



WELCOME

The Genesee Foundation Board of Directors, our Community Manager, our staff, and neighbors welcome you to your new home and to our community. Over the coming months we look forward to meeting you and encourage you to stop by the office and say hello.

Our community website at www.geneseefoundation.org is the official communication channel. Upcoming activities and events, announcements, a community calendar, architectural review forms, and volunteer committee information can all be found there. We encourage you to take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with its resources. As you look through this Welcome Kit, we hope you will find answers to many of the questions you have as a new resident. Please remember to register a valid e-mail address with our office to insure delivery of important communications.

The operation of your homeowners' association is governed by a board of volunteer directors who are elected by the community to oversee the myriad functions and financial responsibilities of Genesee Foundation.

You should have received the Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions; By-Laws; and Articles of Incorporation for Genesee Foundation at your closing. If you don't have this information, you can find it on our website, or call the office and they will prepare a copy for you. Please take the time to read through your documents. All modifications to the exterior of your property must be submitted to the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) for approval before any work begins. Being familiar with the ARC will help you get off to a smooth start!

Again, welcome to Genesee! We look forward to you falling in love with this community as much as we have. We know you'll find Genesee a great place to live and we encourage your participation in our neighborhood activities.

The Genesee Foundation Board and Suzy Barr, Community Manager
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ABOUT US

COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Genesee Foundation is managed by a seven-member elected Board of Directors. Terms are two years in length and residents are encouraged to get involved, run for various offices and to participate on committees. Elections are held annually in November.

MANAGER

The Genesee Community Manager is an employee of the Genesee Foundation and, as such, is overseen by the Board of Directors. The Community Manager holds several certifications and credentials in compliance with Colorado licensing requirements.

Our Manager monitors community activities and is responsible for the general maintenance and upkeep of common areas and facilities. In coordination with the Board, the manager helps facilitate neighborhood and committee meetings to keep residents up to date on proposed projects and changes to rules and regulations.

OFFICE STAFF

Genesee administrative offices are located at the Vista Clubhouse and are open Mon-Fri from 7:30a - 4:00p to assist with questions and concerns. Notary services, copying and fax services are available for a small fee.

- » Address: 24425 Curren Drive
- » Business telephone (no emergency calls please): 303.526.0284

FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE

A full-time Facilities Manager oversees a crew of 2 full-time and several seasonal employees who are responsible for repairs and maintenance of the private drives, physical facilities and recreation areas.

FORESTRY/OPEN SPACE

Genesee ecosystem stewardship is guided by overarching principles established by the Genesee Ecosystem Management (GEM) Committee in coordination with a full-time Open Space Manager. The Open Space Manager is responsible for planning and implementing wildfire and weed mitigation programs for our 1200 acres of open space.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Members of the Architectural Review Committee are responsible for maintaining the aesthetic and structural integrity of the association and for enforcing the covenants and by-laws. They meet twice monthly to review any applications for modifications, additions, or architectural changes in the community.

HOA FEES

Homeowner assessments help maintain the quality of life for the community's residents and protect property values for all owners.

CIRANET

Your assessment letter/statement will have the information needed to create a resident account in CiraNet. This

unique service enables our residents to better manage their financial affairs with our association and to pay their quarterly assessments online.

PAYMENTS

Payment may be made by e-check, check or ACH, with no processing fees. Debit or credit card payments are assessed a processing charge. You must register with this service through our website www.Geneseefoundation.org, under the Residents tab --> Assessment payments --> payment portal. Once there, click on 'Don't Have An Account?' You will need the information printed on the paper billing for your HOA dues.

If you need help, call the office at 303.526.0284.

NAVIGATING THE WEBSITE: www.geneseefoundation.org

On the homepage, you can type any keyword/term in the search box, then press "Enter". A list of items containing your search criteria will appear. You can then click on, and be directed to, each article.

Or you can click on any one of the tabs that appear across the top of the homepage. You will be taken to a list with topics related to that tab. Please call the office if you need assistance locating something on the website

COVENANTS AND THE ARC

Neighborhoods that follow their covenants and standards tend to be safer, look better, maintain better relationships with local governments, and better retain or increase the investments that homeowners have made in their properties.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) consists of five members: three are residents who volunteer their time and two are paid professionals with expertise in land planning, site planning and architecture. Of the volunteers, residents of the Genesee Foundation elect one and the Genesee Foundation Board of Directors appoints the other two volunteer members.

ARC STANDARDS

The Genesee Foundation Architectural Review Committee has established standards to enhance, preserve, maintain and protect property values and assets of the community. An important goal of these Standards is to minimize the disruption of the existing natural environment through thoughtful and sensitive design and construction.

The Standards were developed to help owners, architects, designers and builders formulate design concepts that complement and enhance the natural environment and existing improvements, utilizing the following principles:

- » Improvements should complement the natural mountain environment.
- » Lighting plans should enhance Genesee's Dark Skies effort.
- » Designs should strive for architectural excellence.
- » Genesee should be maintained as a premier mountain community.

The complete ARC Revised Standards may be found at www.geneseefoundation.org --> ARC --> Full Arc Standards.

ARC REVIEW PROCESS

All homeowners must submit property improvement forms, which are available at www.geneseefoundation.org --> ARC --> Forms & Guidelines, prior to doing any exterior work on their property.

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) reviews all submittals for exterior changes to property in the Genesee Foundation. The ARC will meet with you during the planning phase of your project to help recommend designs that will meet its standards. The committee meets on the first and third Thursday of each month starting at 8 am. Meetings are open to the residents, who are encouraged to attend if a submittal is multi-faceted. If you have questions about this process, e-mail arc@geneseefoundation.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

COMMUNICATIONS

The Genesee Foundation has a variety of ways to communicate important information with residents.

- » **Website:** www.geneseefoundation.org
- » **The Genescene** is a full-color, monthly newsletter mailed to all homeowners. Please visit www.geneseefoundation.org --> Community Info --> The Genescene for more information.
- » **The Community News** is a weekly e-mail newsletter sent to subscribers. Call the office with your e-mail information to subscribe: 303.526.0284.
- » **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/groups/geneseefoundation/ is the official Genesee Foundation HOA group. It is a closed group administered by the Community Manager.
- » **Instagram:** www.instagram.com/geneseefoundation/. You are encouraged to submit community-related photos to frontdesk@geneseefoundation.org for uploading to this account.

DOG WASTE RECEPTACLES

Dog waste bins are installed for your convenience along the main roads in Genesee. Because we feed our dogs food that's different from the food wild animals eat, dog waste does not biodegrade quickly like wild animal waste. Due to the large number of pets in our community, this hardy dog waste accumulates. Dog waste can contain harmful organisms like E coli, Giardia, Salmonella, roundworms, hookworms, and Cryptosporidium. These can be passed on to you or your pet and may cause health problems. There is no Poop Fairy so it is up to you to pick up after your dog. Let's just doo it!

MAILBOXES

The Genesee Foundation provides the wooden mailbox structures which are erected in coordination with the US Postal Service and Jefferson County. Residents should purchase a standard mailbox (preferably black) to place in the wooden structure nearest their residence, if one is not there. Appropriate mailboxes can be purchased from Denver Hardware (303.292.3550) or online at www.mailboxsolutions.com. The models 'Trailmaster' and 'Columbia' will work. If you need more information and/or a blank mailbox key, call the office at 303.526.0284.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

Genesee has a network of Jefferson County roads and Foundation private drives, which are maintained by their respective entity. During snowy months, county roads are kept plowed and sanded, with priority given to the roads which directly connect to I-70. Genesee private drives are plowed after every three inches of snow.

SECURITY PATROL

Personal and Traffic Safety

The Genesee community is patrolled by off-duty Jefferson County Sheriff's Deputies. These patrol officers are available to take care of any unusual, suspicious or dangerous circumstances. They pay particular attention to traffic and pedestrian safety. Always call 911 in an emergency.

Vacation Checks

Residents can request Patrol to check their homes when on vacation; there is a limit of 52 such vacation checks per year per residence. Request this service at www.geneseefoundation.org --> Residents --> Resident Services.

TRASH AND RECYCLE PICKUP

The Genesee Foundation contracts for your curbside trash and recycle pickup. This cost is covered in your HOA assessments. Pickup dates for each service are available on the Genesee website: www.geneseefoundation.org --> Residents --> Resident Services --> Trash & Disposal. Calendar magnets are available at the office. We encourage you to visit www.alpinewaste.com for detailed information on the recycling program.

Pine Needle Pickup

The waste company will take up to five bags of pine needles with your weekly trash pickup.

UTILITIES

Electricity and Natural Gas

Electricity and natural gas services are provided by Xcel Energy. You are encouraged to visit www.xcelenergy.com to add, move or change services and to manage your account.

To report outages or an electric/gas emergency call 1.800.895.1999

Genesee Water & Sanitation District

The District was organized for the purpose of providing clean, safe and reliable water and sanitation services to its residents.

Genesee Water & Sanitation: 303.278.9780

EMERGENCY SERVICES

ALWAYS CALL 911... FIRE/BREAK-INS/MEDICAL... CALL 911

GENESEE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

The mission of Genesee Fire and Rescue (GFR) is to proactively preserve and protect the lives and property of residents of the Genesee Fire Protection District (GFPD) during fires and other emergencies. As a Colorado Special District, GFPD derives its revenue from county tax assessments. The District does not operate any "fee-for-service" activities.

GFR is a combination (Paid/Volunteer) organization providing fire protection services and emergency medical services to our residents 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Volunteers are the core strength of the department and all are required to be state certified Firefighter I and to meet other active service requirements. A paid Chief and paid Training Chief provide administrative functions, as well as emergency response.

For more information visit www.genesee-fire.org

- » Address: 23455 Curren Drive
- » Business-only Number: 303.526.1230
- » For smoke investigations and other fire and medical emergencies always call 911!

HIGHLAND RESCUE TEAM AMBULANCE DISTRICT

The Highland Rescue Team (HRT) provides pre-hospital emergency medical care for the residents of its District and those that transit I-70 through the District. HRT responds to approximately 650 calls per year, of which about 25% are Genesee Foundation properties. Genesee Fire/Rescue contracts with HRT to provide these services.

Highland Rescue Team uses 3 ambulances and is staffed by 17 paramedics, 35 EMTs, and 6 First Responders, 90% of whom are volunteers. The District ensures that advanced life support services are always available to meet the medical and trauma needs of residents and visitors.

- » Address: 317 South Lookout Mountain Road
- » Business-only contact: 303.526.9571
- » For medical emergencies always call 911!

JEFFERSON COUNTY SERVICES

Jefferson County Animal Control

To report a dog roaming at large or a nuisance animal: 303.271.5070 M-F 7:30a-5:30p

For animal emergencies and after hours: 303.277.0211

JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

CodeRED

In Jefferson County, CodeRED Emergency Alerts allows the Sheriff's Office to warn citizens of danger. With CodeRED, the Sheriff's Office can call, text or e-mail to multiple individuals and businesses simultaneously to warn of dangerous suspects, flood, fire, or chemical spills.

Sign up for CodeRED at www.jeffco.us/473/Emergency-Notifications.

RESOURCES

Included in this packet are:

- » Several brochures about wildlife and domestic animals.
- » Also included is a **Trash Service** calendar magnet for the current year, as well as a flyer indicating what may/may not be recycled.
- » We have provided you with a basic **Trail Map**. Updated, detailed and more durable maps are available at the office for a small fee.
- » Two **automobile stickers** are included. We suggest that you install the stickers so that our patrol deputies will be able to easily identify resident vehicles. The sticker should be attached to the lower left-hand corner of the rear window.
- » We are quite proud of our monthly newsletter *The Genescene* and have included a current issue for your reading pleasure.
- » A current year **Resident Directory** has been included. The inside front cover and first page list important contact information for various resident services and emergency needs. Residents must opt-in annually.
- » We encourage you to familiarize yourself with the material in the **Jefferson County Preparedness Guide**. This guide provides valuable information on the steps to take to prepare yourself and your family for emergencies.

RECREATIONAL PURSUITS

Genesee Foundation members have access to numerous recreational areas and an extensive trail system. Located in three separate areas of the community are two pools, a well-equipped fitness center, four tennis courts, two pickle ball courts, a playground, a half-court with basketball hoop, a large open meadow for concerts and 12 miles of hiking trails.

VISTA CLUBHOUSE AND RECREATION AREA

This area offers meeting rooms, swimming pools, tennis and pickle ball courts, a half basketball court, a playground, and a BBQ grill. Centrally located, it is the hub of Foundation events and available to residents for rental for private events.

FOOTHILLS CLUBHOUSE

Located at the Western end of the community, the Foothills Clubhouse houses a state-of-the-art Fitness Center, as well as a cozy area for meetings and casual gatherings and a book exchange. The outdoor lap pool is competition-sized and swimmers have access to men's and women's locker rooms, showers, and dressing areas. Also available at Foothills are table tennis, fitness classes and space for stretching and free form exercise.

OXLEY HOMESTEAD

This facility dates back to the turn of the last century and accommodates up to 20 people. Centrally located, it is perfect for smaller, more intimate gatherings.

HIKING TRAILS

Genesee boasts 12 miles of privately owned and maintained hiking trails that meander throughout the community's open space. These popular trails are for foot traffic only: two- and (leashed) four-footed hikers alike.

SOLITUDE TENNIS COURTS

Located at the Southern side of Genesee - off Montane Drive and Bitterroot Lane - Solitude's tennis courts are aptly named. Well-maintained and fresh with mountain air and splendid views, Genesee courts provide a welcome change from other municipal courts for resident tennis enthusiasts.

SOCIAL GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

A large number of social groups offer interested residents a variety of recreational experiences. For detailed information visit the website: www.geneseefoundation.org --> Residents --> Social Clubs and Groups.

- » Daytime Book Club
- » Genesee Cross-Country Skiers
- » Genesee Hikers
- » Genesee Knit Chicks
- » Gourmet Club
- » Jam Group
- » Mountain Thunder Swim Team
- » Mountain View Quilters
- » Silver Foxes

- » Standing Room Only
- » Various Organized Games: Bunco, Poker, Bridge, Mahjong

Throughout the year, the Foundation sponsors several annual events: the Genesee Music Series including Music in the Meadow and Strings by the Pool, the Fourth of July celebration, First Fridays, National Night Out, the Volunteer Appreciation Party.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Vibrant, responsive and engaging community associations are those that promote harmony, a sense of community and responsible leadership. Common characteristics of such community associations include good communication, trust in the management and Board of Directors, continuing education of Board members and homeowners, and uniform, flexible and reasonable enforcement of governing documents. Inclusiveness — the involvement of as many residents of the community as possible — is a critical element in fostering a sense of community.

COMMITTEES

By expanding the working scope of the Board, our committees contribute essential services to the community. We encourage all of our residents to become involved and to contribute their time and expertise to serve our community in this way. Please visit our website www.geneseefoundation.org for more detailed information on each committee.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Its purpose is to ensure effective and efficient communication within the community. The three primary communication channels used by the Committee are The Genescene (a monthly newsletter), community-wide email messages, and the Foundation's website. Please send your questions to communications@geneseefoundation.org.

THE GENESCENE SUBCOMMITTEE

The editorial staff edits submitted articles and recommends major process and advertising changes.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Its purpose is to evaluate, oversee, and coordinate the repair and replacement of the Genesee Foundation's facilities and advise the Board on facility issues. It also serves as a resource to the Community Manager on facility matters. Contact facilities@geneseefoundation.org.

FITNESS SUBCOMMITTEE

The Fitness Subcommittee of the Facilities Committee serves as a voice and sounding board for Genesee residents who utilize the Fitness Center at Foothills Clubhouse. The subcommittee may recommend improvements and/or additions for the Fitness Center.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee acts as the financial advisory body to the Board of Directors. It reviews, analyzes, researches and comments to the Board on capital and/or operating expenditure proposals as requested by the Board. Send your questions, comments or requests to finance@geneseefoundation.org.

FIRE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Committee is to provide a range of programs designed to educate and to protect the lives and property of all Genesee residents from adverse effects of fires, sudden medical emergencies, or exposure to dangerous conditions created by either man or nature. E-mail them at gpsc@geneseefoundation.org.

GENESEE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (GEM) COMMITTEE

GEM works closely with the Genesee Open Space Manager to: advise the board on open space and ecosys-

tem management issues; develop and execute the Board-approved open space management plan; encourage residents to enjoy the open space and participate in its care; assist residents to extend healthy ecosystem management practices seamlessly to their own properties. E-mail is gem@geneseefoundation.org.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Responsible for recommendations to enhance the quality and effectiveness of the Board's work, the Governance Committee may recommend updates to the Board's role and responsibilities.

ELECTIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

The subcommittee assists in identifying Board member candidates and exploring their interest in, and availability, for Board service.

LAND USE COMMITTEE

The Land Use Committee was created to ensure the best interests of the Genesee community are met, in regards to development of surrounding properties in our mountain corridor.

SOCIAL AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Genesee Social and Recreation Committee (SRC) is to help foster a sense of community within Genesee by engaging residents through their volunteerism and participation in meaningful social and recreational activities. The SRC will serve as a resource, or conduit, to the Genesee Community to help organize and promote social, recreational and cultural activities.

LIVING WITH WILDFIRE

WUI

What is the WUI? The wildland urban interface is the area where houses meet or intermingle with undeveloped wildland vegetation. The WUI is thus a focal area for human-environment conflicts such as the destruction of homes by wildfires. The wildfire season is a year-round reality in the WUI. All Genesee residents can take steps to increase our wildland fire preparedness.

DEFENSIBLE SPACE

Defensible space is the natural and landscaped area around a home or other structure that has been modified to reduce fire hazard. Defensible space gives your home a fighting chance against an approaching wildfire not only because it reduces the likelihood of a home ignition, but also because it creates an environment in which firefighters can more safely defend your home. The Colorado State Forest Service has numerous publications dealing with wildland fire and defensible space creation. Visit <https://csfs.colostate.edu/csfspublications/>.

FIREWISE COMMUNITY

Genesee was one of the first communities to participate in the Firewise Communities Program which encourages local solutions for safety by involving homeowners in taking individual responsibility for preparing their homes for the risk of wildfire. Firewise is a key component of Fire Adapted Communities - a collaborative approach that connects all those who play a role in wildfire education, planning and action with comprehensive resources to help reduce risk. The program is co-sponsored by the U.S.D.A. Forest Service, the U.S. Department of the Interior, and the National Association of State Foresters. To save lives and property from wildfire, NFPA's Firewise Communities program teaches people how to adapt to living with wildfire and encourages neighbors to work together and to take action now to prevent future losses.

Genesee residents are encouraged to prepare their homes and work with our open space manager to protect the community from wildfire by taking action regarding fire mitigation throughout Genesee and implementing certifiable defensible space plans on their property, open spaces and infrastructure.

INSURANCE

Along with wildfire mitigation, insurance companies also consider other factors such as the type of construction and materials of your home, and the distance to a fire hydrant or fire station. Read your policy and talk to your agent to make sure you have the proper coverage for your property before a fire hits. Talk to your agent before deciding on additional fire safety measures. Knowing which types of insurance discounts are available will help you get the most fire protection for your money.

The Colorado Division of Insurance, part of the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), offers some tips on wildfire mitigation and homeowners' insurance at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dora/news/consumer-advisory-wildfire-mitigation-insurance-tips>.

JEFFERSON COUNTY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

This guide is designed to provide practical information on how you and your family can prepare for most disasters that could occur in our community. It includes up-to-date, hazard-specific safety tips and information about preparedness, mitigation and prevention. We all have a personal responsibility to be ready for emergencies. By utilizing the information found in this guide you can take the first steps to ensure you and your family are ready should the unexpected happen.

READY, SET, GO!

This program works in collaboration with existing wildland fire public education efforts, specifically the Firewise Communities programs. In coordination with the local fire department, Ready, Set, Go! (RSG) focuses on the common goal we all share, that of wildland fire preparedness. Visit www.wildlandfireRSG.org for detailed information.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Links to many more publications and resources may be found at www.geneseefoundation.org --> Committees --> Fire & Safety.

LIVING WITH WILDLIFE

The unique location of Jefferson County at the intersection of the Great Plains and the Rocky Mountain foothills results in a mosaic of ecological communities that are in turn home to an amazing diversity of native wildlife. Jeffco Open Space parks serve as important habitat for hundreds of common and special-status species of birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fish, and insects

In most situations, people and wildlife can coexist. The key is to respect the wildness of wildlife. "Wildlife" is just that—wild. Most dangerous and potentially harmful encounters occur because people fail to leave the animals alone. Wildlife should not be harassed, captured, domesticated or fed. Intentional or inadvertent feeding is the major cause of most wildlife problems, and it is illegal to feed bears, deer, bighorn sheep, mountain goats, pronghorn, and elk in Colorado.

BEARS

Today bears are sharing space with a growing human population. Curious, intelligent and very resourceful, black bears will explore all possible food sources. If they find food near homes in our community, they'll come back for more. Bears can easily damage property, vehicles, and homes. Bears that become aggressive in their pursuit of a meal must often be destroyed. Every time a bear must be destroyed, it's not just the bear that loses. We all lose a little piece of the wildness that makes Colorado, and Genesee, so special. Please do your part to keep bears wild!

- » Don't put out food for other wildlife that attracts bears.
- » Be responsible about trash and bird feeders.
- » Burn food off barbecue grills and clean after each use.
- » Keep all bear-accessible windows & doors closed and locked, including home, garage and outside vehicles.

COYOTES

All Front Range communities are home to coyotes. These clever canids have readily adapted to our food and habitat-rich environments. The coyote's success is attributed to its own ability to adapt. Coyotes have adjusted very well to human-disturbed environments, and now thrive in close proximity to people. Coyotes are active year-round and become more visible during their breeding season, which occurs from February through March. Coyotes can be seen throughout the day, but are especially active at dawn and dusk. Opportunistic hunters, coyotes will prey on small mammals and domestic pets. They have been known to attack pets and approach people too closely. We can co-exist with coyotes by following a few basic guidelines.

- » Never feed coyotes!
- » Remove attractants from your yard, including pet food, water sources, bird feeders and fallen fruit.
- » Secure trash in a container with a locking lid or put trash out on the morning of pick up.
- » Always supervise your pet when outside, especially at dawn and dusk.
- » Never leave cats or dogs outside after dark.
- » If you must leave your pet outside, secure it in a fully enclosed kennel.

DEER AND ELK

Deer and elk are common sights in our Open Space meadows, but keep a safe distance as they can become aggressive. Juvenile deer, elk and other wildlife may look vulnerable or in danger, but their mother is likely

nearby. Approaching, handling, or feeding young animals may do more harm than good.

Please do not pick up or "rescue" young wildlife. If you are concerned about unusual wildlife behavior, report it to the Jeffco Sheriff's non-emergency number: 303.277.0211.

FOXES

Red fox are beautiful animals and can make for an enjoyable wildlife viewing experience. There are genetic variations resulting in four recognized colors: red, cross, silver and black. Red fox are not pets, and they should not be approached, fed, harassed, captured, or domesticated.

The same guidelines apply to red fox as those for coyotes. Store all garbage in wildlife-proof containers; and when possible, keep your pets indoors.

MOUNTAIN LIONS

While mountain lions have been sighted in Genesee, they are generally calm, quiet, and elusive. They tend to live in remote, rocky areas where deer and elk are plentiful. Such conditions exist here in Genesee. The recent increase in mountain lion/human interactions is likely due to a variety of reasons:

There are more people moving into lion habitat.

- » An increase in deer populations and density.
- » Presumed increase in lion numbers and expanded range.
- » More people using hiking and running trails in lion habitat.
- » A greater awareness of the presence of lions.

Most dangerous encounters occur because people fail to leave wildlife alone! Do not attempt to feed, approach, or harass wildlife!

WOODPECKERS/FLICKERS

Spring is when the drumming sound of flickers and woodpeckers returns to Colorado. For hikers, this sound may be music to the ears. For most homeowners, the sound can be quite bothersome.

There are several methods designed to frighten them away, but many people find it easier to co-exist with the birds by putting up a nest box to lure them away from the siding on their house.

During the early spring, the birds select wooden siding, metal or plastic gutters and chimney caps as drumming sites because these materials produce loud, hollow sounds. They hammer to attract mates, to establish and/or defend a territory, to excavate nesting or roosting sites and to search for insects. Drumming is most common during early morning and late afternoon, and usually ends by July 1st.

RESPECTING OUR WILDLIFE

Think about these statistics: 89% of all wildlife collisions occur on roads with two lanes; 84% of all wildlife collisions occur in good weather on dry roads; the average repair cost of a car-deer collision is \$2800. Slow down on our winding roads and avoid deer and elk collisions!

The Colorado Parks and Wildlife website: <http://cpw.state.co.us/> has more detailed information about living with wildlife in our area, with specific information on when to put out your trash bins and bird feeders, and how to safely co-exist with our wildlife.