



## Granite Falls E-Newsletter Spring 2025

### **GF ENEWS Spring 2025**

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Need garden and lawn tips? Remember to check our past newsletters on the HOA website and the Mesa County Extension office, where you can also find local Master Gardeners to consult with.

**Needed!** Details Below:

**New Newsletter Editor/Publisher**

If you are interested, please contact [granitefallsnews@gmail.com](mailto:granitefallsnews@gmail.com)

**Caretaker for the GF Little Library**, contact: [wisewomanhood@gmail.com](mailto:wisewomanhood@gmail.com)

Happy Spring! Suggestions? Let us know!

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## Granite Falls - Our Namesake

Our neighborhood is one of the newest subdivisions on the Redlands, starting around 2018.

Prior to becoming our home, it was home to the Sutton family who farmed the 50 or so acres we live on. The photo above was taken in the early 1980s from South Camp Road near our area.

Our subdivision is named after the falls along the Colorado National Monument to our southwest. (See photo at right.)

The falls appear intermittently when heavy rains fall in Ute Canyon and pour over the dark grey ancient rocks which lie below the buff colored Jurassic sandstone above. The dark rocks are from the Proterozoic age and are some of the oldest rocks known, about 1.5 billion years old. These Proterozoic rocks are made of granite, schist and gneiss. We could have been call Gneiss Falls ... or Schist Falls ... uh no!



## Activities & Groups to Join

- **Grand Junction Gardening Club** - contact neighbor Jenni Dixon: [jennidixon222@gmail.com](mailto:jennidixon222@gmail.com) (See article below)
- Quarterly Enews Co-editor - contact Sam Marutzky: [smartz1953@gmail.com](mailto:smartz1953@gmail.com)
- **Poker Club** - contact neighbor Aaron Meckler: 303.324-4510 (text) or [aaron.meckler@gmail.com](mailto:aaron.meckler@gmail.com)
- **Game Afternoon Club** - contact neighbor Jennifer Bradfield: [jennifer.bradfield@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.bradfield@gmail.com)
- **Foosball Club** - contact neighbor Alan Dixon : [allendixon46@gmail.com](mailto:allendixon46@gmail.com)
- **Families w Kids Club** - contact neighbor Elizabeth Brookmeyer: [ebrookmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:ebrookmeyer@gmail.com)
- **Monthly Book Club** - contact neighbor Jana Smith: [jlcrain858@gmail.com](mailto:jlcrain858@gmail.com) We USUALLY meet the second Wednesday of the month with an afternoon or evening meeting. Interested in joining? See article below. Contact Jana.

## GF Little Library Update

We need someone to watch over and care for our Little Library. It needs refurbishment to withstand the sun and winter. Also, keeping on eye on the contents of it to keep it fresh. Who has the skills and will to keep this community resource going? Please email by the end of April to Terra at [wisewomanhood@gmail.com](mailto:wisewomanhood@gmail.com) for some supplies left from the original build.



## HOA Annual Meeting Report - 2025

We held our annual meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup> at Wingate Elementary School. A quorum was met with 26 homeowners present and 19 proxies. Minutes from our 2024 annual meeting were approved. Three board positions were up for election. There were three candidates running and all were elected by ballot voting.

There are currently 5 homes being constructed and only 6 remaining vacant lots. During 2024, 16 properties were sold – 5 existing homes, 8 new homes, and 3 lots.

Thanks to our many volunteers, we accomplished much in 2024, from enhancing our Seven-Acre Natural Area, maintaining our irrigation system, investigating options for dark-skies, cleaning up debris and trash in our common areas, and completing the Reserve Study. Thank you again for your help in making our community a great place to live!

There are many committees and clubs for volunteering and getting to know your neighbors. The Beautification committee will be looking at improvements for our common areas this year. Our Natural Area committee will continue coordinating with the Fire Department and Sheriff's Department to mitigate the danger from wildfires. The Architectural Control Committee ensures that home builders follow our design requirements. Our Irrigation committee keeps our irrigation system running smoothly. Our newest club is the Garden club. (See separate article)

Based on the Reserve Study performed to help us understand our future liabilities, we will be adding to our Reserve account for future maintenance and repair of our assets. The Reserve Study is on our website so if you have any questions, let us know.

We have increased our annual dues to \$600 per year to increase our Reserve fund, keep up with inflation, and do some improvements in our common areas. To offset the increase, we are looking at the potential to lease water shares that we may not be using. Redlands Water and Power will identify our peak water usage to see if we have any leftover shares. If so, we may be able to lease them to users that need more shares.



## Grand Junction Garden Social Club

Membership includes 26 neighborhood members, we meet once a month. The club has already had two meetings with a third planned April 8<sup>th</sup> at Jenni Dixon's home at 423 Granite Falls Way from 2pm to 4pm. The group will set up field trips to some of our local nurseries and our own backyards. It is a great way to meet your neighbors and learn something new or share some of your own success and failures in gardening. There is a lot of good information and conversation as well as laughter! Come join us!

Sandy Rhoades, Cathy Langfitt, Jenni Dixon

  
GRANITE FALLS

GRANITE FALLS SUBDIVISION  
SATURDAY, May 10, 2025

**CLEANUP OF THE COMMON SPACES**

BRING A SMILE, WATER, GLOVES  
MEET AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE  
9:00 AM TO 11:00 AM  
TRASH BAGS WILL BE PROVIDED

**NEIGHBORHOOD MEET AND GREET**

SIEBER CANYON COURT (AT THE CUL DE SAC)  
4:00 PM TO 6:00 PM (OR DARK)

**Fun and Games**

Look for the GJ Neighborhood Party Trailer

BRING THE FOLLOWING:  
LAWN CHAIR, BYOB, A DISH TO SHARE

WE HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU

## Needed: New Newsletter Editor/Publisher

Terra is moving on and won't be available to fulfill this position any longer. If you are interested, please contact [granitefallsnews@gmail.com](mailto:granitefallsnews@gmail.com)



## Granite Falls Book Clubs

Our Granite Falls book club is growing!! We now have a group meeting on the second Wednesday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 as well as the group that meets on the second Wednesday evening from 6:00 to 8:00. We can accommodate a few more book lovers. Our book selection for April is *Kindred* by Octavia E. Butler. May's choice is *James* by Percival Everett. We take turns meeting in participants homes. If you're interested in the evening group, please contact Molly Fitzpatrick at [molly.leorders@gmail.com](mailto:molly.leorders@gmail.com). If you're interested in the daytime group, please contact Jana Smith at [janasmith@duck.com](mailto:janasmith@duck.com).

## HOA President's Letter, Part 3

...from Brian Langfitt, Granite Falls HOA President

This is the final chapter of the three-part HOA news. You can visit the previous chapters on the Granite Falls website.

The next part of the HOA activities I would like to speak about is the all important financial equation. We have been served for the last several years by the man of many hats, Sam Marutzky. Sam did a marvelous job as the Granite Falls treasurer but he has decided to step away from the HOA board (but not several subcommittees!). Fortunately, Rita Felde decided to step up and was elected to the board. She has a strong background in accounting so was a natural choice to elect as our new treasurer. Thank you Rita and welcome to the board! As always all of our finances are shared at each HOA meeting and are posted on our website for all to see.

As I hope you can tell, there is a lot more going on with your HOA board than most people realize! Every person on the board and all of these subcommittees are volunteers. All of these volunteers provide many hours of their time to accomplish these necessary “chores” that would otherwise mean hiring someone to do these jobs. Thus, saving the HOA (all of us!) more money..

So this is where I say that if you would like to help with any of these committees we would be more than happy to welcome you! This would give you a little more insight as to what it takes to make Granite Falls the wonderful place we call home! Plus, I have found, that a little “sweat equity” gives us all more pride of ownership. Please consider helping where you can.

Thank you for your time, Brian Langfitt

## HOA Basics

**Information for new homeowners:** <https://granitefallshoa.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/New-Homeowner-packet-for-HOA.pdf>

**For general HOA information:** [www.granitefallshoa.com](http://www.granitefallshoa.com)

**For earlier newsletters, articles, suggestions, corrections, updates:** [granitefallsenews@gmail.com](mailto:granitefallsenews@gmail.com)

**To contact the Board of Directors:** [granitefallshoa8@gmail.com](mailto:granitefallshoa8@gmail.com)

**For Design Review Committee:** [drcgranitefalls@gmail.com](mailto:drcgranitefalls@gmail.com)

## Current Board of Directors

- President - Brian Langfitt
- Secretary - Amy Mohler
- Treasurer - Rita Felde
- Assistant Treasurer - Sandy Rhoades
- Member-at-Large - Todd Sanders