



Pine Brook Press

A Quarterly Journal for, about and by
Pine Brook Hills Residents

AUTUMN 2009



OKTOBERFEST!!

Eins zwei g'suffa! Prost!

WHEN? Wednesday, October 28, at 6:00.

WHERE? The Community Center/Firehouse.

WHAT TO BRING? German eats (drinks provided).

WHAT TO WEAR? Lederhosen not required

WHO TO BRING? Anyone with a hankering for good company and cheer.

THE MAIN EVENT! David Hummer (at right with Janet Hummer), one of the founders of Boulder Beer, will talk about beers and starting the first microbrewery in Boulder.

Look Closely....in these hills there be **BEER DRAGONS!**
For more info about this beast see story on p. 8.



It's BEETLE HUNTING SEASON!

Forget deer and elk. Pine Brook's Big Game are Little Beetles, 1/4" in size but capable of bringing down mighty trees. Now, in the cooler weather when the beetles are dormant, is the time to identify them by the pitch tubes on the trees and to cut and treat those trees to remove the habitat for the developing brood. Cutting now does not run the risk of attracting even more beetles, a problem that can occur when cutting in the summer.



Whazizat? A Beetle? What Kind? Photo By Jim Adams

The BeetleBusters will help. Write for a free inspection to beetlebusters@gmail.com. Check out our new website, www.beetlebusters.net, developed and managed by Jo Davies. Much useful information is available there.

The next three years will probably be crucial in the struggle to defend our forest from the bark beetle epidemic. Join the BeetleBusters and keep Pine Brook piney!



HAYDN and PINE BROOK HILLS

A phrase from Haydn's Creation Symphony, performed at Chautauqua last summer, has resonance for Pine Brook as autumn winds sweep through our forest:

*"Ye purling fountains tune His praise,
AND WAVE YOUR TOPS, YE PINES!"*

RUSS ENDO WINS BEETLE AWARD

A solemn hush came over the crowd of BeetleBusters on Sunday, September 20, as their highest award, an unattractive battery-operated cockroach, was to be given to the Beetler who had performed outstanding service in the previous quarter. The new winner was Pine Brooker Russ Endo, who not only has volunteered for a very large number of property inspections for bark beetles, but who, with Jim Adams and Brian Ridley, has been participating in experimental efforts to find legal and safe substances that will kill beetles. Initial encouraging results await further inquiry. Applause and thanks to Russ for his skillful work.

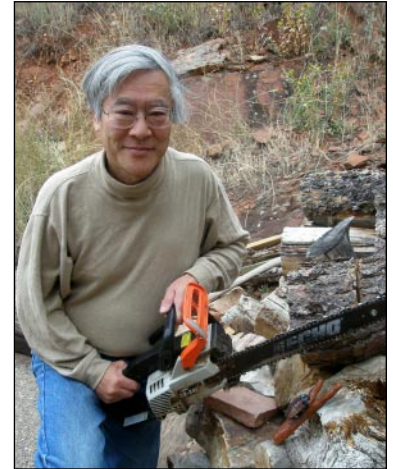


Photo By Jim Adams

Fire Chief John Benson photographs a Ponderosa covered with Ladybugs. For more about these beneficial critters see page 7.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings are at the Community Center/Firehouse unless otherwise noted.

HOA MEETING, October 28, Potluck at 6 P.M., followed by "OKTOBERFEST," music, beer and a talk by David Hummer on "Beer Making and the History of Boulder Beer." Business meeting and election of officers follows.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE - Meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7 P.M.

FIRE BOARD - Meets the 2nd Monday of every month at 7 P.M. at either the Pine Brook or Boulder Heights Firehouse. Call 440-0235 for specifics.

FIRE AUXILIARY - Generally meets the first Sunday of every month at 7 P.M. Call 786-8476 for confirmation.

PARTY AND MUSIC - Nov. 7, 6 P.M., at 445 Fountaintree. See p. 5. For info and RSVP call Lauren Sawyer at 709-7277.

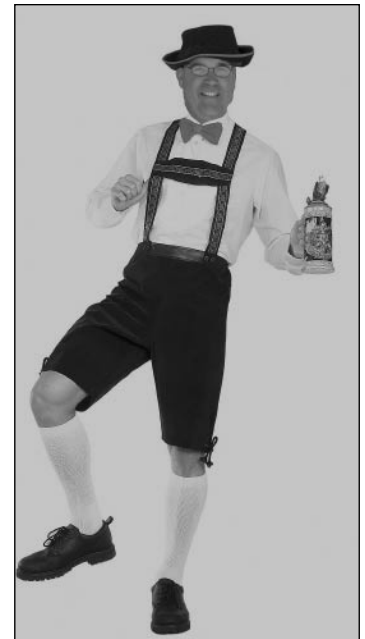
WATER BOARD - Meets first or second Thursday of every month at 4:30 P.M. Call Water Office at 443-5394 for dates.

PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS:

October must be time for Oktoberfest

By Mark Menagh, HOA President

At the fall HOA meeting on October 28 we will elect officers for the next year. Our nominated officers have a high level of experience within the community. Bill Alexander, who has been a very active Vice President for the last two years, is willing to move into the President's role. Dave Davies, who has provided very accurate and timely financial reports in his role of Treasurer, has accepted the nomination for Vice President. Tom Mann is nominated to join the board as Secretary. Pam Creswell is coming back to the Board with the nomination for Treasurer after a couple of years off the board but still very involved in the HOA as the Social Committee Chair. I will stay on the board as the Member at Large. I am very pleased to see the strength of the board coming in and look forward to our leadership of HOA staying strong. The voluntary organization that is the HOA is one of the reasons we are an exceptional community. This community has volunteers in almost all of its functions and I believe we can never thank them enough for making our neighborhood so special.



This is my last chance to write as the President in our wonderful community publication the Pine Brook Press. It has been an honor for

me to be President of the HOA for the past two years as we have made progress in many areas as a community. The HOA has made a lot of progress towards completing our current strategic plan for fire mitigation. We have a very strong Beetle Busters organization that has helped us educate and assist homeowners on how to mitigate the destruction of our forests by these menacing beetles. We have done extensive investigation of our covenants and are moving forward with making them more effective for our community. We are enjoying our dam and it is starting to look quite nice with its new covering of grasses. Our HOA general meetings have been well attended and the last one with square dancing proved to be very popular, with lots of new neighbors attending for the first time. I wish to thank everyone for their support while I took on the role of President. And as I hand off the role to the incoming Board, I can honestly tell the new leaders to rest assured that they can count on the continued support of so many neighbors enthusiastic for our beautiful community.

Our HOA general meeting on October 28 will have the theme of Oktoberfest. We are asking that potluck participants think of the theme and bring German dishes if possible. The HOA will be providing a variety of beers with this theme in mind. We will be having a presentation on beer making, followed by a business meeting, which includes the election of our new officers. Please join us.



ON THE WATER FRONT

With Bob de Haas

Well, what a change since the Spring article. Back then it seemed like it was raining all the time. The rain finally stopped and did it ever dry up. **Four Mile Creek, where we have rights to draw surface water to put in the reservoir, went almost completely dry in August.** We stopped drawing water from there on August 5 and we have yet to see Four Mile Creek make a comeback. The good news, of course, is that we just use the water stored in the reservoir and so haven't missed a beat in supplying water to everyone. Until Four Mile Creek really starts flowing again the water level of the reservoir will continue to drop, which is what it should do under the circumstances. There is still plenty of water in the reservoir and in the worst case by November the stream should be flowing again

and we will begin the process of filling the reservoir back up.

This is the time of year when we begin the work on the budget for 2010. We have developed a preliminary budget and it will be refined and finalized over the next few months. The Board meets again on October 8 and November 5 at 4:30 p.m. These meeting will take place at the Pine Brook Community Center and are open to the public. Feel free to come and hear the discussions and if you're so inclined add your comments. The Board always enjoys having company at the meetings.



SPEAKING OF THE WATER FRONT...

THE JOYS OF SUMMER...

Bob de Haas and Sean Beauprez flushing hydrants along Pine Brook Roads.



Photo By Ron Rovtar

Who says work can't be fun!



Photo By Ron Rovtar

Of course, it is a necessary function, made easier by the existence of Pine Brook Reservoir. If you look closely you will see that they are working really, really hard! Just kidding! We very much appreciate the hard work the Water District puts in.

**SPEAKING OF HYDRANTS.....
OUR HYDRANTS ARE HIDING**

Who can forget the picture of Fire Chief John Benson last winter, hugging his little hydrant friend in the snow?



(Well, here it is, if you have forgotten it). That story was intended to remind us all to clear snow away from the hydrants so that they would be quickly visible to our firefighters.

The current problem is grass. Some of the hydrants are hiding

in tall grass, which should be cut. Please, if you have a hydrant on or near your property, clear away the



Photos By Evie Gray

grass. In firefighting every second counts. Thanks!



DIOLCH YN FAWR-- Pine Brook Residents

That is THANK YOU VERY MUCH in my native language-WELSH!

We have collected just over \$30,000 from 297 resident households-- that is an average of over \$101 per household who donated. Some gave us as much as \$750 and many gave well over the requested \$75.

A full detailing of the expenditures will be provided to all households at year end.

Meanwhile, if you are among the few (quite a few, actually) who did NOT donate yet you still have a chance. Send a check payable to PBH to Dave Davies

Treasurer PBH, 151 Boulder View Ln Boulder 80304

Or drop it in the HOA mailbox at the Firehouse. If you are not sure if you did give, or not, email me at davedavies.sbr@gmail.com or call 303.938.0522

Thanks again!

OPERA COMES TO PINE BROOK!

Come to a Party November 7



Greg Brooks and Lauren Sawyer are having a party November 7 at 6 P.M. in their home at 445 Fountaintree Lane, and **all of Pine Brook is invited!**

The home is designed specifically for the operatic voice.

Lauren is an international lyrico-spinto soprano who has performed professionally in New York, Berlin, Santa Fe and Denver for the past 15 years and has been teaching at the master level for 10 years. Her students are now studying at some of the top music schools in the country, including Berklee College of Music, Oberlin, St. Olaf and NYU.

Please join them for an evening of Opera, Jazz and Musical Theatre at 445 Fountaintree Lane.

Please RSVP Lauren at 303.709.7277.



PATRICA'S CLOSET

One of the few good things about recessions is the rise of the frugalista, the woman who makes, not lemonade, but lemon chiffon pie from life's lemons. One of these is Patrica Belanger (303.786.8569).

Patrica's visit to her doctor last fall was disturbing. She had high blood pressure, high cholesterol and more pounds than she would have preferred. She didn't want to take drugs so she and her husband, Frank Tanel, embarked on a regime of exercise and diet.



The genesis was diet, and the exodus was pounds. Thirty pounds lighter and with most respectable blood

pressure and cholesterol numbers, Patrica had only one problem. Or rather, four problems: four closets of clothes that no longer fit her, 300 or more articles of clothing. Patrica explains her extensive wardrobe by noting that in a pre-Pine Brook Life she was a talk show host in Toronto, "Daytime," which necessitated (really it did) lots of clothes.

Throughout her weight-loss period Patrica was seeing her masseuse. When Patrica mentioned the too-big clothes problem, the masseuse said, "Before you give those things away, let me look at them." She came, she saw, she bought 20 pieces. And came back for another 20. And another 20, ending by saying, "Your clothes have transformed me."

Patrica now takes in designer clothes in various sizes. Some items are new, with the tags still on. She began to see herself as a sort of Clothing Matchmaker, putting together outfits that are beautiful without being expensive. Nutrition and weight loss advice come free. She herself has gone from dress size 16 to 10, but the goal is size 8. She has no clothes in that size, soooo - there'll be nothing to do but go shopping!

By the way, Frank lost weight too.



TAKE THE COVENANTS SURVEY - YOUR OPINION MATTERS

By Bill Alexander

The Pine Brook Hills HOA wants your input about unifying our Covenants here in Pine Brook Hills.

Recently, there was a challenge to our Covenants by a homeowner. While responding to this challenge we learned that the Covenants printed in the Pine Brook Directory, although widely accepted, never received full ratification as a single set of Covenants. Instead of one single set of Covenants, we actually have seven different sets of covenants that were recorded in the 1960s and that are still legally binding, one set for each of Pine Brook's seven units. There are some differences, and even minor conflicts, among these seven different sets. We believe that all Pine Brook Hills owners would benefit greatly from having one single set of Covenants that applied uniformly to the entire Pine Brook Hills community. Please notice that the proposed set is generally less stringent than what it will replace!

By now you should have received a printed survey about this in the mail. Those of you who are part of

the online PBH Yahoo Group should also have received an online note about the survey.

In order to better understand the wishes of Pine Brook Hills community, and to obtain valuable input from residents, we are asking you to complete this survey. This survey is completely anonymous.

There are two options for completing the survey:

1. Take this survey online using this link:

<http://pinebrookcovenants.questionpro.com>

2. Fill out the printed version of the survey. When you have completed the survey, you may either drop it in the HOA mail box located at the PBH Community Center, or mail it back to:

Attn: Covenants Survey
Pine Brook Hills HOA
1907 Linden Drive
Boulder, CO 80304

If you have questions at any time about the survey or the procedures, please contact Rich Fozzard at 303.579.5615 or by email at fozzard@fozzard.com.

We applaud the efforts of everyone involved and welcome your participation!

For more information, read: "In Pine Brook Hills, United We Ought to Stand," an article in the Pine Brook Press, Summer 2009 edition that you have received (also available at www.pinebrookhills.org.)

Please fill out the survey. Your opinion matters!



NEIGHBORLY



Photo By Jim Adams

Janet Hummer pitches in to help maintain PBH roads.

The Alexanders suggested that we publish stories written by Pine Brookers about their pets. We suggested that they start off the series by writing about their work with greyhounds.

SAVING THE GREYHOUNDS

By Bill Alexander

My adventure began with a big snafu. The Boulder Enterprise rental van reserved for Monday morning had not been returned Sunday night so there was no vehicle available when I arrived on the lot! Therein followed a 7:00 a.m. panic attack and prime-time drama at the rental counter (aided by a serious lack of coffee) but eventually I drove to an Enterprise office in Denver and secured another vehicle. At last I began my road trip, agitated but determined to drive eight hours straight through to Abilene, Kansas and pick up ex-racing greyhounds to be rescued from a Florida racetrack. Abilene is the greyhound breeding epicenter of the country, home of the Greyhound Hall of Fame and the National Greyhound Association.



Bill and Friends

When I arrived in Abilene I met the hauler and was greeted by the dogs I came to save. These dogs literally came off the track 48 hours earlier. I photographed each dog and then

lovingly loaded them into their new home for the next eight hours. In the beginning they milled about trying to peer out the windows to feel the car breezes against their faces for the first time in their lives. Freedom must have felt good. Eventually they settled in, sprawling on the floor of the van, each in his own art form, sleeping. I wondered what they were dreaming about...

Upon entering the Denver area one dog was delivered to the Colorado Greyhound Adoption Program and the rest to the Almost Home for Hounds Program in Fort Collins, where they eventually were transported to

adoption groups in California, Utah and Washington. Thanks to donations for this effort, I'm hoping for a 20 dog haul in October!

A little background on the racing industry today: greyhounds are overbred, and countless young, healthy pups are culled each year simply because they are not good racers who will bring in a profit for their owners. If they survive the culling they go on to a life of misery at a greyhound track where they are confined in their kennel almost 23 hours a day with barely enough room to stand up and turn around. The industry standard is to feed them 4D raw meat from downed, dead, diseased and dying animals, food deemed unfit for human consumption by the USDA. Their muzzles are often left on permanently, they are doubled up in their cages and the stench of ammonia from lack of cleaning and ventilation is horrific. They also need to survive the risk of racing injuries such as broken legs, crushed skulls, paralysis, cardiac arrest or electrocution. If they manage to surmount all the challenges above, they most definitely need to elude the kill truck which visits their facility on a routine basis and transports them to destinations where they are quietly and secretly disposed of. Greyhounds suffer and die for the sake of entertainment and profit. I hope the time has come when the public will no longer tolerate this type of mistreatment of man's best friend. The greyhounds do love to run, but they should not have to run for their lives.



LADYBUGS

This has been a great year for these beneficial insects along the Front Range. The wet early summer led to an explosion in the population of aphids and a subsequent rise in the population of Ladybugs (or Ladybirds) which feed on these plant pests.

Our Ladybug species is *Hippodamia convergens*, who, as the name implies, like to gather en masse at mating time! In the west their preferred locations are mountain tops (as can be attested by many PBH residents).

"Ladybird, ladybird"

Ladybird, ladybird,
Fly away home,
Your house is on fire
And your children all gone;
All except one

And that's little Ann,
And she has crept under
The warming pan.

Anonymous

COME TO THE HOA OKTOBERFEST, WEDNESDAY, OKTOBER 28

Pine Brooker David Hummer, a Founder of Boulder Beer, will talk about Beer

And he knows something about it. Although David grew up in a farm family where beer was not allowed, he corrected his course in college, and subsequently we might call his story, "My Life with Beer." This would be in addition to a career as an astrophysicist with JILA (Joint Institute for Laboratory Astrophysics) at the University of Colorado.

David first met beer in college, and later, while working in San Diego, he had access to good Mexican beer. In London on a Fulbright Scholarship he became acquainted with good English beer (and with his wife, Janet). Later, five years in Munich provided him with a detailed knowledge of good Munich beer. His conclusion: "Beer is fun. It can be serious fun, but it's fun."

In the mid 70's he began home-brewing beers in his kitchen. This became a serious thing - he bought books and studied beer-making, brewing five gallons every weekend. He took scrupulous brewing and tasting notes and shared his recipes with "Stick" Ware, a young post doc at JILA. They gave their beer to friends, who often uttered the magic phrase, "You guys ought to start a brewery." And, in September of '78, he and Ware did in fact start Boulder Brewery in a goat shed located between Longmont and Lyons. He calls this, "The most irresponsible thing I've ever done." By '79 he and two partners expanded the shed to 1200 square feet and built better equipment. And in July, '80, their beers went on the market. In 1982 a penny-stock offering brought in two million dollars, from which they built the brewery on Wilderness Place, where Boulder Beer exists to this day. Although David is no longer associated with Boulder Beer, he always attends "The Goatshed Revival," held every year to celebrate the anniversaries. Recently the 30th anniversary of the Brewery was celebrated by a week of events, culminating with a party at the Boulder Theatre. From the pictures on the internet it looked like quite a blast

If you drink a lot of beer, what do you do with all the cans and tops? The 20 foot long dragon sculpture, created by Janet and Julius Hummer from a fallen tree in the Hummers' yard and many, many beer cans and bottle tops, is the ultimate recycling project. See it on the front page of this issue.

MOUNTAIN EXPRESSIONS 2009

By Marysue Huckabee

Mark your calendars for Mountain Expressions 2009. This year it's one week later than usual, on Saturday and Sunday, November 14 and 15. The show is a wonderful display of neighborhood talent and an excellent holiday shopping opportunity. Proceeds benefit local artists and our fire department, so be



sure to come to the Firehouse/Community Center to shop.

Would you like to donate your time to help? Would you like to have a booth? Can you help out with donating baked goods? Please call Marysue Huckabee at 303.443.7409 to volunteer. Packets will be mailed to artists this month.



HELLO? HELLO??

TIME FOR A NEW PBH DIRECTORY

Every two years the Pine Brook Hills HOA sponsors a new Directory. It's that time again, and we need everyone's help in making the Directory as complete and accurate as possible. You can enter your information online by going to www.pinebrookhills.org and clicking on 2010 Directory Form. This is the time to correct any errors in previous editions! Don't tell us after the thing is printed that you changed your email address five years ago!

You will also receive a form in the mail, which when completed can be dropped off in the HOA box at the Community Center/Firehouse or mailed to the HOA at 1907 Linden Drive. If you take that option, for pity sakes write neatly! We make enough mistakes as it is. An uncomplaining neighbor named Claudius was listed as Claudia for years. An entry which should have read

“And Marcie” looked to us like “Annemarie,” which is what we printed, leading Marcie to wonder, “And who is this Annemarie living at our address?”

It is very helpful to have email addresses, which appear in the “street” section of the Directory. Because the Pine Brook Press only comes out quarterly, the email addresses help us reach the community quickly if there is need to spread some news quickly.

Send us some beautiful pictures! We are looking for a cover photo capturing some aspect of life in Pine Brook Hills.

Entries for the new Directory need to be received by NOVEMBER 5. To insure accuracy as to gender and marital arrangements (see above), be sure to respond by the deadline and avoid being misidentified until 2012. Thank you!



WILDLIFE AS PINE BROOK HOUSEGUESTS

By Peter D. Goldfinch



As we enter the third quarter here in Pine Brook, it seems timely to consider certain wildlife that will soon be guests in most of our homes.

Naturally I refer to *Leptoglossus occidentalis*, the brown

10-20 mm leaf-footed bug that is prone to drop in this season. As you know, there are many orders of insects. Our particular little guest-friends (which we may refer to affectionately as “LO”) belong to the Order *Coreidae*, the TRUE BUGS. Not just your ordinary everyday insect, but real, honest-to-goodness official BUGS.

LO is a leaf-footed bug, which refers to the leaf-like widening of the posterior tibia. Looking at the underside of LO with your magnifying glass you notice the beak retracted between the legs, almost 2/3 the length of LO’s body. Leaf footed bugs in the genus *Leptoglossus* feed and develop primarily on seeds, especially those of pines, Douglas Fir and other conifers. These bugs can be seen in the summer developing on young pine cones or seeds of various trees and shrubs. In the fall, as adults, they move into your house, of course, to keep warm.

At mating time, adult LO’s pair end to end, being

totally unaware of the missionary position. Many eggs are produced, for insects experience a high rate of infant mortality. Nymphs hatch, progressing to full adulthood through a series of molts, a process known as ecdysis, shedding the outer layer of skin. The behavior of human ecdysiasts, or stripteasers, may actually be a genetically determined throwback to this more primitive behavior of insects and snakes.

So now you are informed, forewarned, prepared to be the impeccable host when your guests arrive. Like many human guests, they come uninvited, unannounced. You do not hear their footprints coming down the hall. They’ve burned their wild oats and are coming in to escape the weather. They could be frozen to a crisp out there. Soon your lovely Pine Brook house will be overflowing at the gills with LOs. You may feel there’s a pit in your stomach, but you must take the bull by the reins and exude hospitality.

To the best of our knowledge, LO is not religious. You, as host, need not concern yourself with dietary restrictions such as meat on Fridays, pork, etc. No concerns about excluding outbursts of profanity or obscenity from your verbal expressions.

Oh, there is one thing about diet. LO is phytophagous and eats only plant juices, which is fine with me. It’s just that I’m fed up with having vegetarian human friends over for dinner and having them refuse the filet mignon or beef tenderloin we customarily serve. Their attitude is so morally condescending. An honest, “I’m phytophagous” would suffice, and I’d be glad to serve any kind of vegetable material they wished.

I almost forgot something else...LO is a stinkbug. Each one has a large stink or “repugnatorial” gland. If you by some oversight happen to ingest a stinkbug it can leave a lingering distaste in your month. But, not to worry. Some human house guests can be stinkers, too.

And what about the inevitable question about your guests’ departure date? No problem. These house guests simply terminate. Sooner or later they die like hotcakes. You may have concern about negative publicity over the death of a house guest, with visions of the sheriff outside the door, waiting to snap on the cufflinks. Unlikely, except in certain environmentally correct communities and, besides, LO is not an endangered species.

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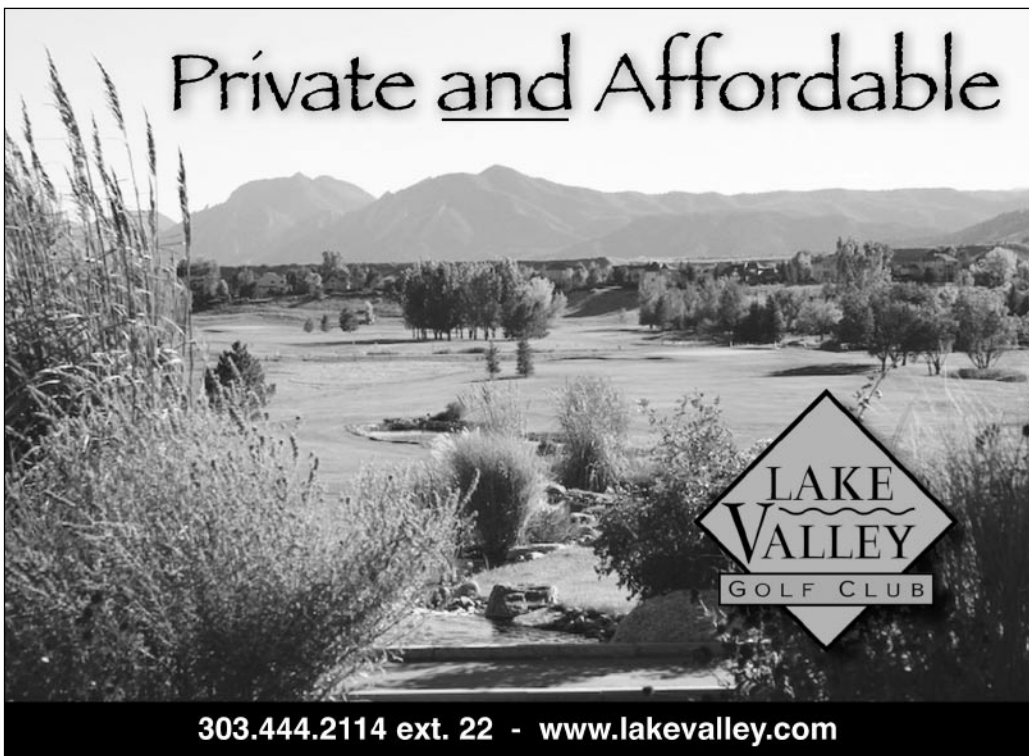
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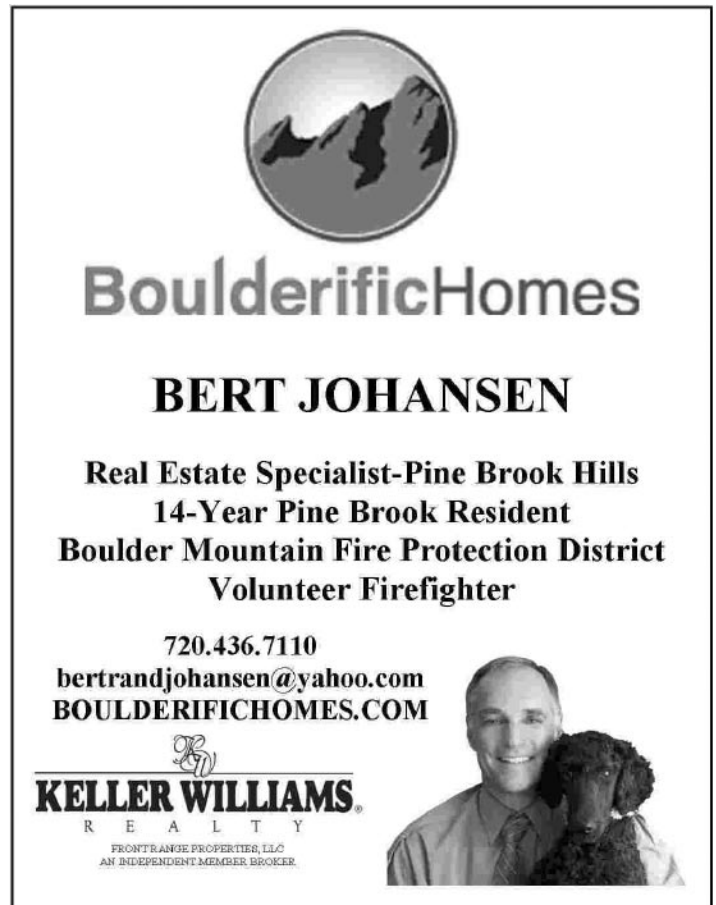
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PINE BROOK'S QUIRKY PLACE NAMES

Pine Brook Hills has a colorful history for one so young, having been founded in the 60's by a man who has been called a crook, a madman and a visionary genius. Some of the unofficial place names suggest difficulties encountered by the early settlers. For example, the stretch of Timber Lane from the curve at 725 and 727 Timber up to High View Drive is still known as "Peanut Butter Hill," a reference to the quality of the then unpaved road after a rain in the early days.

A more cautionary note is sounded by the designation "Dead Man's Curve," AKA "Never Summer Corner," on Timber Lane opposite 242. That shaded area is at the bottom of a generally sunny hill, and the road is banked the wrong way, making the small stream by the road a popular watering hole for cars going too fast in winter. Be careful there.

A "pet" place name that is still appropriate is "Ladybug Hill," at the end of Alder Lane. Every autumn one can see rocks and trees turned red by the presence of thousands of ladybugs. The pictures on pages one and two of this issue were taken there this year.

Bow Mountain used to be called Shield Mountain, as its shape resembled a shield to some early settlers. The question remains, does it resemble a bow?

Then of course there is the "Cut," the "S Curves," and "Dead Deer Straightaway" between them on lower Linden. But let's be more cheerful. Perhaps the most romantic name is one given many years ago by some young neighborhood boys to a large rock outcropping below Alpine and Alder. They named it "The Rocks of Enchantment."

Isn't it nice to live here?



PLEASE WELCOME OUR PBH NEWCOMERS!

By Jo Wiedemann, Newcomer Welcome Committee

Chris Toney has moved into 458 Pine Tree Lane with his beautiful four year old daughter, Jade. Chris is a certified arborist and owner of TLC Tree Expert, Inc. <http://www.tlctreeexpert.com>. He has been an arborist for ten years, eight of them in Boulder. He loves his job and looks forward to waking up and going to work. When he's not trimming or removing trees he enjoys competing in tree climbing events, rock climbing, skiing, mountain biking, listening to music, cooking, hanging with friends, but mostly playing with his daughter and living in Pine Brook.

Shannon and Noel Bennett have moved into 1373 Linden Drive. Our new neighbors have two children, Wiley (six) and Barrett (eight), both attending Foot-hills Elementary. Shannon and Noel are self-employed mortgage brokers with Insight Financial, 3025 47th St., Boulder. They also own a dry cleaning company, Revolution Cleaners, at 3320 Arapahoe in Boulder. Both Shannon and Noel are natives of Boulder. The family loves to hike, bike and ski. They feel that they are getting away from it all when they come home to Pine Brook Hills.

Amber and Ian Morris moved to 22 Pine Brook Road in July. After nearly a decade of living in Chicago, the couple was ready for a more relaxed way of life. The Morrises selected Boulder as their new home for its great weather, outdoor activities, cultural pursuits, and friendly citizens. They chose PBH because of its closeness to town, the stunning views, privacy, and "to try their hand at mountain living." Ian and Amber both enjoy hiking, camping, traveling and photography. Ian is a keen hang glider pilot, biker, and sailor. Amber enjoys running, reading and gardening and is looking forward to the challenge of high-altitude baking. As a software developer, Ian works remotely for a national company. An editor, proofreader and writer, Amber is searching for a publishing position in the Boulder area.

Larry and Tina Hirshland recently moved into their home at 2064 Timber Lane. They came here from Devon, PA (outside of Philadelphia). Their three children are Haley (seven), Janet (five) and Sam (two). Haley and Jamie go to Foothills; Sam is at JCC preschool. Larry is in commercial real estate and Tina is a registered dietitian, now a stay at home mom. They had only been to Boulder twice before they bought their home in Pine Brook. They moved here for a life style change and love hiking, biking, skiing and anything to do with the outdoors.

Ryan and Grace Franz now live at 982 N Cedar Brook. Ryan is an engineer and Grace is a nurse. They have a cat named Chaucer. After working in California for some years they say that they finally made it back home to Boulder and have quickly become part of the PBH community, both joining the BeetleBusters. They love to hike, bike, climb mountains and ski. Ryan is a Boulder County native, and Grace is also from the area, as she demonstrated by winning the "Pine Brook Spook Light" competition on the Forum! It seems that in the early 70's a weird, unidentifiable spooky light used to appear on summer evenings at the end of

Beaver Lane. The ethereal manifestation disappeared a bit after midnight and was the subject of much speculation among the residents in units 4 and 5. Oooh, what WAS it? Grace identified it as a movie projector overspill from the old Holiday Drive-in on 36. Yeay, Grace!
And WELCOME, ALL!

Chris and Jade Toney



Amber and Ian Morris



Shannon, Wiley, Barrett and Noel Bennett



Haley, Larry, Tina, Sam and Janet Hirshland



Grace and Ryan Franz



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An Image from the Summer Square Dance. August 2, '09



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"Best Apple Tree," on Linden above the Community Center

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