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Dear Silver Shekel Property Owners,

At our annual meeting last month a few topics were discussed that we wanted to mention again, especially for those that could not attend.

The first topic is bears. The current drought has brought more bears to the neighborhoods looking for food. A new Colorado law, enacted this summer, makes it illegal to negligently feed bears. In the past it was illegal to purposely feed bears, but now, even a negligent act, such as an un-secured trash bin, can be punishable with fines from the first offense.

[House Bill 26-1342](#) lowers the criminal standard from intentionally luring a bear to criminal negligence — knowingly placing food or edible waste where there is a reasonable probability of attracting a bear. It eliminates the mandatory first-offense warning and allows citations up to \$200 at an officer's discretion. Fines for a third or subsequent offense would increase from \$2,000 to \$5,000. [From the Colorado Gazette]

For those that don't already use them, Summit County will reimburse most or all of the cost of a bear-resistant trash bin. See [this website for details](#). As an FYI, one resident just reported bears attacking his trash bins at 11:00 am, before Timberline arrived.

Secondly, wildfire risk mitigation is very important, especially this year. There is a lot to this topic but two things are the most important:

1. Establish a [Defensible Space](#) around your home, and when considering your landscaping check out [Ignition-resistant Native Plants](#) and [Low-Water Native Plants](#).
2. Be "[Wildfire Ready](#)" by signing up for alerts, having an emergency plan and evacuation kit, protect your home and be aware of all fire restrictions and fire safety.

Also, if you have **standing dead or fallen trees** on your property, usually beetle-killed lodgepole pines, removing them will reduce the wildfire risk to your home and your neighbors'.

Third, invasive/noxious plants are doing well, even in drought. We have many native plants species in Silver Shekel that are threatened by invasive plants. These are the most common invaders: [False Chamomile](#), [Western Salsify](#) and a new one, [Prickly Lettuce](#). We also have some [Canadian Thistle](#), [Bull Thistle](#), and [Oxeye Daisy](#). You can pull or dig the plants and bag them for trash disposal.

Lastly, on-street parking. This is prohibited by the County and there have been instances of parking tickets being issued. It's understandable that sometimes it's necessary to park next to or on the street for construction projects, visitors, etc. but it would be very helpful and considerate if the vehicles were parked as far off the street as possible and along just one side of the road to allow safe passage for others. There should be no overnight parking. Please remind your renters.

We hope that you and your family enjoy the rest of the summer!

Sincerely,

Silver Shekel Owners Association
Board of Directors

