



Neighborhood Quarterly Newsletter

April – June 2026



Upcoming Dates

- April 9 – HOA Board & Homeowner Meeting
- April 17 – Home Ignition Reduction Workshop & Ice Cream Social
- April 18 – Fire Mitigation Education Session
- May 9 – NEPCO Meeting for General Membership
- May 14 – HOA Board & Homeowner Meeting
- June 11 – HOA Board & Homeowner Meeting
- June 22 – MFD/AIA III Spring Chipping week

FIRE MITIGATION & EDUCATION EVENTS

ARROWWOOD III
NEIGHBORHOOD

Pine beetles are severely impacting Colorado forests, causing widespread tree mortality and increasing wildfire risks. Warmer temperatures and drought have driven a resurgence, specifically targeting pine and spruce trees.

The Arrowwood III Firewise Committee has arranged for 2 events to learn more about how to protect your home and your trees from fire and beetle infestation.



TWO EXCITING EVENTS!

17 APRIL: HOME IGNITION REDUCTION

6PM, AT ST MATTHIAS CHURCH, 18320 FURROW RD, MONUMENT CO
LEARN HOW TO PROTECT YOUR HOME IN CASE OF A FOREST FIRE
ICE CREAM SOCIAL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PROGRAM!

18 APRIL: FOREST MITIGATION EDUCATION

9AM, AT 18860 DEERFIELD RD, MONUMENT CO
LEARN SIGNS OF A BEETLE INFESTATION & HOW TO REMOVE TREES
LIGHT LUNCH PROVIDED, PLEASE WEAR WORK CLOTHES FOR THIS HANDS ON EVENT & BRING A CHAIR!



Attend either session and get \$15 reduction on next year's HOA dues!



NEW Chipping Program

This year our spring Chipping event will be DIFFERENT. The Mnmt Fire Dept will be coming to our neighborhood between June 22 to July 2, and homeowners MUST FILL OUT THE FORM on arrowwood3.org/firewise-and-chipping by June 10 to participate. See all details on the website.

Evacuation Preparation

As the dry conditions continue this summer and our area becomes more and more at risk of wildfire, it is important that we are prepared in case an evacuation is ordered.

- First, have an evacuation checklist.
- Next, create an evacuation plan with your family.
- Also, sign up for local notifications.

LivingWithFire.org has a handy evacuation checklist for residents to use. On that website you can also find articles about preparing pets for evacuation, and handling the functional needs for those with disabilities.

If you have not signed up for [Peak Alerts](#), please visit their website and sign up to get alerts for evacuations, law enforcement activity, safety notices, and more.

JOIN US NOW!

RSVP to: firewise@arrowwood3.org

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<https://arrowwood3.org>

Control Noxious Weeds

Four common Noxious weeds in our area that can be controlled:

1. **Canada Thistle** (*Cirsium arvense*). Control is difficult because of its vigorous growth, and extensive underground root system. Recommend stressing the plants to use up their store of energy. This is done by mowing at least 3 times at 2 week intervals so that it cannot produce seeds.

2. **Common Mullein** (*Verbascum thapsus*). Best controlled by focusing on removing the taproot and stalk via digging or hand-pulling before they flower. Because it has a long-lived seed bank, sustained, repeated management is required. Dig up the leaf rosette or stalk before flowering.

3. **Yellow Toadflax** (*Linaria vulgaris*). Also known as “Butter-and-Eggs” and “wild snapdragon”. Control through intensive hand-pulling to remove roots, and establishing competing native grasses. Mowing is ineffective. . Must remove the entire root system, or it will resprout. Planting competitive, aggressive, native grasses can help prevent re-establishment.

4. **Spotted Knapweed** (*Centaurea maculosa*) & **Diffuse** (*Centaurea diffusa*). Key control methods include digging out the taproot, mowing before flowering to prevent seed set, and reseeding native grasses to prevent re-establishment. The entire taproot must be removed. Mow repeatedly in the bud-to-early-flower stage to reduce seed production, but be aware this does not eliminate the root system. Bag and remove all flowering plants to prevent seed spread.



What's Your Reason?

There's lots of reasons a homeowner would not mitigate their property. Most are faulty. Some are dangerous.

- “That’s why I have insurance” – did you know fellow homeowners in our area are actually being dropped by their insurance company for lack of property mitigation?
- “I want to save the natural appearance” – did you know that the current state of our neighborhood Ponderosa pine forest is wildly overgrown and unhealthy?
- “I don’t want to destroy wildlife habitat” – did you know that a healthy Ponderosa pine forest habitat has only 30-50 mature trees per acre?
- “Mitigation will destroy my property value” – did you know that some sellers in our area are finding that lack of property mitigation decreases the value and sale-ability of their home (and ability for buyers to get insurance)?
- “I can’t physically do the work” – did you know there are dozens of local companies who do tree thinning and forest mitigation?
- “I need the trees for privacy” – did you know that the two primary determinants of a home’s ability to survive wildfire are the quality of the surrounding defensible space and the house ignitability?
- “Wildfire won’t happen to me” – did you know that Colo State Forest Services lists our neighborhood as moderate/high intensity wildfire risk and high burn probability? And did you know that Colorado’s second most destructive wildfire by number of homes lost, was in Black Forest?

Report Road Damage & Potholes

To report potholes, road sign issues, dead animals, trees on power lines, and/or repaving needs within our neighborhood, visit citizenconnect.elpasoco.com and click View All Services. There you can “Create Service Request” for county officials. Once filed you can track the request, as well.

Protect Yourself from Property Fraud

The El Paso County Clerk and Recorder’s Office is seeing an increase in mortgage and property fraud. Their alert system will notify property owners about filing of fraudulent deeds, mortgages, or other liens against a property without the owner’s knowledge or consent. Visit <https://clerkandrecorder.elpasoco.com/recording/property-protection> to get registered.