

## May 2025 Newsletter

### Cuerno Verde Owners Association

# A Season of Change



#### **Announcements by the Board**

##### **May Board Meeting:**

**May 15<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM.** A **Zoom Meeting** notice will be emailed shortly.

##### **Annual Board Meeting:**

**August 28<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM**, at the Clubhouse, followed by a community potluck dinner. A **Zoom Meeting** will be made available for those unable to attend in person.

##### **Clubhouse Survey:**

A clubhouse survey was recently emailed to Owners. The purpose of the survey is for Owners to have a voice into what types of furniture and entertainment equipment will be purchased for the clubhouse. The deadline for Owner participation is May 13<sup>th</sup>, 5 PM. Thanks for your participation!

##### **New Pet Policy Reminder:**

As published in the April Newsletter, pets will no longer be permitted within the CVOA Clubhouse, except for registered service animals. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our Clubhouse welcoming to everyone!

##### **Road Maintenance:**

With the spring thaw and rain, roads are deteriorating due to the wet conditions. Please note that CVOA does not maintain roads within the community; this responsibility falls on the county. Please contact the County Road and Bridge Department, info below, to see if your particular road is maintained by the County and ask for their assistance. Thanks!

## Road and Bridge

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## Fire Mitigation:

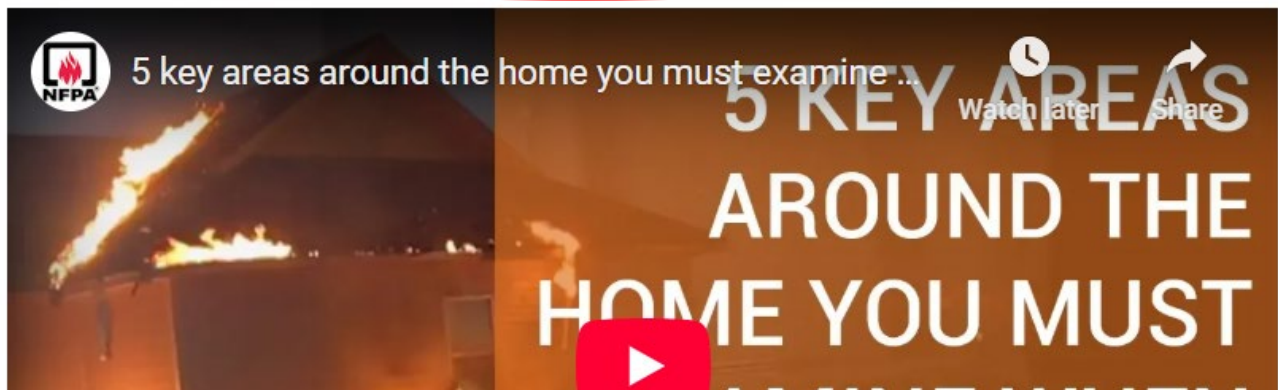
Every season deserves our sober attention to fire hazards and mitigation. Custer county is fortunate to have a proactive Office of Emergency Management (OEM), and your Board continues to be engaged with the OEM director regarding fire mitigation in our subdivision.

To remain vigilant and knowledgeable, we encourage owners to review the **Community Wildfire and Protection Plan** under the **Fire & Slash** heading on the CVOA Website.

Here's a useful screenshot to help you navigate the information:

[NEW: Wildfire Defensible Space Checklist .....and .....a new addition to this site: --- Defensible Space VIDEO: --- Just One Ember](#)

[Cuerno Verde Owners Association Community Wildfire Protection Plan – \(CWPP\)](#)



An extremely useful **Owner Educational Section** starts on page 24. This section highlights the fire hazard “Zones” around your home and property and provides active mitigation strategies and actions. Thanks for your engagement and we will continue to communicate on this topic in upcoming Newsletters.

## Social Committee:

### Next Scheduled Event

# ✨ Strike Gold at the CVHOA Gold Panning Event! ✨

*Find a little bit of treasure—right in our own backyard!*

Get ready to roll up your sleeves and try your luck at our upcoming **Gold Panning Day!**

Whether you're a seasoned prospector or just in it for the fun, this is a great opportunity to meet neighbors, and maybe even find a little sparkle.



**Date:** Saturday May 31st



**Time:** 1:00pm - 4:00pm



**Location:** Cuerno Verde Clubhouse



#### What to Bring:

- Sunscreen & hats
- We should have all the tools you need but feel free to bring your own pans, and any gold panning tools



#### Extras:

- Demonstrations for beginners
- Learn Gold panning techniques
- Snacks and Refreshments provided



#### Helping Hands Welcome!

If you can come a bit early to help set up or stay after to assist with cleanup, we'd really appreciate it! Just let us know when you RSVP.

Please RSVP by **May 20th** to **Ron Rogers** at [cvoarr@gmail.com](mailto:cvoarr@gmail.com)

Let's find some flakes and make some memories—see you at the the Clubhouse!



*Who knows? You just might strike it rich...*



Dates and Events may be changed or cancelled due to weather, low numbers, or lack of volunteers.

Please continue to send your ideas to [socialcvoa@gmail.com](mailto:socialcvoa@gmail.com)

Thanks! Social Committee

## **Owners View:**

### **The Best Decision I Have Ever Made**

*(by Karissa Holm)*

When my husband, Kris, and I decided to buy a house we had about a 5-state area to choose from. We discussed the virtues of many states and cities and scoured home listings sites for years but could never make a decision.

A couple years ago the decision for me was instantaneous. I came to Colorado for the first time to visit a friend and get a respite from the Texas heat. The experience was so phenomenal that when I returned home, I told my husband we were moving to Colorado. He said, "Absolutely not." I was convinced he would fall in love with this state if he could see what I saw. A few months later I surprised him with a trip to Colorado Springs and by the end of the trip we were looking for our new home.

The first time I heard of Westcliffe was when my husband sent me a Zillow link to the house we eventually bought. We made the arrangements and were on our way to view the property a few days later. Driving into Cuerno Verde we knew this was it. My breath was stolen by the view of the mountains, the serenity of the birds calling, and the wind rustling the trees. The night before we viewed the property we stayed at the inn in town and got to experience the dark skies and see lightning dance in the distance. We loved the property and could see the potential of the house. We pulled the trigger and made this our new home.

We were already excited and happy with our choice, but we didn't anticipate how much more we received when we purchased our home. The outpouring of love and warm welcomes from the community has been one of the biggest perks of living here. As an artist my desire for creating has been sated with the Sangres Art Guild, the many galleries and the insanely talented artists I have been lucky enough to befriend.

As many of you can probably relate, making friends as an adult can be a challenge; especially when you're not working in an office environment. With all of the community events and groups I have never made so many friends so quickly. I have also been blessed with amazing neighbors who are always ready for a game of cards, a glass of wine, or lending a hand for a project. I've found my people, and my soul has found peace. Westcliffe is my happy place and I'm so glad to be here and grateful to all of you for building this amazing community and for welcoming us to it!



Please send your topics for future Newsletters to: [cuernoverde@warrenmgmt.com](mailto:cuernoverde@warrenmgmt.com).

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