

# Hilldale Pines Newsletter

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 Interested in joining the board or a committee?  
 Contact US!

## Upcoming Events

**Spring Road Clean Up**  
 On or around May 5-6-7<sup>th</sup>  
**Wine In The Park**  
 June 7<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm-8pm  
**HOA Meeting**  
 June 7<sup>th</sup> 6pm  
**Hilldale Summer Kickoff - Wildfire Preparedness Day & Picnic**  
 Early June  
**14<sup>th</sup> Annual Hilldale Pines Jamboree**  
 August 27<sup>th</sup> 12-5pm  
**HP SAFE Meetings**  
 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. of Mo. Apr-Sept 6:30pm-8pm  
**Drop Off Your Slash**  
 Weekends May-November



Visit [www.HilldalePines.com](http://www.HilldalePines.com)  
 About tab for a map of water cistern locations and evacuation routes in the neighborhood.

## Letter from the President

Another year has flown by and here we are Spring of 2023!

We had another great year and appreciate all our community volunteers that help make this a great neighborhood to live. Thank you to everyone who donates and participates in our voluntary HOA.

Thank you to the neighbors who helped build the second gazebo. Also, a huge shout out to H.P Safe and all the neighbors who participated in fire mitigation last year. We had an amazing response to the Fire Departments Chipping program, the Slash Train, and tons of slash taken to Jefferson Counties Slash Drop offs! Thank you, H.P Safe for sending out the early registration for the chipping program, even if you missed it make sure to check Jefferson Counties 2023 slash drop off dates. If you want information about mitigation, make sure to sign up for H.P Safes emails and join their Facebook page for upcoming mitigation and events.

We are trying to put together some new ideas for improvements for the Hilldale Pines Park and want to start a committee this year. Some ideas that have been suggested are patio pavers under the gazebos, create steps that lead to the gazebos, sitting areas, or even new commercial playground equipment. These projects will take planning, time and fund raising so if you want to volunteer, please let us know.

Upcoming neighborhood events to look forward to are our annual Wine in the Park, neighborhood potlucks, and the Jamboree!

Here's to another great year living in the best mountain community – Hilldale Pines!



- Katie Jones - Hilldale Pines HOA President



## EMERGENCY CAN WE FIND YOU?

REFLECTIVE HOUSE NUMBER SIGNS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE  
 AT INTER-CANYON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
[www.intercanyonfire.org](http://www.intercanyonfire.org)

Spring Road Clean Up with Adopt-a-Highway is on or around the weekend of May 5-6-7<sup>th</sup> **WE NEED YOU!**  
 Interested in getting involved? Contact Chris Upton: [chrisincolo26@gmail.com](mailto:chrisincolo26@gmail.com)

### Fire Awareness: Wildfire is a HUGE RISK in the foothills.

Removing Slash (aka Tree Debris) and creating an effective defensible space around your home is the first line of defense against wildfires. See slash dates here: <https://www.jeffco.us/2493/Slash-Collection>  
 Great tips on how to protect your home can be found on Jeffco Sherriff's hazard mitigation page, [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). and at <https://intercanyonfire.org/community-wildfire-protection-plan/>



Join the Hilldale Pines Neighborhood Facebook Group



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## 10 Rocky Mountain Gardening Tips to Get You Started

Colorado's climate with its intense sun, day/ night temperature fluctuations, dry and windy weather can be a challenge to grow in.

- 1. Plan your site.** Consider the site's orientation/ exposure to sun and wind as well as the condition of the soil. Determine where the prevailing winds come from and if you can, site your garden with a windbreak so your plants aren't constantly thrashed in the spring winds.
- 2. Start with good soil.** "Feed the soil, not the plants". Manage the health of your soil by taking a soil test. The findings will tell you how to treat your soil for the next 3-5 seasons.
- 3. Choose your plants and varieties wisely.** Growing in Colorado is not always easy. Many vegetable, perennial and annual plants are more adapted to growing in our climate.
- 4. Plan your watering system in advance.** Choose a system that works for you. Drip- type systems like drip-tape, drip-line, or soaker hoses are very efficient. They bring water directly to the root area of the plant where it is needed most.
- 5. Use mulch.** Mulching around your plants keeps moisture in the soil.
- 6. Protect your young plants from frost in early spring and late fall.** Be prepared for rapidly changing weather conditions in Colorado. Have on hand some frost protection blankets, Hot Kaps or other measures to keep your plants warm on chilly nights.
- 7. Weed Regularly.** Get your weeds early in the season when they are young and easier to pull- usually mid-June. Then go back through every few weeks to stay on top of new weed sprouts
- 8. Try succession Plantings.** For veggie crops such as salad greens, arugula, spinach, beets, cilantro, dill, etc. consider planting in successions throughout the season for a continuous supply of fresh greens and herbs.
- 9. Consider helping to create habitat for our pollinators and birds.** Create eco-friendly garden spaces with plants that attract and are beneficial to nature's pollinators.
- 10. Put your garden to sleep in the fall with a quick clean up.** Pull out dead debris, give the garden a fresh layer, 2-3 inches, of mulch. Or if you can, plant a quick cover crop such as winter rye which will hold the soil structure and moisture in place, prevent erosion and add nutrients in the spring when it is tilled in. This way come spring, you can do a quick turn of the soil and begin anew.



### WHAT'S HOT WITH H.P. S.A.F.E.

Thanks to all of you who have volunteered and donated to HP SAFE over the past three years!

It's been a quiet winter for HP SAFE, but we're getting ready for a busy summer! Hopefully you got your name on the list for the free slash program through Intercanyon and Elk Creek. You will be receiving an email from them notifying you of which one month window our service group falls in. Updates will also be posted on the chipping website as they become available ([intercanyonfire.org](http://intercanyonfire.org)>Wildland tab>Chipping Program tab). Be sure to review pile guidelines there as well!

HP SAFE will also be organizing a slash train at the end of the summer for those that do not have access to a truck/trailer or the physical ability to take their slash to the JeffCO sites.

HP SAFE can always use more volunteers, and it's not all about hauling slash! There are all kinds of things we could use help with (event planning, social media, food prep for events, etc).

Contact us at [hilldalesafe@gmail.com](mailto:hilldalesafe@gmail.com) to inquire about how to get involved!

Join our efforts, be a "Doer" and/or "Donor!"



### BE BEAR AWARE!

Remember to always secure your food and trash. Help save our wildlife 😊

### How to Pay:

[www.HilldalePines.com](http://www.HilldalePines.com)  
-OR- Use QR Code Below



Scan. Pay. Go.

### Want your Business Advertised in Your Local Community?

Event Sponsorship Opportunities  
Available for Resident Business Owners

For more details contact the HOA at:  
<https://www.hilldalepines.com/contact>



Thank you to those who Paid Dues for 2022/2023  
We appreciate your continued support for 2022/2023

\*Your support allows the HOA to put on fun events. Plus, it keeps electricity and insurance going for the park

### Pay Your Dues Online or use the Envelope Enclosed

Annual Dues 7/1/2022-6/30/2023							
Hilldale Pines HOA	\$50.00						
Box A City View Dr	\$75.00						
Morrison, CO 80465	\$100.00						
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