

*After seven years, the Sanctuary Sentinel community newsletter has returned! Spring 2002 the first edition of the Sanctuary Sentinel was published long before the days of websites, portals and Zoom. Birds, Bunko and Book Reviews were featured news along with the closure of Jordan Rd. through the park. Updates on the "notorious Country Club Estates gate" were included along with new neighbor interviews by a roving reporter. The wildlife, flora, fauna, a few pests and great photography created considerable interest and discussion! The Sanctuary On The Park is the best kept secret in town and we are reminded how lucky we are to live here. Stay tuned for the spring edition.*

## The California Fires and Drying Winds

### Remind Us to be Mindful of Fire Mitigation

In 2024, Maplewood homeowner Martie Grubenhoff arranged for homeowners to have a private home fire assessment and written report done with the South Metro Fire Department. If you missed it, information is forthcoming for June 2025 appointments.

A few lessons learned from the Colorado Marshall fire:

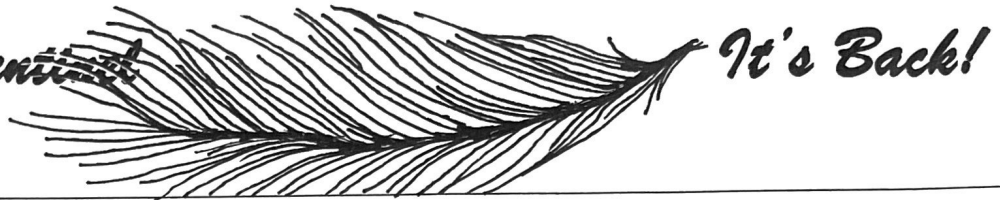
1. Keep a hose and spray nozzle at each exterior faucet year-round for firefighter use. Detach in winter of course.
2. Junipers are a significant fire hazard. The HOA has removed them all from the HOA commons areas.
3. Trim branches away from the roof.
4. "Limb up". Prevent a "fire ladder" hazard by removing limbs 3-5 ft. from the ground.
5. Remove cushions from the patio when not in use.
6. Install metal flashing between a fence and structure to stop a "fire run".

### Revisit your Evacuation Plan Annually.

A homeowner who lost her home in the Marshall fire recently shared "have a plan and **take it seriously**". When she got the evacuation order smoke

became the issue within ten minutes. She said "it happened so fast my brain couldn't function. I left with what I had on, that's all. My family lost everything."

1. **Create an Exit Plan** – Walk your house room-by-room and make a list of "grab & go" items. Minimize the number of rooms you go into before you leave your home.
2. **Include on the list the obvious:** shoes on your feet, phone, charger cords, computer, a second vehicle, the pet, wallet/purse, medications. Include where you are going when you evacuate.
3. **Consolidate items (or copies of info)** in an easy grab & go container. Google the "NOKBOX" made in Littleton for a fireproof box and files.
4. **Establish off-site access** on the cloud or in a safe deposit box for your home inventory, photos, and/or video for insurance purposes. (Perhaps open all the drawers and closets and take photos to include in your inventory records.)
5. **Test your list.** How long does it take you to grab these items and be out of your garage?
6. **Post the Grab & Go list** in an obvious place.
7. **"Just get out!"**



## Trying to Remember the Portal Address, Password and Whom to Call?

Here is a convenient desk drawer cheat sheet!

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### Other Volunteer Homeowners

Cindy Hartsfield – Sanctuary Birds Houses  
Peggy Harrison & Carol Race – Newsletter  
Joan Liebchen – Off-Jordan Road Book Group  
Gail Ploen – Little Free Library

Sam Searcy – Sanctuary Archived Website:

<http://www.dcmi.com/onthepark/sanctuaryO.html>

(no password required for most information)



### Upcoming Dates

March 25 – Zoom Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

May 17 – Spring Clean-Up & Speakers

June 17 – Zoom Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.