

Countryside HOA Newsletter

April 2025



HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

What you'll find in this newsletter

- Board Members + Contact Info
- HOA Board Open Positions
- Spring Reminders + Updates
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Reminder

The yearly HOA fee of \$140 is due on July 1st.

You will receive a letter in June with more details.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 10th (Saturday)

Park Cleanup @ 8am

***Picnic to follow. Read for more info.*

MAY 17th (Saturday)

**Countryside Rummage Sale
from 8am - 3pm**

***Signage will be posted at entrances*

>>> HOA CONTACTS

HOA BOARD MEMBERS

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RECORDS CMTE

Pete Jensen

BOARD MEMBERS

Chad Tipton

Tony Fischer

Corey VanVlack

Tim Crawford

Laurie Traub

Carol Birch



>>> ROLL CALL

HOA PRESIDENT 2026

Doug will run for another year as board president. [If you want to become the 2026 HOA President or have questions, contact Doug Traub.](#)

Another big **THANK YOU** to Doug. Thanks for taking on the role for another year.

>>> ROLL CALL

WELCOME COMMITTEE

We are seeking more volunteers to help welcome new residents into the neighborhood. This will help cover your local area, ensuring new residents know what our neighborhood offers and giving them a warm welcome to our beautiful community. Contact Paige Wilson if you are interested or have questions.

***Looking for people to help welcome new residents on Waxwing Ln, Crossbill Cir, Kingbird Ct, Raven Cir, Raven Ct, and help with Tanager/Tanager Ct.**

Current Welcome Committee

Pinon Jay Cir - Mary Dowse / Meadowlark Dr - Laurie Traub + Jane O'Leary / Tanager Dr - Paige Wilson

>>> ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS

Want to get more involved in the neighborhood? Feel free to contact any of the board members to learn about our positions.



SPRING REMINDER + UPDATES

>>> UPDATE

ANNUAL CLEANUP DAY

Saturday, May 10th / meet at our park @ 8 am / picnic to follow

Bring work gloves and a rake. One additional chore this year - cleanup of the drainage ditch above the park. **We need 3 ATV owners with small single axle aluminum trailers to transport debris to dump trailer.** ATV volunteers need to register with Tom VanVlack 605-484-0797 or Doug Traub 605-391-6207 to discuss the scope of work and equipment needed.

**Food is provided by Pete Jensen, our neighbor & local realtor with The Kahler Team. Food will be prepared by chef Tom VanVlack.

>>> UPDATE

COUNTRYSIDE RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, May 17th from 8am ~ 3pm. Selection includes everything from chairs to sourdough. Signage to be posted at entrances.

>>> COMING SUMMER 2025

FREE LITTLE LIBRARY



Marissa Paulding posted a great idea on our HOA Facebook page to build a “Free Little Library” where neighbors can exchange books. Coming soon!

>>> REMINDER

PICKLEBALL COURT



The net is up—woot woot! In last August's newsletter, we mentioned the new blue CSN bracelet that players are encouraged to wear while using the pickleball court. This is intended to help prevent non-residents from using our court. You can pick up your bracelet at the park on cleanup day (May 10th) or by contacting Doug Traub through Facebook or by phone.

>>> UPDATE

NEED A TREE REMOVED?

Residents can contact Lieutenant Eric O'Connor for an on-site evaluation and a list of contractors for tree removal or prescribed burns. Homeowners will be reimbursed for 60% of the cost. More details & contact info on page 6 under “Fire Mitigation Grants.”

NEIGHBOR SHOUT OUT

GRANDSON OF CAMI AND CHUCK CALLAHAN

The HOA board formally recognizes 18-year-old, **Aidan Callahan**, for his recent wrestling success. He finished second at the South Dakota state wrestling tournament in the 138# division, and won the 150# class at the Black Hills national tournament. Way to go, Aidan! BIG CONGRATS from your neighbors!!

Proud grandparents, Cami and Chuck Callahan who live on Meadowlark Dr.



Extra shout out to our neighbor on Tanager Dr, **Joelle Simpson** (Miss South Dakota). She did a great job in a KOTA radio interview that aired about Rapid City's Earth Day Celebration.

TO NOMINATE A NEIGHBOR FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER SPOTLIGHT, CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER



>>> NEIGHBORHOOD REMINDERS

HELPFUL TIPS FOR NEW RESIDENTS & REMINDERS FOR THE SEASONED ONES



LAWN LIGHT POLES: Our individual lawn light poles are intended to provide safety and security for all 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 can 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 July 31st.



HOA QUARTERLY MEETINGS: Quarterly Zoom meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday in January, April, July, and October. Reach out to a board member if you want the Zoom link (sent via email).



TRASH DAY ON 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. The city bills trash and water together, 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.



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: Each spring, there is a community garage sale and an annual clean-up — watch your mailbox, newsletter, and Facebook for dates.

SLOW DOWN | 25 MPH



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.

PET PICKUP

This is a friendly reminder to pick up after your fur babies.

POTHOLES



Watch out for potholes while walking. If you'd like to report one to the city, call 605-394-4152 or email pothole@rcgov.org. *More reports could help get it fixed.

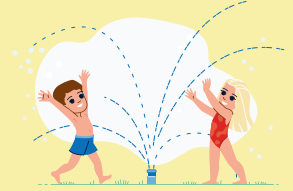


>>> CITY REMINDERS

HELPFUL TIPS FOR NEW RESIDENTS CONT. & REMINDERS FOR THE SEASONED ONES

WATERING RESTRICTIONS

- No watering will be allowed from 9am - 6pm, 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 is allowed on the 31st day of any month.
- Manual watering with a handheld hose, bucket/sprinkling can, or similar containers is allowed.
- Water conservation measures are utilized from June 1-August 31 each year under normal status conditions.
- Status conditions include normal, concern, alert, and critical stages, which are determined by the water levels and inflows to Pactola Reservoir.
- For more information, contact the Rapid City Water Office at 605-394-4162.



HAVE WATER ISSUES? >>> City hotline 605-394-4125

If you find yourself in a situation where you don't have water, please let the city know ASAP. The neighborhood may have a water main break, 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.

FIRE MITIGATION GRANTS



Do you have old trees on your property that need to be trimmed or removed? There is a grant for that! Go to our HOA website at rccountrysideoha.com. Click on the third tab, "Fire Mitigation," download the PDFs to your computer, complete them, and send them to Lieutenant Eric O'Conner. **Please do not send grant applications to the HOA.**

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

Note: you can read more about how to burn wood under the website's "Fire Mitigation" tab. Download the PDF titled "Wood Burning, Air Quality Control Division."

CARCASS PICKUP



UPDATE with new contact number. To report a wildlife issue, such as a lost baby or dead animal, call Game Fish & Parks at 605-394-2391.

>>> STAY CONNECTED

HOA FACEBOOK & WEBSITE DETAILS

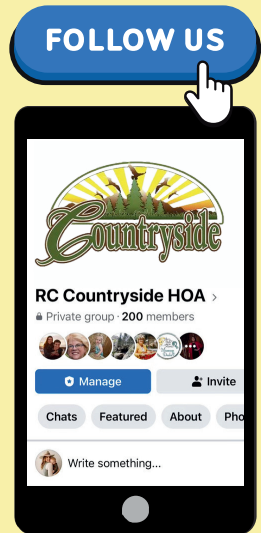
HOW TO JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP

Join our private RC Countryside HOA Facebook page! It's a great way to stay connected in our neighborhood, hear about upcoming events, and, most importantly, post questions or concerns (like losing an animal). Examples posts:

- Rogue pets
- Rattlesnake spotting
- Water issues
- HOA reminders

STEPS TO JOIN

- Visit Facebook and search for the private group
 - www.facebook.com/groups/rccountrysidehoa
- To be vetted into the group, you must answer the qualifying questions to verify Countryside (North) residency. **Your request will be denied if you do not answer the qualifying questions.**
 - If you have problems joining the group or know someone who does, please call/text Paige Wilson at 605-789-9522, and we can resolve the issue quickly.
 - Note: Paige typically approves within 24 hours. If it's urgent, reach out ASAP.



CHECK OUT OUR HOA WEBSITE

You can find the website using the link rccountrysidehoa.com
What you can find on the website:

- Meeting minutes
- Fire mitigation grant details
- Previous and recent newsletters (*pdf version*)
- Architectural committee
- Events
- Covenants
 - **Reminder: please respect the covenants**



NOTE: we plan to update the website in the future. If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact Paige Wilson.

>>> HOA FEEDBACK

IMPROVE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD & COMMUNICATION

We love where we live and are always open to new ideas on improving our neighborhood and the lives of all 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 concerns with the board in a respectful manner
3. Provide the board with possible solutions or seek the board's advice

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A big shout-out to Pete Jensen at The Kahler Team! He consistently goes above and beyond to help organize neighborhood events that bring us together throughout the year.

Don't forget to thank him for the picnic food following the park cleanup on Saturday, May 10th.



CONTACT US

If you are a Countryside Resident, you can advertise your business here too!
Starting at \$40/year.

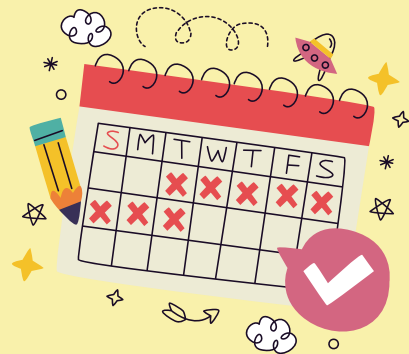
Please contact Paige Wilson
at rcountrysidehoa@gmail.com or
call/text her at 605-789-9522.

BIG THANK YOU TO OUR LOCAL SPONSORS!



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Mark Your Calendar



May 10th (Saturday) 8:00am

Annual Park Cleanup Day

Picnic to follow around 1pm (best guess)



May 17th (Saturday) 8:00am ~ 3:00pm

Annual Countryside Rummage Sale

Signage to be posted at entrances. Opens at 8am (some go getters start at 7 am) and runs until 3pm (approximately).