

Fall Newsletter

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Gate Code & Dates:

Combination: **XXXX**

Dates of Closure:

- Sep 01 - Sep 07
- Sep 11 - Sep 14
- Sep 30 - Nov 23

Snowmobile Access:

The SJVLOA legal easement for winter access is in effect **Oct 1st through May 31st.**

Snowplow forms

Want a parking space cleared after the spring plowing? Fill out a request form @ SJVLOA.com

Annual Dues

2021 annual dues of \$350/ Lot were approved at the Annual Mtg. *Financial Reports available by request* board@SJVLOA.com.

Hunting Season Information:

Gate Closure:

The San Juan Vista gate at Last Dollar Road WILL BE LOCKED for the following dates during hunting season: *(note: locked the day before season start)*

- 09/01 to 09/07 (Archery opening week only)
- 09/11 to 09/14 (Muzzleloading Rifle opening weekend and on-going Archery)
- 09/30 to 11/23 (Rifle)

Please lock the gate after entering and exiting during the "locked" periods, regardless of how you found it.

The gate lock combination for 2020 is: **XXXX** *(refer to Lot Owner USPS/e-mail copy)*

Please use discretion in sharing this combination number with others:

- Inform family members and invited guests of the combination as needed.
- Remember it is your responsibility to communicate this number to contractors, trade people and delivery services needing access to your property but please also instruct them NOT to circulate the combination amongst their hunting buddies!

Reminders:

HUNTING IS NOT PERMITTED WITHIN SAN JUAN VISTA

- Weapons shall not be loaded while on SJV roads or access easements.
- Legal access to the Wilderness Area is via the SJV Easement. It is for the exclusive use of SJV Land Owners and their guests. There is no general public access to the Wilderness Area through SJV. Please, don't trespass on other lots to gain access to the Wilderness Area.
- To further discourage 3rd party hunters from Easement use, SJV will place a locked chain across the Easement entrance at the Overlook area for the period 9/01 to 11/22.

Hunting Parking Permits are Required:

San Juan Vista requires a car/truck/ATV "Hunting Parking Permit" for anyone planning to park at the Overlook area for access to the Wilderness. This policy helps to limit unauthorized hunting access and informs all SJV hunters of our "no hunting" Covenant.

Permits are not issued to Lots with delinquent Dues/Fee/Fine assessments.

Get your Hunting Parking Permit early! *Don't wait to the last minute....*:

Request a permit by:

- mailing a written request to the Board: SJVLOA, PO Box 71, Ridgway, CO 81432.
- sending an email to SJVLOA Board Members via board@SJVLOA.com.

Please specify if you want the permit and ATV sticker sent to you via US Mail (allow 3 weeks to receive your permit) or if you prefer to pick it up in SJV on a specific date.

Only one (1) vehicle permit and one (1) ATV sticker will be issued per lot upon request. Multiple lot owners can receive only one permit and sticker. **Previous year's permits are not valid** and the 2020 year permits will be a different color from 2019's.

VERY IMPORTANT: **During all Colorado hunting seasons, vehicles (including ATV's) parked on SJV roads (which are private) without a parking permit issued by the SJVLOA Board may / shall be towed. Verbal permission will not substitute for a formal permit.** The intent is not to tow away vehicles, but to stop unauthorized hunters from entering SJV. The Overlook area is monitored daily. See signs posted within SJV for info regarding towing company contact if your vehicle is towed.

The SJVLOA Annual Meeting was held on July 5th, 2020

The documented meeting minutes are available at <http://www.sjvloa.com/index.php/meetings>.

- Dues were increased to \$350/Lot to support the outsourcing of Treasurer activities to update and improve our Dues collection and invoice payment processes.
 - Justin Jager was voted in as our newest member to the Board. Thank You Justin!
 - Positive feedback was received regarding the maintenance of the roads and two new culverts were installed to replace deteriorated culvert in Cradle Park and to prevent water erosion on SJV Loop.
 - Lot Owners were reminded that our policy for addressing complaints is on our website [Enforcement Policy](#).
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AED On Site: An AED (Automated External Defibrillator) for sudden cardiac arrest is located on the south side of the barn at 3285 San Juan Vista Drive.

- Funds for this AED in an all-season storage unit were raised by donations from Lot Owners (THANK YOU!). If you would like to donate towards maintenance and support of the AED unit, send check to SJVLOA, PO Box 71, Ridgway, CO 81432 with "AED" in memo space.
- We recommend that Lot Owners attend a CPR/AED training class in their hometown.
- Colorado's "Good Samaritan" Law extends to AED's.

Winter Easement Snowmobile Rules & Courtesies

The winter access route (SJV winter map) is open between October 1 to May 31st, when adequate snowfall exists. [Please review the winter rules and courtesies in the Welcome Guide \(http://www.sjvloa.com/\)](#) for everyone to have an enjoyable winter experience!

- Winter parking off of Last Dollar Road (58P) is on private property. The parking area is small. If your group consists of several vehicles, please park one in front of the other, rather than side-by-side. The parking area is not intended for the long term storage of vehicles or trailers. Parking in the area next to the San Juan Vista gateway (Cradle Park) off of Last Dollar Road is also available, please follow the same rules and courtesies when parking and snowmobiling from the SJV gate.

★ **STAY ON THE MARKED EASEMENT.** Follow the reflectors that mark the trail. Keep the reflectors to your right as you go in and to your left as you leave SJV. Please do not jeopardize San Juan Vista access rights by trespassing off of the 30-foot wide easement. If on SJV Road - stay on the road. Do not cut across properties. Do not block gates or driveways.

- No wheeled vehicles on the winter easement.
- **Park snowmobiles in the field**, not in the car parking area or in front of any gates.
- Don't Litter! Apple cores, banana and orange peels are trash.
- PLEASE clean up after your dogs and guest dogs. Don't leave trash or poop in the car/snowmobile parking areas. Come prepared to scoop the poop!
- Park snowmobiles farther away from the gate for long-term parking.
- Snowmobiles must be removed from the parking area by May 15th unless winter snow conditions still exist.

ATTENTION!

NEW PLOWING PROCEDURE

A request form is available **ONLY FOR** Lot Owners who plan to drive to their property during the "in-between season" (after snow plowing, when the roads are still snow & ice covered and there is still considerable snow along roadsides and on properties). Go to <http://www.sjvloa.com/index.php/files> or contact the board@SJVLOA.com to obtain a form to request a snow ramp, or parking space, or driveway plowing at your Lot. If a request is not received, the plow will drive past your lot.



Speed Control:

Drive carefully, slowly and respectfully. Due to a high level of concern by Lot Owners, we are again emphasizing speed control on SJV roads please adhere to the posted speed limits (or slower) and watch for pedestrians on blind curves. Vehicles are traveling at unsafe speeds on our roads. We ask all lot owners to please drive slowly and to remind their guests, renters, and contractors to SLOW DOWN. This is a serious safety issue for your community. **Pedestrians** - get out on those roads and enjoy! **Wear Hi-VIS clothing** so that drivers can see you, your kids, and your pets. While walking, pay attention to a driver's line of sight, hidden curves, and where you can best be seen.

Fire Safety:

Fire Safety information handouts with links and phone numbers that are posted on the SJVLOA.com Website.

- Always call 911 immediately if you detect signs of a possible fire.
 - Check for Red Flag Warnings and County Fire Restrictions before lighting any fire by calling the Sheriff's Dispatch (970-728-1911) or checking websites listed on our Fire Safety handout.
 - Camp fires should be maintained in established fire pits and doused with water to put the fire completely out. Never leave a fire unattended. The SJV area has considerable standing dead and dry timber. We are always at high risk for wildfires.
 - A 400 gal. mobile water tank trailer is available (Spring - Fall) to SJV for fire control preparedness. A vehicle with a towing capacity @4500 lbs is needed. It is stored on the Forest Lane cul-de-sac. Contact board@SJVLOA.com for help in getting it placed on your lot.
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Respect Private Property:

All land in SJV, Cradle Park, and along the Winter Easement through Last Dollar Ranch (Spitfire) is private property. There are no "open spaces" in SJV and although an open meadow might look fun to drive/ski around on - don't do it at any time of year. Please don't trespass.

Thank You Volunteers!

- Dick & Carol Ames for hosting the Annual Mtg
- Chris Wright for advice & support for weed control
- Many Lot Owners are participating in the West Region Wildfire Council's cost-share program for wildfire mitigation. Thank you for helping to keep our community safe by clearing your properties of dead standing fire fuels!
- Thanks to all of our volunteers who perform little & big acts of kindness throughout the year!