Nate were here from the front range to help!

Fire Evac Route

Due to last summer's flooding events, our old fire evacuation route has been deemed impassible by the Ouray County emergency preparedness team. The route was already marginally passable, so our neighbor to the south has been working with us and the county to provide an alternate, better route. In order to do this, we will need to install a gate and provide some sort of access to the gate through an open space area on the south side of the neighborhood. We are currently in negotiations with contractors and all other entities involved, so if you see people in the green space in that area, please be cordial and understand that they are not trespassing! More information about this will be shared/discussed at the annual meeting.

Construction and Improvements - ARC

Because of some recent issues that have come up over new construction and improvement projects, the Board is proposing some changes to Section 6.1 of our Rules document as shown below. *(You should be able to zoom in to read it.)*



The Board will be discussing this topic further before approving anything, this is just a preliminary draft.

If you are making any sort of modification or improvement on your lot, please let the Board know prior to doing so. We cannot defend or support your decision if we don't know what's happening.

Rules of Renting

Speaking of our rules document, Section 7 asks those with long-term rentals to please provide the Board with contact details for your renters, including name(s), mailing address, phone number(s) and email(s). This is so they can receive our newsletters and/or be contacted in case of emergencies. If you have provided this to us in the past, please check to make sure that the information we have is up to date with your current renter's information. Thank you!

Speeding and Dust

Yes, it needs to be said – AGAIN! Homeowners do it, short-term renters do it, construction crews do it, delivery trucks do it – drive at excessive speeds through the neighborhood.

What is it going to take to make it stop?

According to our community survey, road conditions are the number one concern, so it's not just a handful of people who live along the road complaining about dust.

Speeding not only deteriorates our roads, it also creates excessive dust and poses safety risks to residents, kids, pets, and wildlife. We've had **many** complaints about excessive speeds this summer.

We're considering solutions like additional signage and speed humps or dips, which we'll discuss at the annual meeting. In the meantime, please respect your neighbors and follow the speed limit. Remember what the sign at the entrance to EM says: **Speed Limit 20mph maximum - No Dust!**

Simple test: if you see dust in your rear-view mirror, you're going too fast!

Wildlife

Bears are out and about, please keep your trash secured! There have been a number of very newborn fawns sighted in the neighborhood. Please go slow on roads and keep your pets under control. Also, some mama does become very aggressive during this time. Be sure to give them as much space as possible.

Quarterly Board Meetings

As Board members, we are often contacted about issues that have been discussed at length at our quarterly board meetings. If you would like to be more aware of current issues and projects we are working on, please be proactive in staying informed. Board meeting minutes are posted on our website, elkmeadowshoa.org, usually about a week after our meetings occur. These documents are accessible to you at any time.

Miller Mesa Recreation Trail (MMRT)

Many of us utilize the MMRT and value it as a wonderful resource here on the mesa.

It has been brought to our attention that there has been some unauthorized, motorized use on this trail, and we have been asked to remind residents (and guests) that the MMRT is for **non-motorized use only** in the summer. As a reminder:

- Snowmobiles are the only motorized use allowed on the MMRT and only when there is snow on the trail.
- No dirt bikes, ATVs, RAZRs, trucks, cars, etc., are allowed on the MMRT at any time.
- When the upper CR5 is open to public traffic, no motorized use of any kind is allowed on the MMRT trail.

Please help ensure our future access to this trail by respecting these rules.

Annual Meeting – DATE CHANGE!!

Due to an event happening in Ridgway Thursday, 7/10, we received a number of requests to change the meeting date.

The annual meeting will now be held one day later - on Friday, July 11, 2025, at 6:30pm.

Also remember that the meeting format has been updated from hybrid to remote-only due to technical difficulties at the 4-H Center.

Repeat – The annual meeting will be held remotely via Zoom only – no in-person venue – on Friday, July 11th at 6:30.

The Zoom link will be emailed to all residents in the next day or two. Please watch for it in your inboxes and add the meeting to your calendar.

If you are not going to attend the meeting, please remember to **assign your proxy** to another member of the Association who will represent you, or to a Board member.

In addition to your proxies, please also remember to update your contact info if needed using either the hard copy form you were sent in the meeting packet, or by emailing us at

emhoa.secretary@gmail.com

We look forward to 'seeing' you all then!

Volunteering

Please consider volunteering for a position on the Board or on one of our special committees – thank you!

Contact Us

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