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Slash Collection Begins October 15 for Indian Hills Residents

As part of the ongoing Firewise community project, a vendor has been scheduled to pick up slash in Indian Hills beginning October 15-16 and continuing October 22-23 if necessary until the project is complete. This service is only being offered to residents who live within the Indian Hills Fire Protection District boundaries.



If you choose to participate in this **free** service, you need to call 303-697-4568 or email officemanager@ihfr.org and give us your name and street address so we can schedule pickup. **You must contact us by October 15 if you want to take part in this service.** We also ask that you follow a few simple instructions in preparing your slash to facilitate the pickup.

- Pile limbs and slash at the edge of the roadway with the cut end of the slash facing the road for easy access as shown below.
- Lay slash in piles no higher than four feet.
- Limit limbs to six inches in diameter. Small trees can be left whole.
- Keep pets and children inside during slash collection.

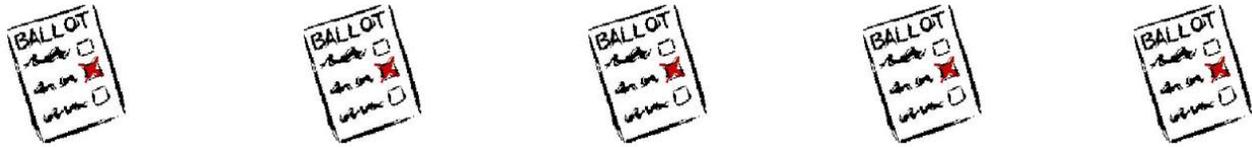


Failure to stack your slash properly will result in it not being picked up. Also, pine cones and needles will not be picked up.

Thanks for your cooperation in helping make our community a safer place to live.

Although this slash collection is being provided free of charge by the Indian Hills Fire Protection District, donations to help offset costs are greatly appreciated. You can mail your tax-deductible donation to PO Box 750, Indian Hills, CO 80454.

Bond Issue for New Indian Hills Fire Station To Be on November Ballot

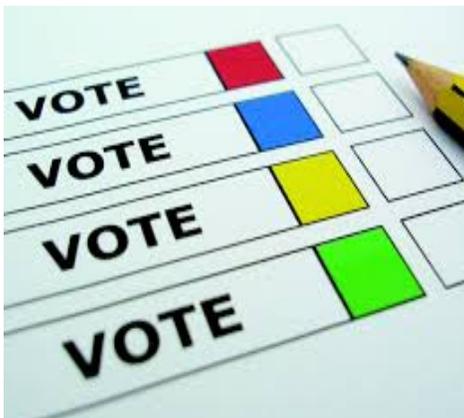


When Indian Hills residents get their ballots in the mail for this November's election, they will be asked to vote on a bond issue intended to fund the construction of a new fire station in our community.

The Indian Hills Fire Protection District is asking residents for passage of Issue 5A, a bond issue not to exceed \$3 million to build a new fire station on Parmalee Gulch Road. A new station will allow the District to better meet operational needs as well as address a host of noncompliant and deteriorating structural and maintenance issues associated with the existing building.

The current station is 57 years old and was constructed in four stages spanning 22 years, with the last significant capital improvement to the infrastructure occurring 34 years ago. The different construction phases resulted in a wide variety of construction standards, materials, and code applications. At present, the District finds that the station design limits needed operational capability and that the costs for renovating and bringing the current structure up to code are cost-prohibitive. The major issues that new construction will address include improving operational capability for additional wildland fire equipment, providing larger bay areas and spaces that better accommodate our newer fire apparatus, bringing the firehouse up to date on current National Fire Protection Association and Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, and lastly addressing immediate building maintenance issues that are due in the next two to three years (new roof, asbestos mitigation, new septic system, and an administrative area overhaul).

Two community meetings are planned for next month to help residents understand the ballot issue, weigh the pros and cons of the initiative, and gain an understanding of the financial impact the bond issue would have on them as taxpayers. Architectural renderings will be presented with an opportunity for community members to ask questions and provide feedback.



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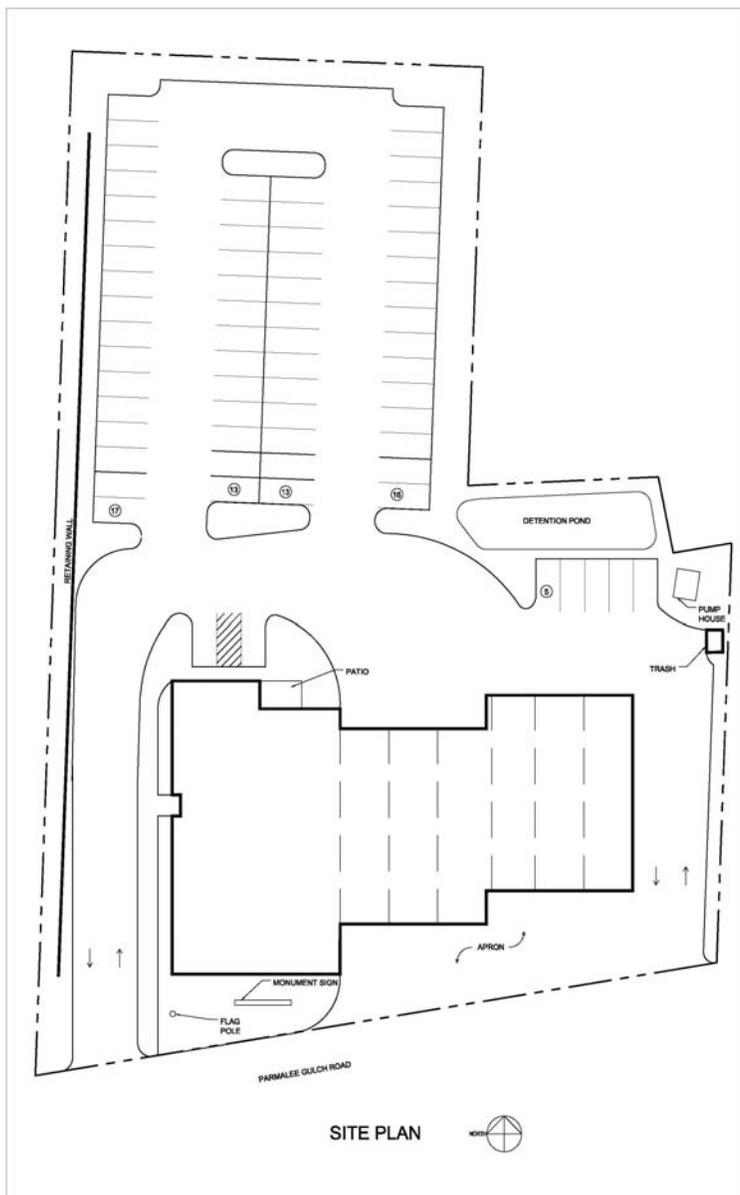
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Shown above is a conceptual drawing of what the new station might look like. To the left is a rendering of a site map of the proposed station with expanded parking area.



Community Meetings Scheduled to Discuss Bond Issue for New Fire Station

Meeting dates have been scheduled for Indian Hills community members to have an opportunity to learn more about the upcoming ballot initiative intended to fund a new fire station.

Meetings will be held:

- Thursday, October 3 at 7 pm at the fire station (4476 Parmalee Gulch Rd.)
- Thursday, October 17 at 7 pm at the Community Center (5381 Parmalee Gulch Rd.)

Please join us to learn more about this important ballot issue and how you may be affected.



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Chief's Corner

With all the moisture we have had this summer, we have experienced a fairly worry-free wildland/urban interface fire season here in Indian Hills. But the rain has also created a lot of ground fuels. The concern is that when conditions dry out, grasses of 18 inches can create flames up to 10 feet high. Consequently, it is extremely important for you to cut off tree limbs up to 12 feet from the ground, remove pine needles, and cut the grass from around your house so that if there is a wildland fire, it will give us a fighting chance to protect your structure.

The time to mitigate your property is now because there will not be the time or resources to do it when there is a fire. To help you in this effort, the fire department is sponsoring a free slash collection project that will come to your home, chip your slash, and dispose of the chips. We strongly encourage you to participate in this project in order to make Indian Hills a safer place to live.

Also, two community meetings will be held next month to discuss a bond issue that will appear on the November ballot intended to fund the replacement of our present fire station. We hope you will come to one of these meetings to learn more and get any questions answered.

Emery Carson, Chief