

April 2021 AIA Newsletter

Board Meeting: The next board meeting is **Wednesday April 21st** at 7.00 pm online via zoom

Greg Bielanski is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Greg Bielanski's Zoom Meeting

Time: April 21, 2021 07:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4927471574?pwd=c2hUcEpxY1NCWHpla1ZBek1zUzlxUT09>

Meeting ID: 492 747 1574

Passcode: 3S4Bu1

Please see attached draft agenda

Neighborhood Watch

Many thanks to the residents with tractors and ATV's who helped clear snow from neighborhood streets during the March 14th snow storm. Through your generous efforts neighbors were able to get to work and in one case able to attend a much needed surgery.

Please see the attached flyer (IMG_0893) for a great opportunity to meet the leadership of Monument Police Department, learn more about MPD's efforts and initiatives, crime statistics and ask questions. Monument's mayor will also speak.

Fire Mitigation

Many thanks to Elizabeth Mayo for successfully applying for a fire mitigation grant on behalf of AIA. The awarded \$500 will be used for the fall chipping day.

Chipping Day is June 5th. 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)

NEPCO (Northern El Paso County Coalition of Community Associations)

Arrowwood III is a member of this organization. The NEPCO website, 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.

Please find attached the synopsis of the 13 March meeting

Information from NEPCO

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 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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POLICE INFORMATION NIGHT

April 20, 2021

6:00pm-8:00pm

Lewis Palmer High School

(In the Theatre)

1300 Higby Rd.

Monument, CO 80132



SPEAKERS

Mayor Don Wilson, Chief Sean Hemingway
and Commander Jon Hudson

Topics will include:

State of the Monument Police Department • Crime Prevention
Monument Police Department's Strengths & Weaknesses
Crime Statistics • Most Common Types of Crimes • Q&A with Chief

TRI-LAKES MONUMENT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Bus: (719) 484-0911 Fax (719) 481-3456



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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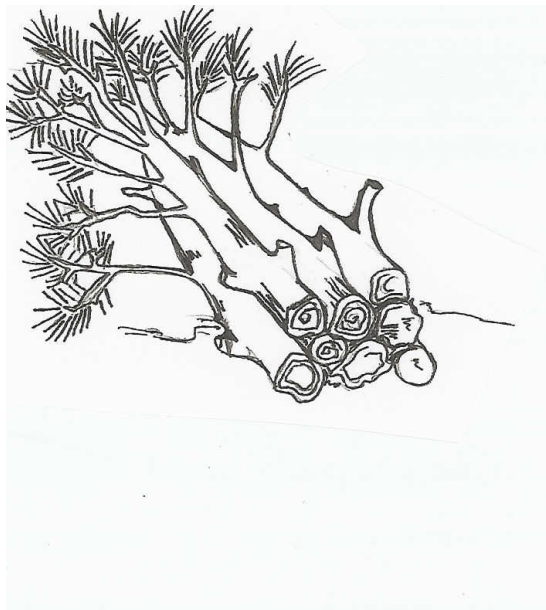
Pile Guidelines

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:



Synopsis of NEPCO Meeting 13 March 2021

This synopsis is intended to provide the highlights of the NEPCO General Membership meeting to all residents of NEPCO member Homeowner Associations. Full minutes & presentations at www.nepco.org. The meeting was a Zoom video conference.

NEPCO Transportation and Land Use Committee Reviews: Paul Pirog (High Pines Owners Association), Vice Chairman of the Committee, presented a briefing on the status of recent activities of the committee. NEPCO reviewed a record 52 new developments in 2020 and has reviewed 16 new developments to date in 2021. Regarding the proposed **Red Rock Acres Rezone** development, he stated that 73 neighbors lodged objections due to the density increase and other concerns. Paul provided additional charts on NEPCO's review of developments: **Monument Industrial Park** between I-25 and Old Denver Highway: major concern that it will block view corridors to the mountains in disregard of the 2000 Tri-Lakes Comprehensive Master Plan, also lighting, environment and traffic issues. **Cloverleaf Rezone** consists of 141 lots northeast of Lewis-Palmer High School: major concern is the density, water and lighting. **Walters Open Space** by Jackson Creek Parkway and Higby Rd – NEPCO had no objections. **Monument Dental Clinic** between McDonalds and Walgreens on Baptist Road: major concern is that the planners need to adjust their lighting plan to make it dark-sky compliant in accordance with Monument code. **Sterling Ranch** off Volmer Rd one mile north of Woodman; concerns are density, excessive water, and noise study issues. **Bridle Bit Ranch** north of Shoup Rd – in NEPCO review. **Winsome** at NW corner of Hodgen and Meridian Roads – in NEPCO review. The committee will review the **El Paso County Master Plan**. Also, Paul met with neighborhood representatives regarding the **Furrow Road extension** plan, and a group was formed to distribute a petition to the county for implementing “calming traffic means” on the road due to expected higher traffic flow. Lots of details are on these charts in the presentation package on the NEPCO web site.

Pikes Peak Library District (PPLD): Greg introduced the guest speaker, John Spears, Chief Librarian and CEO of the PPLD. He provided an extremely informative presentation on the history, funding and benefits of the PPLD.

- **General information about the PPLD:** 15 locations, 459 staff, 1.1 million items in the collection, 3.1 million visits per year, 3 million web site visits in 2019, 3 mobile services, serves 660,000 people, 500,000 computer uses per year, 2.08 million digital circulation, 54,703 meeting room uses, most visited organization in El Paso County.
- **Funding:** \$35M annual budget, primary source of funding is property tax mill levy (averages \$40 per person per year), also receives supplemental funding from the Foundation and Friends of PPLD, 86.5% funding is through property taxes, PPLD funding per capita is 10th of 13 Colorado libraries of similar service area. Largest cost is personnel at 59.7% of budget.
- **History:** Mr. Spears provided many charts describing the long and informative history of the PPLD, 1885 established at the corner of Tejon and Cucharras Street, 1905 Colo Spngs Public Library founded on Kiowa St, 1962 PPLD formed, 1975 Monument Branch opened, 1986 last mill levy increase, 1999 Monument Branch relocated to a facility five-times larger, 2006 launched e-branch of electronic books, 2014 Library 21C opens as first of its kind in the country with maker spaces, a video and recording studio, a business and entrepreneurial center, café, and performance venue.
- **Response to COVID-19:** went virtual within one week of pandemic, conducted story time, audio books, began making face shields on 3D printers, started curb-side service in May 2020 and will probably keep this service due to popularity.
- **Adult education department:** largest in the nation, offers high school equivalency and high school diploma program, foreign language education, U.S. DOE-accredited food industry training, partnered with businesses to provide industrial training such as welding and fabrication.
- **Regional History and Genealogy:** publishes local history documents, collects local oral histories such as that for the Waldo Canyon fire,

John said that he would be happy to have the PPLD speak at any HOA meeting. Contact info: John Spears, jspears@ppld.org, 719-531-6333 x6010.

More details of his presentation are at www.nepco.org Meeting Presentations.