

## May 2021 AIA Newsletter

**Board Meeting:** The next board meeting is **Wednesday May 19<sup>th</sup>** at 7.00 pm online via zoom

The zoom link info and agenda will be posted to the website

[www.arrowwood3.org](http://www.arrowwood3.org) closer to the meeting day.

### **Book keeper needed**

The AIA board is looking for an Arrowwood resident who would be willing to volunteer their time to keep the associations books. This does not have to be a board member. Knowledge in basic Quick books desktop would be useful, the current treasurer is willing to train. Time requirements are 1 1/2 hrs per month , more at end of August when invoices are prepared. For additional information contact Dana Merveldt 719 351 4715 [dmerveldt@colopropane.com](mailto:dmerveldt@colopropane.com)

**AIA elections** We will be electing 5 board members this year. If you are interested in submitting your name for nomination please contact Pete Olejnik ([allcityappr@msn.com](mailto:allcityappr@msn.com)) by **June 2nd**. This is a great way to be active in your neighborhood, and make a difference. Currently there are 9 board members to share the 'work' as well as several non board members who are currently taking an active part in various committees/projects. There is a need for more community participation, so that responsibilities can be carried out effectively. For more information e mail any board member or come to May's board meeting ( online via zoom)

### **Fire Mitigation**

**Chipping Day is June 5<sup>th</sup>**. Steve Merveldt has coordinated with the Tri Lakes Fire Department and our Spring chipping day will be utilizing the community chipping program. A chipper and operator is provided by the fire department, but volunteers are still needed to move the branches from piles to chipper. If you can help please contact Steve at 719 440 8551.

**Please read the attached guidelines provided by Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District**

Chippings will be loaded into trailers and hauled away as Steve has found a source that wants chippings. **If you want your chippings to remain on your property contact Steve Merveldt** 719 440 8551 ([smerveldt@colopropane.com](mailto:smerveldt@colopropane.com))

**Attached is the AIA chipping plan/rules**

**SAVE THE DATE** The ABM will be Saturday August 28<sup>th</sup> , lunch will be served at 11.00, meeting to follow. This year Dana and Steve Merveldt have generously offered the use of their back yard at 19090 Deerfield Rd. If you would like to help with the organization and or catering of this event reply to this email [deb.fiala@comcast.net](mailto:deb.fiala@comcast.net) or contact Deb Fiala at 719 332 8595

**NEPCO** (Northern El Paso County Coalition of Community Associations)

Arrowwood III is a member of this organization. The NEPCO website, [www.nepco.org](http://www.nepco.org), has a wealth of information. The password for the NEPCO web site has been changed. Please note:

Username is member

Password is nepco@2021.

The next NEPCO meeting is Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup> and will be held via zoom 10.00-12.00.

**Mike Foreman, Monument Town Manager** , will speak on benefits and the issues associated with our high rate of growth; **Terri Hayes, Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce**, will speak on the wxpected future of business growth in our area; and **Mr Mark Gebhart, Deputy Director for El Paso County Planning and Community Development** will address the El Paso County Master Plan.

If you would like to attend, the zoom link info is as follows:-

Topic:NEPCO General Meeting May 2021

Time: May 8 , 2021 09:45 AM

Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87521426437?pwd=cEZqY3lWNjZETC9WVlVBTnN0dTdHUT09>

Meeting ID: 875 2142 6437

Passcode: 607518

### **Information from NEPCO (repost)**

There's an El Paso County proposal to extend Furrow Road South to Higby Road. Once this connection is made the current traffic volume could go from 900 vehicles/day to 5,000 by the year 2040. While this connection may improve emergency services access, it is also likely to cause a substantial increase in traffic volume and speed. This cut-through traffic makes community roads, like Furrow, among the most dangerous for pedestrian and cyclists. Fortunately, there are a number of measures that can calm traffic speed and reduce cut-through volume.

As you know, El Paso County is growing rapidly with regard to population and traffic. Unfortunately, it appears traffic calming measures are employed sparingly outside of Colorado Springs. In fact, they are barely mentioned in the draft El Paso County [Road Safety Plan](#).

The NEPCO HOA's bordering Furrow Road formed the **El Paso Safe Street Alliance** to provide our County Commissioners with the public support needed to expand the use of speed tables, chicanes, roundabouts and other traffic calming measures countywide. NEPCO is asking that all **HOA member residents sign the traffic calming petition at the Alliance webpage: [El Paso Safe Streets Alliance](#).**

**AIA website** Check out the website [www.arrowwood3.org](http://www.arrowwood3.org) for minutes of board meetings, all official documents and lots of useful information.

Deb Fiala (Vice president) on behalf of the AIA board

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**TRI-LAKES MONUMENT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

16055 Old Forest Point, Suite 102

Monument, CO 80132

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# Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Community Chipping Program

You can protect your home from wildfire with help from the Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District Community Chipping Program.

Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Community Chipping Program is helping residents and property owners create defensible space by providing free chipping of branches, logs, and small trees. If you clear woody vegetation from around your home and stack it in a slash pile, we'll chip it at no cost. The wood chips will remain on the property, and we will not remove them. The program encourages residents to comply with defensible space recommendations of Colorado State Forest Service and Firewise. The program is not intended for commercial activities or general land clearing.

In the early Spring of 2018, Tri-Lakes Monument Fire was awarded a grant to fund the equipment portion of the chipper program.

The chipping program has general requirements that the community and homeowner must meet when requesting chipping services.

## Materials Guidelines

Accepted materials include trees, logs, and branches up to 12 inches in diameter, free of nails and wire.

### The following restrictions apply:

- No construction or building materials, treated lumber, fence posts or signs.
- No shrubs, root wads, stumps, dirt, or rocks. These items clog and damage chipping equipment.
- No grass clippings, trash, weeds, bags of leaves or raked needles.

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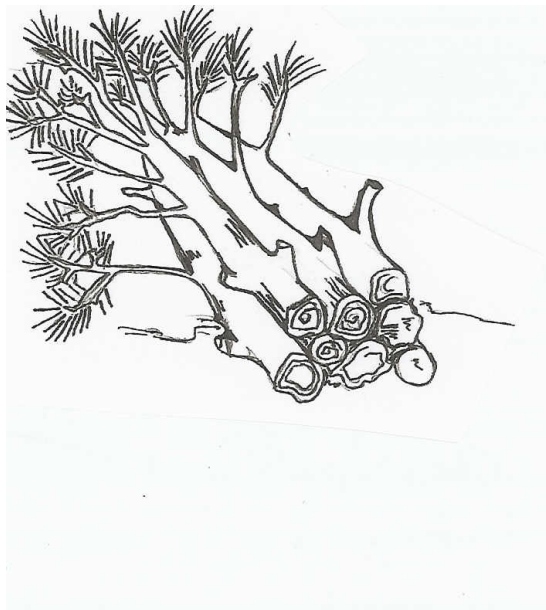
## Pile Guidelines

Piles should be stacked cut end (butt) towards the road for ease of grasping for chipping.

- Stem diameter is limited to a maximum of 6 inches.
- No mechanically piled brush by tractor or dozer will be chipped.
- Piles must be limited to brush and tree limbs from the property itself. Stringy vine type brush, such as poison oak, construction materials, dirt, leaves, grass, clippings, etc. may foul or damage the chipper.
- If assistance is needed in preparing piles to be chipped, it is recommended that a tree service or landscape contractor is contacted.
- The chipping crew makes the final determination as to whether a pile complies with the requirements.
- Stack piles neatly (no bags),
- After crews have removed your pile, clear away any remaining branches, needles, and debris.
- Do not combine piles with neighbors' piles or place piles in other neighborhoods.

For more information, visit <https://csfs.colostate.edu/wildfire-mitigation/protect-your-home-property-forest-from-wildfire/>!

**Example of a Correct Pile:**



# ARROWWOOD IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

## PO BOX 431, MONUMENT CO, 80132

### AIA MAY CHIPPING PLAN/EXECUTION 5 June 2021

Below are the chipping plan and rules for execution this year (2021)

- Chipping leads will survey all properties with slash week prior (29 May)
  - Ensure limbs are butt-to-the-street; If NOT, no chipping; Mixed configuration will be charged a minimum of \$20.
  - Advise owner if chip piles remain – limbs will NOT be chipped if previous year's chips have not been moved.
  - No "duff" or small branches that can be placed in trash cans.
- Chipping participation and charge
  - **NOTE: This year we plan on hauling the resulting chips away from the neighborhood. If you want your chips, you MUST notify Steve Merveldt or Lonnie Wheeler prior to chipping day (5 June)**
  - Owners who assist with their own slash may not be charged
  - Owners who do NOT assist will be charged a minimum of \$25.
    - Slash piles that take longer than 15 minutes, and where the owner does NOT participate will be charged up to \$50.
  - Seniors who are physically unable to participate are exempt. However, their slash piles must meet the configuration identified above. If not, owner will be charged a minimum of \$20.
    - **Please notify Lonnie [440-0954] or Steve [440-8551] if you are physically unable to assist with the chipping.**