

## Tax Day Is Coming!

The most celebrated day of all is just around the corner, which is exiting and welcomed with open arms by the U.S. since time began!

This is, of course, not true at all about how everyone feels regarding taxes, but for a second, you thought that I was possibly in need of some sort of medical attention, am I right? :) If Silver Key helping with your taxes is not something you are interested in, or your usual person is not readily available, then our neighbor, **Dorcus Cinton**, has volunteered to assist you with your simple personal taxes. She is certified by the IRS. You can reach her at **719-240-1352**.



## Parking Permits and Visitor Passes

Thank you to all of you who have received a parking pass. If you have not gotten a pass, please be sure to bring your vehicle and catch a Board member at the clubhouse. Your contact info will also be verified at that time so that we know that we can get in touch with you if there is an urgent situation.

Visitor passes are also now available. Just in time for the annual migration of our friends and family who want to experience Colorado, and who doesn't?

Each resident will be given one visitor pass and will have their visitor display the tag during their stay. Visitors should return the tag to the resident so they may use it for their next visitor.

## The Orchestral Sound Of Your Neighbors Garage Door...

Living on the 2nd floor, or even sometimes next door, do you hear your neighbors garage door open and close? Well if you do...or the next time you need to replace your garage door opener, consider a side-mounted opener. Since it does not run on the ceiling, it won't vibrate and the noise to your next door neighbors or second floor neighbor's bedroom is greatly reduced. The price is in line with the traditional openers but it's more compact. See the link below for more details.

The YouTube link is [here](#).



## Volunteers Always Needed

There is always something we can do to improve the community, and we have had so many people step up! Thank you to all of the volunteers that have helped us out!

As Spring approaches, more projects are coming up and if anyone would like to pop in and give a hand, Joe always has something going on.



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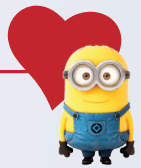
Please contact a Board member to obtain your visitor pass. You'll need to bring their car up to the clubhouse as the visitor and your resident passes are connected by the number on your car pass. Thank you for taking care of this and helping us out!





*The Arbors*  
AT MOUNTAIN SHADOWS

# Happy Valentine's Day



## Silver Key Follow-Up



Many of you were able to join us for the Silver Key presentation where we learned about many services available to us. If you'd like to stay informed, you can sign up for their newsletter [here](#). The most popular topics at the presentation were:

### Transportation

To and from doctor's appointments, shopping or other errands. The service is free with a suggested donation of \$5 per round trip. Feel free to call them at **719-994-2300** for more information and also to make reservations. For additional information, click [here](#).

### Meal Delivery

Please contact Silver Key for specific details. Here's a sample menu for the first few weeks in March:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Beef Stroganoff WW Penne Pasta Brussel Sprouts Apple Milk	2 Beef Pot Pie w/Butter Milk Biscuit Lima Beans Apple & Milk
3 Chicken Alfredo WW Pasta Peas Diced Tropical Fruit Milk	4 Chicken Pot Pie w/Buttermilk Biscuit Lima Beans Pear Milk	5 Beef Burrito w/Green Sauce Spanish Rice SW Black Beans Diced Mangos Milk	6 Chicken Teriyaki Brown Rice Succotash Orange Milk	7 Pork Pot Roast w/Onions & Celery Roasted Potatoes Carrots Orange Milk	8 Sweet & Sour Chicken Brown Rice Asian Veg High Fiber Cookie Pear & Milk	9 Goulash w/ Cheese Green Bean Al- mondine Apple Milk

### Tax Assistance For 2024

Get your taxes done for free by a licensed professional through a collaboration between Silver Key and AARP. *You do not need to be an AARP member for this service.* Call **719-726-6876** for an appointment.

### 5 Wishes

This is valuable information regarding your wishes related to your health and emotional needs at end of life. You can review an on-line tutorial or download a copy of the book-let at [Five Wishes | Silver Key · Five Wishes](#).

### Senior Summit Expo

Join Silver Key for the Senior Summit where over 80 exhibitors will be there. *The event is May 16th, 2024 from 9am - 2pm at the Great Wolf Lodge.*



## Native Grass Transition

In an on-going effort to reduce expenses, the Arbors HOA is looking into the Colorado Springs Utilities commercial grass to native grass rebate program. Please join us on 2/29/24 from 5:30-6:30 at 2855 Mesa Road to hear the details about the program from CSU directly.

Our initial idea is to plant small sections of the native grass this year. Colorado Springs Utilities will meet with the committee members to discuss the best type of native grass and best locations for success. What we know so far is that the new grass will be from seed and will take most of the season to become established. Most of the native grass types only need water once a week and mowing a few times a season. This will require us to reprogram our sprinkler system to reduce waterings to once a week.



Transitioning to native grass will ultimately save us money by reducing water usage and mowing expenses as water is our largest expense during the summer. The city has informed us that in the next 10-20 years they will only allow commercial entities to water once a week. Our present grass could not survive with watering once a week. We're trying to save money now and be proactive for the future.

If you'd like to join this committee, please let a Board member know.

For more information, click [NativeGrassFactSheet.pdf](#) ([csu.org](https://csu.org))

