

# COUNTRYSIDE HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

5110 Waxwing Lane Rapid City SD 57702

July—September 2023



## HOA MEETINGS

**Aug 8th** Pickleball poll meeting  
**Sept 12th** Annual board meeting  
**Oct 10th** Quarterly meeting  
**Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Location:** ZOOM link will be posted on our fb page

## BOARD MEMBERS

### PRESIDENT

Doug Traub: 605-391-7641

### VICE PRESIDENT ELECT

Dave Simpson: 605-390-6117

### TREASURER

Sara VanVlack: 605-484-5066

### SECRETARY

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### COMMON AREA CMTE

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Tom VanVlack

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Pete Jensen

### ARCHTECTUAL CMTE

CHAIR: Ed O'Leary: 605-341-1061  
Dan Smith  
Kathy Dirk  
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CHAIR: Tom VanVlack: 605-484-0797  
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### BOARD MEMBERS

Chad Tipton  
Cory VanVlack  
Dan Smith  
Dave Bertsch  
Jason Brandsted  
Tim Crawford  
Wendi Albers  
Tony Fischer

**PICKLE BALL** Did you mail in your Pickleball post card? Your HOA board wanted your feedback on a pickleball court at our park. What are your thoughts? The board is holding a special meeting on Aug 8th to discuss the results of the poll.



HOURS OF OPERATION	CONTACT INFORMATION	WANT TO RECEIVE TEXTING ALERTS?
<b>Landfill Hours</b> Monday - Saturday 7:00am - 4:00pm	<b>Address</b> 5555 S Hwy 79 Rapid City, SD 57701	Text RCSolidwaste to 888-777
<b>Administrative Hours</b> Monday - Friday 7:30am - 4:00pm	<b>Email</b> rrcycles@rcgov.org	This will subscribe to all alerts and reminders that we send out including reminders about holiday weeks
		
REDUCE	REUSE	RECYCLE

## Rapid City Landfill

Don't forget to save your utility bills to use as free dump passes!

**Windy Day Garbage:** If you haven't noticed, our garbage haulers don't mind if our garbage cans tip over. They will not pick them up if they are on their sides. Some residents have put rocks or wood on top of their lids to prevent the lids flying open. Others turn their can sideways (with the wind) to keep lids from flying open and blowing trash everywhere. What ever you decide to do to prevent garbage day litter, please know that bagging all your garbage before placing it in your bin is the most efficient way to keep our neighborhood clean and tidy, no matter the weather!

**Pet pick up** This is a friendly reminder to pick up after your pets! It is hard for our residents to enjoy their walks along our neighborhood trails when walkways are lined with poo that hasn't been picked up. Keeping our fur friends leashed in the neighborhood is one way to combat this problem. We all understand that *sometimes* our fur babies *may* sneak out once in a while. But if you noticed that your pet has gone on a solo adventure, please grab a poo bag and retrace their known whereabouts, because chances are - they have left something behind for our neighbors to step in -which makes people cranky- and who want's cranky neighbors?



**SLOW DOWN** Have you noticed the "Slow Guy" at the park on nice days? Our neighborhood speed limit is 25 MPH but please slow down near the park and when you see our neighbors walking on the sides of the street!



**NOISE COMPLAINTS** The board continues to receive noise complaints. If you are having issues with a noisy neighbor, please try talking with them first. They may not know that the noise is bothering you. If you feel uncomfortable talking with them face to face, try sending them a nice anonymous letter. **Remember-** You catch more flies with honey than vinegar! If that does not work then The City has a Code Enforcement Officer that you may contact for insight or assistance. Contact **Matt Owczarek 605-355-3465** or visit **1@rcgov.org** for more information.

**I spy Treasure Hunt** During the Pandemic our neighbor thought it would be fun to give our residents something to do on their walks. She set up an eye spy Treasure Hunt in her back yard. The treasures have grown over the years. Here is a list of items to find if you feel so inclined! The hunt begins behind 7271 Tanager Dr

Not all items may be listed as some items are buried under snow, have mysteriously shown up or have disappeared all together! Be sure to look high and low for and on both sides of the trail.



**i Spy**

- ☐ Hedgehog reading a book
- ☐ Humpty Dumpty
- ☐ Raccoon family – Momma with 5-6 babies
- ☐ Sleeping fawn
- ☐ Log wiener dog
- ☐ 4 green & one orange frog
- ☐ Sleeping cat
- ☐ Salamander
- ☐ Bluebird
- ☐ 2 grouse
- ☐ Chipmunk
- ☐ Squirrel
- ☐ Ladybug
- ☐ 3 concrete star faces – gray, black, tan
- ☐ Fairy village
- ☐ Log owl
- ☐ Owl on tree
- ☐ Tiny shell turtles (2) & tree
- ☐ face on tree #1
- ☐ face on tree #2
- ☐ face on tree #3
- ☐ face on tree #4
- ☐ face on tree #5
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## A GOOD NEIGHBORS GUIDE TO WOOD BURNING IN RAPID CITY

Provided by Rapid City Community Development, Air Quality Control Division

### Know the Law

Wood burning activities are regulated by Rapid City Municipal Code (RCMC) Chapter 8.34 and Pennington County Ordinance No. 12.

*The violation of any of provision of these ordinances is subject to a \$500 fine and/or 30 days in jail. Each calendar day a violation occurs shall be considered a separate offense.*

### You will be fined for burning trash or any inappropriate fuel

8.34.160 Restrictions on solid fuel burning devices. B. **Inappropriate fuels** burned in a solid fuel burning device prohibited. No person shall, at any time, burn inappropriate fuel as defined in 8.34.320(X) in any solid fuel burning device. No person shall use a fuel in a solid fuel burning device, except those that are recommended by the manufacturer, subject to any installation or operational restrictions imposed by the manufacturer.

### Inappropriate fuel:

RCMC 8.34.320(X) Includes, but is not limited to: leaves, grass clippings, pine needles, green plants, refuse, paper, rubbish, books, magazines, fiberboard, packaging, rags, fabrics, building materials, animal waste, liquid or gelatinous hydrocarbons, tar, paints and solvents, chemically soaked or treated wood, plastic or rubber, and the materials specified in 8.34.170(C).

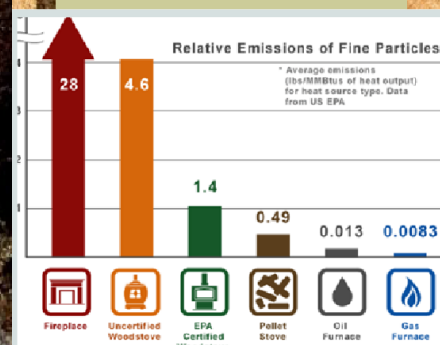
### Appropriate fuel:

RCMC 8.34.320(S) "Untreated dry wood and lumber, coal and products manufactured for the sole purpose as a fuel. **UNTREATED WOOD OR LUMBER** shall mean wood in its natural state that has not been chemically soaked or treated."

*Household trash is an inappropriate fuel and will be considered a violation of city and county law if burned in a solid fuel burning device, applicable to the above fines and/or jail time.*

### Cleaner Options

Replacing an old wood stove or fireplace with a more energy efficient appliance can save fuel, money and protect you and your family's health.



There are many cleaner, energy saving options, ranging from gas to high-tech wood stoves certified by the EPA.

*Clean air is a common resource that we all share. Don't let your neighbors' lungs pay for your smoke*

### Woodburning, Your Health, and Your Wallet

Wood burning has a significant effect on winter-time air quality in Rapid City. Our unique topography of ridges and hills creates temperature inversions that trap pollutants, forms haze, and makes breathing difficult for Rapid City's most vulnerable residents.

#### WOOD SMOKE IS TOXIC

Smoke from neighborhood stoves and fireplaces contributes to indoor and outdoor air pollution because it produces carbon monoxide (CO), volatile organic compounds (VOCs), oxides of nitrogen, (NOx), particulate matter, and toxic pollutants like benzene and formaldehyde.

*Wood smoke interferes with normal lung development in infants and children, and short-term exposure increases the risk of heart attacks in adults.*

#### FIREPLACES & OLD WOOD BURNERS DON'T MAKE CENTS

Most fireplaces draw air from the room and out through the chimney, sending your money and effort up in smoke. Because of incomplete combustion, old "damper-style" wood stoves burn inefficiently, creating smoke and particulate. EPA-certified wood stoves are designed to burn hot and efficiently, producing much less smoke.

### Tips for a cleaner burn

If you absolutely must burn wood, limit the amount of smoke entering your neighbors' homes by following these tips to burn more efficiently:

*Heating your home with a gas furnace is a cleaner, more healthy, and cost-effective alternative, and should be your primary heat source **before** resorting to a wood stove.*

#### Burn only dry, seasoned firewood

Firewood should dry for a MINIMUM of 6 to 12 months after splitting. Hardwoods dry more slowly than softwoods, but burn longer and cleaner. Split big logs for faster drying, and stack loosely and crosswise to let air circulate. The burning of inappropriate fuel is a violation of Rapid City Municipal Code.

#### Keep your wood pile dry

Stack a foot or more off the ground and away from buildings. Cover the top to keep rain off, but keep the sides open to breezes. Listen for a "crack!" Dry wood makes a sound like a bat hitting baseball, wet wood makes a dull "thud."

#### Build a small, hot fire

Open the damper wide, allowing air to fuel the fire for 30 minutes after lighting and refueling. Use small, dry kindling or clean newspaper to light, then add bigger kindling a few at a time. Get it burning briskly to form a bed of hot coals, then add 2 or 3 logs, placing them close enough together to keep them hot but far apart enough to let air move between.

#### Never let your fire smolder

Remember to keep it hot! A dampened, smoldering fire allows unburned gases and particulates to go out the chimney as smoke and enter the homes of your neighbors as a nuisance.

#### Never burn overnight or unattended

It's a major fire hazard. Build a small, hot fire and let it burn out completely. When the fire is out, close the damper tightly.

#### Watch for smoke signals

After a half hour, a properly burning fire should give off only a thin wisp of white steam. If you see smoke, adjust the dampers to let in more air. The darker the smoke, the more fuel is being wasted and the more pollutants are entering our air.

*Your chimney tells all: a wood burner operating correctly produces little to no smoke.*

#### Have your chimney cleaned yearly

Yearly inspection and upkeep by a professional to remove creosote buildup will increase efficiency and decrease the risk of a house fire.

#### Choose not to burn when air quality is poor

When it is foggy, air is stagnant, or there is a temperature inversion, smoke is trapped near ground level and can't disperse. Check for air quality alerts before you burn. You can check the Rapid City Air Quality index at [airnow.gov](http://airnow.gov).



## Join our private facebook group

[www.facebook.com/groups/rccountrysidehoa](http://www.facebook.com/groups/rccountrysidehoa)



RC Countryside HOA >

Private group · 122 members



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We have a private group for our current residents.

Neighbors have been posting things like:

- ◆ Rogue pets
- ◆ Backyard Fires
- ◆ Rattlesnakes

**Be kind  
when  
posting!**



Visit Facebook and search for the private group

[www.facebook.com/groups/rccountrysidehoa](http://www.facebook.com/groups/rccountrysidehoa)

You **must answer** the qualifying questions to verify Countryside (North) residency in order to be vetted into the group. If you do not answer the qualifying questions, your request may be denied. If you are having problems joining the group or know someone who is having problems joining, please call 605-939-6106 and we can resolve the issue quickly.

## ***Do you have ideas for improving our neighborhood?***

*We love where we live and are always open to new ideas on how we can improve our neighborhood and the lives of all of our residents. If you have ideas, your board members would love to hear them!*

- 1. Come to one of our quarterly HOA meetings*
- 2. Share your concern with the board in a respectful manner.*
- 3. Provide board with possible solutions or seek the boards advice.*



***We live in a desirable area and want to keep it that way!***

**Check out our Neighborhood Website** [www.rccountrysidehoa.com](http://www.rccountrysidehoa.com)



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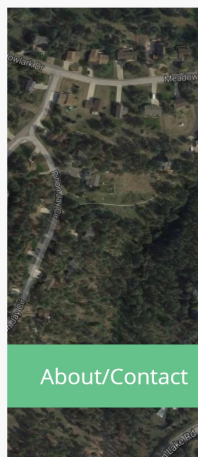
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## HOA Dues Were due on Aug 1st 2023

If you did not pay them by August 1st a late fee will be added. If total amount is not received in a timely manner, you will receive a Certified Letter and a lien for the amount due will be placed on your property. Please pay dues as soon as possible or contact our very own Resident Volunteer Treasurer **Sara VanVlack 605-484-5066** to make other arrangements.



**Carcass pick up** Chris Mueller has left his position at the South Dakota Game Fish Parks as the carcass removal specialist. As of right now, there is no one appointed to replace his role within the city limits. You may try to call Animal services at 605-223-7660 but there may be a charge to have the service completed.

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**Do you have old trees that need to be trimmed or removed on your property? There is a grant for that!**

**Do your trees need to be cleared out or trimmed?**



**Fire mitigation grants are  
available to countryside  
residents**

**Just apply!**

You could be reimbursed up to **70%**!  
Applications available on our HOA website!

Find the application on our Countryside website then send application to  
**Lieutenant Eric O'Conner's** office.

**Email: Eric.OConnor@rcgov.org**  
**phone: 605-390-4114**

**Lieutenant Eric O'Conner** is the point of contact for the fire mitigation program.  
He can answer any questions you may have.

**Please do not send applications to the HOA**

The HOA are not subject matter experts of the program, we offer the information on our website for informational purposes only and to make forms easily accessible to our neighbors.

# Shop Local with your neighbors

If you are a  
Countryside Resident  
You can advertise your  
business here too!  
For just \$40 each year

Email your advertisement to:  
[rccountrysidehoa@gmail.com](mailto:rccountrysidehoa@gmail.com)  
OR  
[wendialbers@kw.com](mailto:wendialbers@kw.com).

Mail your \$40.00 check to:  
**Countryside HOA,**  
5110 Waxwing Lane, Rapid City SD 57702



For resident advertising  
questions, please call:  
Wendi Albers at 605.939.6106

## Watering Restrictions

The Board would like to remind Countryside residents that Rapid City's annual mandatory water conservation measures will be in effect June 1—Aug 31st.

- No watering will be allowed between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily.
- Odd-numbered addresses will be allowed to water on odd-numbered calendar days.
- Even-numbered addresses will be allowed to water on even-numbered calendar days.
- No outside watering allowed on the 31st day of any month.
- Manual watering with a handheld hose or with a bucket, and sprinkling can or other similar container is allowed.
- **Planting new seed or sod?** You may contact the city for a waiver to establish new growth.
- Water conservation measures are utilized **June 1-August 31** each year under normal status conditions.
- Status conditions include **normal**, **concern**, **alert** and **critical** stages and are determined by the water levels and inflows to Pactola Reservoir.
- **For more information, contact the Rapid City Water Office at 394-4162.**



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# Helpful Tips For New Residents....and reminders for the seasoned ones



**LAWN LIGHT POLES** Our individual lawn light poles are intended to provide safety and security for all of our residents in place of large city street lights. Please make sure your lawn light pole is in working condition and stays brightly lit.



**PARK / COMMON AREAS:** Residents are welcome to enjoy the park and walking paths throughout the community. Please be kind and pick up after yourself & your pets.



**HOA FEE:** The Countryside HOA fee is \$140 **billed annually in July** and due by August 1



**HOA QUARTERLY MEETINGS:** Quarterly meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday in January, April, July and October. The annual board membership meeting is the 2nd Tuesday of September.



**TRASH DAY:** Mondays The city provides trash & recycle bins. They should face the street and be placed at least 4 feet apart. The 4ft distance provides ample room for "the claw" and prevents close trash cans from being knocked over.



**WATER:** Countryside was annexed into the city in 2016. Trash and water are billed together by the city, and water charges are based on usage. Contact the city for any concerns with water, trash or recycling. Keep your bill to use as a free pass to the city dump!



**STREET PARKING:** Per our covenants: *On-street parking is restricted to emergencies, deliveries and guests.* **No overnight parking on streets is permitted.** Please follow this rule for the safety



**WILDLIFE:** Fun to watch, but feeding the deer and turkeys is strictly prohibited.



**MAILBOXES:** You can have your mailbox re-keyed at the USPS if needed.



**ANNUAL EVENTS:** Community Garage Sale and Annual Clean Up each Spring - watch mailbox, newsletter & website for dates.

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## Have water issues?



Call the city hotline  
**605-394-4125**

There is nothing more annoying than waking up to find there is no water to take a shower before heading to work! If you find yourself in a situation where you don't have water: Please let the city know ASAP so they can take care of it!

There *may* be a water main break in the neighborhood and the city may have to shut the water off to fix the issue—which may affect **many** residents.

*After calling it in-* would you *be so kind as* to post it on our neighborhood fb page to let other neighbors know?

*You may have insider information- that could help your neighbors! Who knows? You may find that another friendly neighbor has already posted about it.*



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Rapid City, SD 57702

## Upcoming Events

**Aug 8** Special meeting to discuss outcome of Pickleball poll

**Sept 12th** Annual board meeting

**Oct 10th** Quarterly meeting

### HOA Quarterly ZOOM MEETINGS 7pm

Quarterly meetings are held the second Tuesday in January, April, July and October. The annual board membership meeting is the 2nd Tuesday of September where annual board member elections are held

All residents are welcome to attend.

Check our private fb group page for the latest updates and Zoom links so you may join us.