

Hello Timber Creek Homeowners,

Fire safety for our neighborhood is a top priority for our HOA so we ask that you please consider fire mitigation for your property this year.

This cost share program of a combined 75% is available for 2022 and not a certainty that it will be available in future years.

Your consideration and participation would be much appreciated.

Please refer to the Town of Blue River for more details or contact Guenther Dziuvenis on HOA Board at kansascityhusker@aol.com 480-993-4412

Timber Creek Estates 2022

Fire Mitigation Cost Share Incentive Program

The intent of this program is to encourage and assist the homeowners of Timber Creek Estates (TCE) to participate in fire mitigation efforts of the home and surrounding lot of the individual homeowner.

An incentive of 25% of the total cost of the mitigation up to \$4,000 maximum, is available to the qualified homeowners of TCE from the Homeowners Association (HOA) in addition to the 50/50 grant from Summit County.

The Town of Blue River has successfully partnered over the last ten years with Beetlekill Tree Guys and the Summit County Wildfire Council to provide Defensible Space Grants to residents in Blue River.

For 2022, the Town of Blue River will partner with three separate contractors noted below. Homeowners are encouraged to contact the contractor of their choice to have an evaluation and bid conducted. The grant program will work the same regardless of which contractor you use. The project is a 50/50 grant. The Town also kicks in a \$100 incentive for anyone that participates followed by the HOA's contribution of 25%.

Beetlekill Tree Guys (970) 485-3632 beetlekilltreeguys@yahoo.com

Ceres Landscaping (970) 331-2853 ckeithley@cereslandcare.com

Teague Saves Homes (970) 389-8361 teagueholmes@gmail.com

Contact them as soon as possible, at least 2-3 weeks prior to the mid-April deadline, as they must evaluate the property, develop the mitigation plan, consult with the homeowner, and fill out and submit the County grant application by the deadline.

TCE HOA funding is limited for this program. This funding is first-come, first-served.

Application deadline to be submitted to the County for 2022 is mid-April 2022. Mitigation work must be completed during the summer of 2022. County, ToBR and TCE HOA program funds will be distributed in the fall of 2022.

The State of Colorado's current approved law regarding fire mitigation plans is as follows:

The removal by a unit owner of trees, shrubs, or other vegetation to create defensible space around a dwelling for fire mitigation purposes, so long as such removal complies with a written defensible space plan created for the property by the Colorado state forest service, an individual or company certified by a local governmental entity to create such a plan, or the fire chief, fire marshal, or fire protection district within whose jurisdiction the unit is located, and is no more extensive than necessary to comply with such plan. The plan shall be registered with the association before the commencement of work. The association may require changes to the plan if the association obtains the consent of the person, official, or agency that originally created the plan. The work shall comply with applicable association standards regarding slash removal, stump height, revegetation, and contractor regulations.

Therefore, to qualify TCE homeowners must adhere to the following criteria:

- 1) Participate and fully comply with all the requirements of the County fire mitigation grant program. This is a 50/50 cost share grant from Summit County.
- 2) Comply with the Town of Blue River (ToBR) requirements regarding fire mitigation. ToBR contributes \$100 towards mitigation.

- 3) Mitigation plan should be approved by the Red, White & Blue Fire Dept. (RWBFD). It should also be inspected by the RWBFD once all mitigation work is completed, or the Town of Blue River is satisfied the work was completed before any disbursement of cost share funds.

- 4) The mitigation grant from Summit County is administered through the Town of Blue River. Once the ToBR has approved and distributed the County cost share funds to the individual homeowners, ToBR will then notify the HOA. Upon their notification, the HOA will then disburse the TCE cost share incentive of 25% up to \$4,000 maximum, direct to the participating homeowners in TCE.

- 5) The TCE cost share is a **one-time** only payment per homeowner/property. If mitigation work is completed over multiple years, TCE cost share is still a one-time only payment per property even if ownership changes.

Example: Total cost of mitigation	\$10,000	
Summit County 50%	- \$5,000	
Town of Blue River	- \$ 100	
Timber Creek Estates HOA *	<u>-\$2,500</u>	(25% up to \$4,000 max)
Cost to Homeowner	\$2,400	

*paid directly to homeowner from HOA