



ANTHEM COUNTRY CLUB COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (ACCCA) *Your Country Club Homeowners' Association*

BACKYARD FIRE SAFETY

We're all spending more time outdoors with family and entertaining friends – cooking the perfect steak on the barbeque, gathering around fireplaces and fire pits, and lighting candles to create ambiance.

These activities bring an increase in the risk of backyard fires. According to Dave Wilson, Public Information Officer for the Daisy Mountain Fire Department (DMFD), this summer is predicted to be an active season for brush and wildfires. The DMFD responds to many backyard fires each year, and they have responded to fires that have spread from the barbeque to the home. There are inherent dangers to people anytime fire is involved, regardless of the source.

Following a few common sense rules can help you stay safe throughout the year.

- 1. Place a fire extinguisher or water hose within easy access of any fire and make sure every family member knows how to use a fire extinguisher.** Residents can contact the DMFD for information on proper fire extinguisher use. To register for a fire extinguisher safety class, please contact Captain Dave Jensen at 623-465-7400.
- 2. Call 911 IMMEDIATELY in case of a fire-related emergency.** Delays in notifying the fire department could allow a small incident to turn into a large scale event or a burn victim to have an even more serious condition.
- 3. Evacuate the area and call 911 immediately if you smell propane/natural gas or suspect a leak.** The DMFD Hazardous Material Response unit can quickly mitigate these situations. In addition, 911 dispatchers will notify the appropriate utility company to ensure the leak is repaired and safe for occupants to re-enter the area.
- 4. Avoid using fireplaces, fire pits and barbeques during windy days.** Strong winds can blow ash and embers into neighboring yards and common washes spreading fires.

Barbeque Grills:

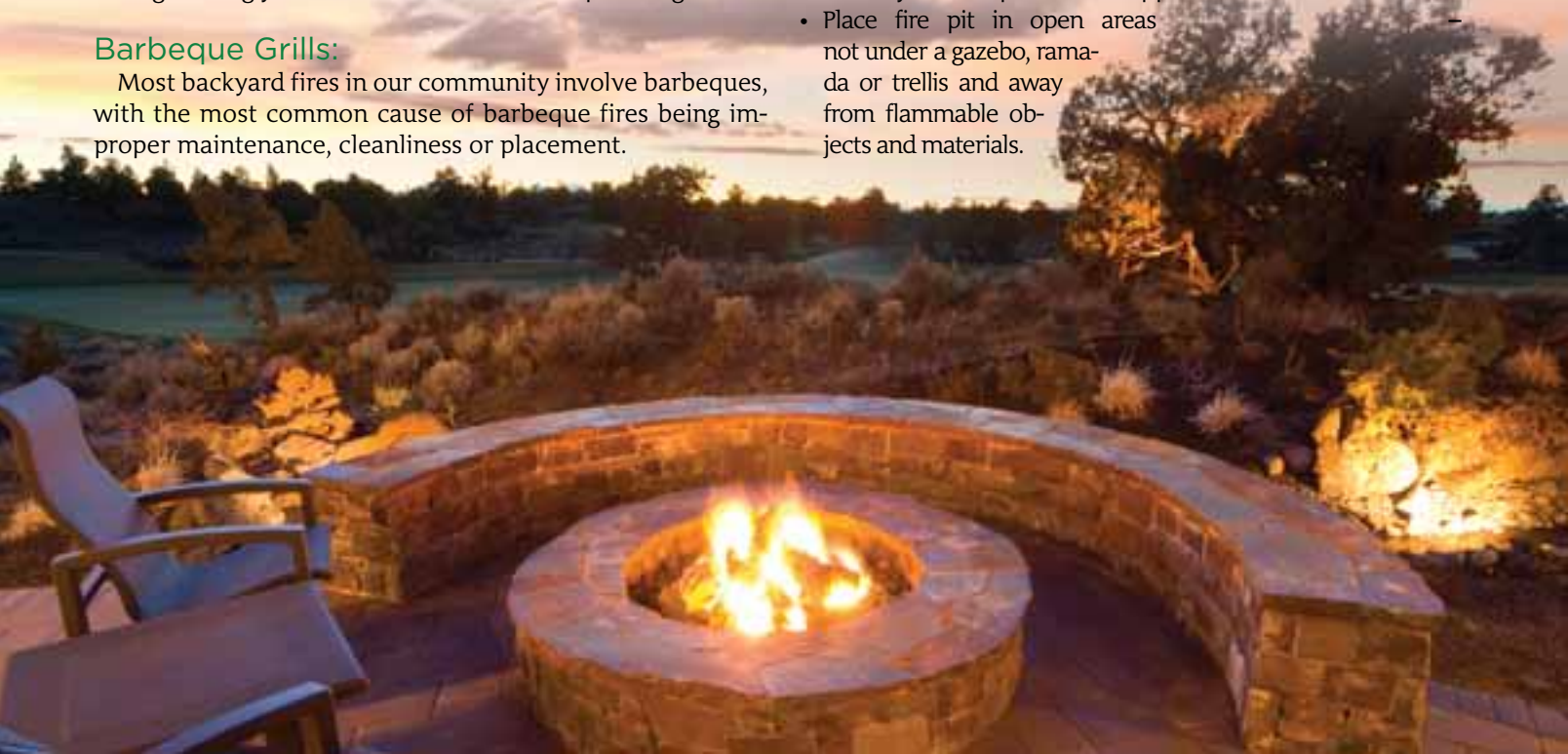
Most backyard fires in our community involve barbeques, with the most common cause of barbeque fires being improper maintenance, cleanliness or placement.

- Clean your grill before and after each use.
- Check before retiring that your grill is off or coals cooled.
- Keep flammable liquids, lighted cigarettes, matches or flames away from gas grills.
- For charcoal grills, use only charcoal lighter fluid (never gas or kerosene, which can explode) and once a grill is started, never add additional lighting fluid.
- Inspect for loose or broken fittings, broken hoses or gas smells.
- Always open a gas grill lid PRIOR to turning on the gas and ignition.
- Place the grill on a level surface and safe distance from any building (10' recommended), never under a patio or overhang.
- Never wear wide sleeves or clothing that drapes when operating a grill.
- Trim trees back so they do not hang over a grill where flames or sparks may ignite the tree leaves or branches.
- Use long-handled approved grill tools to avoid burns.

Fireplaces and Fire Pits:

Fireplaces and fire pits provide warmth and ambiance in any setting. However, they are one of the primary sources for burn injuries and fatalities.

- Cover your fire pit with an approved fire screen.
- Place fire pit in open areas not under a gazebo, rama-da or trellis and away from flammable objects and materials.



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- Be careful seat cushions are not placed too closely to an uncovered fire pit.
- Never allow children or animals near a fire pit or alone when a pit is actively burning. Keep sporting activities clear of fire pit.
- Monitor those around the fire, especially children.
- Start with a small fire to indicate wind direction.
- Use safety gloves and long-handled tools to redirect wood.
- Keep the area around the fire pit clean of debris or flammable objects.
- Make sure you have water or fire extinguisher handy.
- Select the correct firewood to use in fire pits – use hardwoods such as oak as they produce less smoke.

Candles:

- While creating ambiance, candles can be quite dangerous.
- Place candles high enough that people walking by are not in danger of catching any part of their clothing on fire or where a child may reach them.
- Don't place candles by canvas umbrellas or overhangs.
- Don't hang candles in trees – even in containers – as winds could shift and catch a tree on fire in seconds.
- Cover candles outdoor with proper glass containers so that wind or table bumps don't turn them over and start a larger fire.
- Count the candles before placing them and count them again when extinguishing the flame.
- Never leave candles unattended.

For additional outdoor fire safety information, go to the Country Club pages of www.OnlineAtAnthem.com and click on the Safety/Fire/Sprinkler Tips tab on the left side of the page.

SUMMER CONSTRUCTION

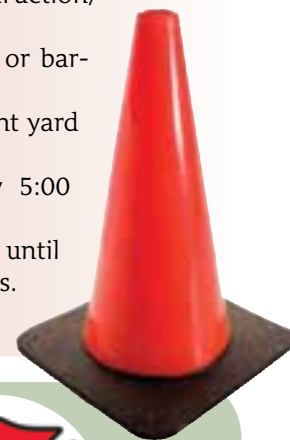
Summer construction will begin shortly in the Anthem Country Club. Be advised, Gate 1 will be exit only – NO ENTRY on August 2. Gate 2 will be exit only – NO ENTRY on July 26 and August 3.

Wolf Run Dr. will be seal coated in four phases between July 25 and August 1. Seek alternate routes during this time. Detours posted.

Many residential streets will be seal coated. For the complete list of streets to be seal coated and a map of the construction traffic, go to the Country Club pages of www.OnlineAtAnthem.com:

The ACCCA Board of Directors asks residents to:

- Avoid using the Main Gate and Daisy Mountain Gate during Anthem Club Drive construction if you do not live in that area.
- Drive slowly and carefully.
- Be patient while waiting to enter the gates.
- Seek alternate routes in advance of the construction.
- Help remind neighbors of the construction/sealing in your area.
- Do NOT remove any detour signs or barricades.
- Turn off your sprinklers in the front yard the day your street is seal coated.
- Take trash/recycling bins out by 5:00 a.m. on day of scheduled seal coat.
- Do NOT drive on fresh seal coat until construction crews remove barriers.



Anthem Firewise Committee

The Anthem Firewise Committee is a community-based organization who works in cooperation with state and local firefighting organizations and landscape companies to create conditions to reduce the ignition, intensity and spread of fires adjacent to, and within, the Anthem community.

Learn About Firewise Plants

Firewise plants are plants that are more fire resistant. They have a high-moisture content, low-resin content, grow slowly, and do not need frequent pruning. We encourage homeowners to consider planting Firewise plants. For the complete and searchable list of approved plants, go to www.OnlineAtAnthem.com, click on Country Club (under Homeowners' Associations), click on Documents and Forms.



DMFD

The Daisy Mountain fire District utilizes several sources of information sharing to reach the public. In addition to local media publications and news channels, DMFD also may be found online at www.daisymountainfire.org, followed on Twitter at [dmfdpio@twitter.com](https://twitter.com/dmfdpio) as well as Facebook at [daisymountainfirefighters@facebook.com](https://facebook.com/daisymountainfirefighters).