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2018 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

HOA MEMBERSHIP MEETING - OCTOBER 30

6:00 PM - Come and enjoy the POTLUCK DINNER

7:00 PM - PBH Wildlife: Small Animals & Insects

HOA Board Meetings - Meeting begins at 7:00 PM. Next meeting is on October 23.

BMFPD Board - Meets the second Monday of every month at 4:00 PM at Station 1 in PBH. Call 444-0235 for specifics.

BMFPD Water Board - Meets the third Thursday of every month at 4:30 PM. Call the Water Office at 443-5394 for specific dates.

BMFPD AUXILIARY - Meets quarterly on Sundays. Next meeting is October 21, 2:00-4:00 PM. Email auxpresident@bouldermountainfire.org for more information.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE - Meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM.

HALLOWEEN CRAFTS FOR KIDS - October 14 from 3:00-4:30 PM.

PARTY IN THE PINES - Save the Date! Saturday, November 3. Get a sitter. Plan your outfit. Join a carpool. Details to come!

BOULDER MOUNTAIN HANDMADE - The Auxiliary's popular arts and crafts market is scheduled for November 10 and 11, 2018 at the Elks Lodge 10 AM-4PM each day.

COOKIES AND CARDS - December 1 from 3:00-4:30. Enjoy making thank you cards for BMFPD firefighters and decorating holiday cookies.

Share your photos!

Email your high resolution PBH images to press@pinebrookhills.org.
Thanks to Param Singh for capturing this sunset.





PRESIDENT'S PATTTER By Rob Quinn

"Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall." –F. Scott Fitzgerald.

The weather is glorious, nature is alive, and the wildlife is plentiful. Hold on, didn't I just write that line about summer in the last PBP issue? I did, but it is also true for fall. It is feeding season for the bears, and mating season for the elk and bighorn sheep. Colorado is transformed into beautiful colors with the yellow of aspens and the red and orange of sumac and chokeberries. The change of seasons is marvelous.

ROAD REPAIRS. Boulder County Road Maintenance has been doing some welcome and much needed paving repairs to PBH roads this year. BCRM does these repairs from a priority list put together by our HOA Road Committee, chaired by Peter King-Smith. Priorities are established based upon safety first and road volume second. Peter works closely with BCRM in trying to keep our roads in as safe a condition as is possible, given BoCo's paving resources. To find out more details and how to provide input on paving repairs for next year, please see Peter's article posted on the PBH Forum here: <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/pinebrookhills/conversations/messages/9534> and on p. 18 in this issue. We are grateful for Peter's fine work on maintaining neighborhood roads over the years.

PBH EVACUATION ROUTES. Speaking of roads, if some day you receive a Boulder County reverse 911 Everbridge call to immediately evacuate your home because of an emergency, would you know what route to take out of PBH and would you have an evacuation map handy in your car? It is very easy to prepare for this. Just go to our HOA website here and print it out: <http://www.pinebrookhills.org/images/Evacuation%20Map%202004.pdf>. Depending on where you live in PBH, this map will show you the best evacuation route. Be sure to keep an eye out for BMFPD personnel who during an emergency may direct you to a different route, if your planned route

is compromised. There is much more emergency preparedness information on our website: <http://www.pinebrookhills.org/Emergency-Prep/index.html>, where there are materials from BMFPD and others. Are you ready?

Signup for BMFPD alerts. If you haven't already done so, take a minute or two and sign up for BMFPD's new emergency alert system. This email list will be used only to provide information about urgent matters such as fires, floods, and water system breaks. It is separate from BOCO's Everbridge. You can sign up here: <http://www.bouldermountainfire.org/Notifications>. You need it.

By now you should have received the 2018/2019 PBH Directory. Thanks to Brian Wahlert and Bob Olliver for their enormous efforts on this important project.

One more PBH HOA meeting for 2018. That meeting is on October 30, 2018, with a potluck supper at 6pm and our general meeting beginning at 7pm. Among other things, we plan to have a presentation on wildlife, but not of the type you usually think of. See p. 19 for details. I hope to see you there.

I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU.

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ARC: NEW MEMBERS, FOCUSED REVIEWS By Eric Erickson, Co-Chair

Without boring you with lots of numbers regarding applications received to date, the number of new homes in PBH, and significant remodels that ARC has reviewed in 2018, I must say that the support of and compliance with our Unified Covenants has been excellent. Pine Brook Hills, in my opinion, continues to be an exceptional community providing the opportunity for our residents to express a wide range of eclectic architectural designs while complying with the terms and intent of our Covenants.

Within that framework, I am pleased to announce that three new members have joined our Committee since the beginning of 2018, Sylvia Andrejczuck, Natasha Bodorff, and Rob Mohr. Sylvia is a real estate broker and has joined us by virtue of her position on the HOA Board as Vice President. Natasha is an interior architectural designer, stepping in as committee co-chair. Rob is a recently retired commercial real estate developer and investor. They join Jim Eyster, Rob Gordon, Tim Triggs, and me. We are delighted with the opportunity to work together because we believe that as volunteers we are able to bring to the architectural review process a wide range of professional perspectives, a sincere and rational respect for our Unified Covenants, as well as a love of our extraordinary community and a high degree of respect for our fellow residents.

We are mindful during our reviews of subordinating our focus on the architectural design of a new home, addition or accessory structure to the specific and limited authorizations specified in our Covenants. We strive to ensure that what is being proposed is in "harmony with the character of the existing neighborhood." To that end, we are highly dependent upon and always pleased to receive thoughtful and constructive neighborhood comments regarding the proposed changes to the property under review.

As an ARC, we are committed to doing our best to facilitate the resolution of sometimes conflicting design perspectives between existing neighbors and new project owners. At the same time we are well aware of the specific responsibilities of the ARC delineated in our Unified Covenants. We strongly encourage you, when Public Notice is received, to attend the scheduled Committee Review and contribute your thoughts and concerns to our committee and the property owner of the particular project.

A sincere thanks to all of you who willingly and respectfully support our Covenants and work with us every day to keep Pine Brook Hills an exemplary, interdependent and beautiful community!

WE ON THE ARC CONTINUE TO MAKE OUR REVIEWS AS SMOOTH AND PROMPT AS POSSIBLE. OUR PRIMARY GOALS ARE TO ENSURE THE FOLLOWING:

- the exterior colors and materials are consistent with the intent of our Covenants
- the location of the proposed structural improvement is in harmony with the natural terrain, existing contiguous properties and the overall character of the neighborhood
- the neighborhood residents are aware of the upcoming project and have ample opportunity to express any concerns or support they may have regarding the project

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ON THE WATERFRONT By Bob de Haas

By now you should have received a postcard notice with reference to water rate discussions. The Board is considering a new water rate that better insures that no matter what type of year (wet, dry, or normal), the district can count on water sales to be sufficient to pay for fixed operational costs while allowing more funds to be added to reserves. For more information please visit our website at <http://www.pinebrookwater.com/home.html#> and read the full notice.

At this time of year, the Board begins work on the proposed budget for 2019 with a goal of having a draft available for review by October 15. It will be posted to our website and copies will be available from the office. There will be public hearings on November 15 and December 13 at regularly scheduled Board meetings held at 1905 Linden Drive (the Community Center) beginning at 4:30 pm. A final budget will be adopted during the December 13 meeting.

Not sure if everyone noticed, but this has been a drought year! The good news is that we have been able to keep up with the demand

because of the reservoir which has been drawn down, but is certainly not at a critical level. The District was not able to transfer any of its raw water rights for most of July, all of August, and into September. As designed, the reservoir has allowed the District to supply adequate water to everyone without having to limit usage or put out warnings. This has made life better for all of us.

We have finished painting the inside and outside of one of our storage tanks, as planned. Much of the money for this project was from FEMA funds. In the spring we will be painting another storage tank, and again, much of that cost is being paid for by FEMA funds. The District shares the costs associated with painting the tanks and pays for all repairs needed for them...an example of expenses coming from reserves because water sales have not covered the full operational costs of the District for the last several years. This has resulted in slowly declining reserves and a need to look at water rates.



Twin Deer, photo by Jim Adams

WELCOME NEWCOMERS TO PBH!

With Megan Bolitho and Jo Wiedemann



AARON PILLING AND EMMA-KATE LIBBURY moved into Pine Brook Hills in July and are thoroughly enjoying the peace, tranquility, and natural beauty surrounding their new home. Aaron has lived in Colorado for almost a decade, having previously lived in Bloomington, Indiana, where he earned his PhD in cell biology at Indiana University. He works for a biotech firm in Boulder and is a talented cyclist. Emma-Kate is a professional triathlete and former journalist who moved to the US in 2013 from her native UK to join a triathlon team in California. She has lived in Boulder for two years. They are an active, energetic and sociable couple who will no doubt often be spotted riding their bikes up and down Linden en route to training rides around Boulder. They are both looking forward to getting involved in the community and making many new friends in Pine Brook Hills.

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE: ICE CREAM SOCIAL, UPCOMING EVENTS By Sarah Wahlert



ON AUGUST 26 APPROXIMATELY 75 NEIGHBORS GATHERED FOR THE ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL. The crowd enjoyed a sundae bar with ice cream from Glacier Ice Cream. Kids played in the bouncy house and enthusiastically tried to guess the number of items in a variety of jars.

Thanks to all who were able to make it to the social. It's always fun to catch up with neighbors and meet some new ones. A huge thank you goes out to the amazing volunteers including Allen Saville, Ben Pratt, Natasha Bodorff, Mark Anderson, Della King-Smith, Maria Wik, Sylvia Andrejczuk, Heather Fennity, Susan Schiff, Alex Blumen, Gabi DeAngelis, and Brian Wahlert.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the upcoming events from the social committee. Join us at the Community Center on October 14 from 3:00-4:30 pm for an afternoon of Halloween crafts. On November 3, the Party in the Pines, formerly known as the PBH Gala, will be back thanks to Emelie Griffith. On December 1 from 3:00-4:30 pm at the Community Center, we'll be making thank you notes for the fire department and decorating holiday cookies. More details will be sent closer to the events.



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ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS: COMMUNITY MEMORIAL GARDEN

By Mike Von Hatten

The Community Memorial Garden located at Linden Drive and South Cedar Brook is complete. Thanks to the efforts of volunteers from across the Fire District, members of the PBH Enhancement Team, and donations from residents, this garden is a memorial to the 2013 Front Range Flood...to those who lost their lives near the site, as well as to the heroic efforts of the members of Boulder Mountain Fire Protection District, residents, and local governmental agencies.



The completed Community Memorial Garden includes metal screens designed, fabricated, and donated by resident Uriah Beuhler. The materials for the landscaping were donated and installed by PBH residents.

The garden honors Wiyanna Nelson and Wesley Quinlan who lost their lives on Linden Drive when their car was caught in the debris flow from the canyon to the west of the area. Two of their friends were rescued from the car by a BMFPD firefighter who happened by at the right time.

Other rescue efforts happened across the fire district as residents experienced the results of the torrential rains and mud and rock slides. The memorial site exists because of the efforts and resilience of residents who supported each other through the event. As Chief Benson commented in his remarks, "We bent, but we did not break. We strained, but we did not snap."

On September 15 the fifth anniversary of the Flood, around 125 residents and officials came together to dedicate the site and remember Wiyanna and Wesley. Many members of their families were present, including their parents Glenda Aretxuloeta, Ron Quinlan, and Jennifer Nelson. Native American flute music provided by Bear Limvere welcomed guests as they arrived. He opened the ceremony with an honor song followed by a moment of silence for Wiyanna and Wesley and their families. Speakers included Boulder County Sheriff Joe Pella, BMFPD Chief John Benson, Boulder County Flood Recovery Manager Garry Sanfaçon, and BMFPD Firefighter and PBH resident

Allen Saville. Boulder County Commissioners Cindy Domenico and Elise Jones joined participants in marking the anniversary. Next-door neighbors to the garden, Steve and Glennis Smith welcomed participants to their property after the ceremony for a reception provided by the BMFPD Auxiliary.

The CMG is just the beginning. It demonstrates how a committed group of residents can transform an area into a beautiful and meaningful feature of the neighborhood. Plans are in the works to make improvements to the J. Kirk Hendricks Community Center. If you would like to join the Enhancement Team, contact Mike at mvhconsultant@earthlink.net. It is a rewarding and productive way to give back to the PBH community.

The Community Memorial Garden was dedicated on September 15.

PHOTOS ON THE RIGHT, COUNTER-CLOCKWISE FROM THE TOP:

Family and community members gathered on the plaza.

A plaque commemorates the events of the 2013 Front Range Flood at the site.

Sheriff Joe Pella and John Benson spoke to those gathered.

Family members gathered to remember the two young people who lost their lives.

Bear Limvere welcomed guests with Native American flute music.



Photos by Jim Adams

FAMILIAR FACES: PBH PIONEERS By Penny Triggs



Mel and Gale Beauprez, with their dog Lily and their carved bears

IF YOU HAPPEN TO DRIVE OUT TOWARDS 95TH STREET, LOUISVILLE WAY, you will be familiar with the Indian Peaks golf course that traverses east and west of that area. Before the golf course, a good portion of that land was the family farm where Mel Beauprez grew up. He drew my attention to an elongated framed photograph of the farm, their house and outbuildings in a pastoral setting, with Indian Peaks in the background. Sitting here writing this, that picture stays fresh in my mind, eliciting feelings of nostalgia for bygone times. It speaks of his grandfather in the early 1900's setting down roots in a locale of great beauty and creating a life for his family.

These early years for Mel were what began to shape him. He shared a strong work ethic born of daily farm chores and responsibilities. This was a family expectation of him and his brothers. With plenty of tractor repair under his belt, he has always been happy to tinker, rebuild, or restore.

Between then and now, Mel went on to work in the Boulder Valley School District, first as a physical education teacher, and later as principal at several schools in Boulder County. I sat with Mel and his wife Gale at a table in their home, all of us having a meandering conversation about their lives. I could accurately state that the two of them 'lit up' when we began to talk of their careers in education, and of how much they loved our school district. Repeatedly they said, "Boulder Valley is a fabulous place to teach."

As for living in Pine Brook, Mel was an early pioneer in our beloved community. Not only did he help pour the foundation for our PBH firehouse, he also got involved in the water district, learning "on the job" as he pitched in. These were days when we only had wells, and before we had access to Four Mile Creek for our water supply. It was with affection and respect that he voiced a real appreciation for how "our water system has evolved" to what it is today.

As our time together wrapped up, I was invited to see Mel's Man Cave, which Gale assured me was not to be missed. How right she was! Mel enjoys woodworking, and this workshop was set up just so. The space also included his beloved '84 Ford pickup. A unique gem of a space, supremely male!



Judy (left) and her daughter Andrea as they embarked on their 100-mile Swiss Alps hike

"ARE YOU A GROWN UP OR A KID?" asked one of Judy Tupy's young grandsons as she crawled around playing with him on the floor. Judy is petite and yes, playful, so perfectly understandable that he might ask! She refers to herself as a diehard Iowa farm girl, having never lost her love for all things down-home. A neighbor describes her as "your original can-do-anything woman!"

Judy, her husband Leon, and their three children moved to Pine Brook in 1979. She recalls some of the roads still being unpaved at that time, a condition much favored by youngsters in the neighborhood who had horses. Common sentiment was that black-topping the roads would be hard on the horses' hooves. As you walk about now, you can still spot old lean-to shelters which were put up to store the hay.

Judy recalled their first years when neighbors would "borrow over buy," when it was typical for one neighbor to say to the other "I'll grow the basil, you make the pesto." It was also a time when everyone came together to cut down swaths of pine trees in an effort to allay a phase of beetle-kill moving through.

Farm girl swiftly morphed into mountain woman. To this day you can frequently find several members of the Tupy clan out hiking, back packing and skiing together. Judy shared a few old photos with me. In one the family was all grins atop Long's Peak. Wait a minute! Three little kids fourteen thousand feet up! This stopped me in my tracks. The hike up Long's is not for the faint of heart.

In another photo, the one included with this article, Judy and one of her daughters hiked a one-hundred-mile hut to hut route in the Alps. Their trip was planned for a few days after the Colorado 2013 Front Range Flood. The hillside and section of road adjacent to Judy and Leon's house washed out and down a steep incline below. Judy says she hesitated for a few days about going through with the trip to Switzerland...love of adventure won out!

To this day Judy doesn't think twice about throwing her tent in the car and heading off solo for an overnight in the mountains. She said with a huge smile on her face that nothing beats the outdoors and fresh air. After all, here we are "in the largest playground in the world!"

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PBH COMMUNITY FUND By Brian Wahlert

The Pine Brook Hills Community Fund was established in 2017 as a nonprofit organization dedicated to public works and public safety in our community. The first project funded entirely through donations to the Community Fund (and made possible with many hours of volunteer labor from residents) was the beautiful new Community Memorial Garden at Pine Brook's entrance. If you would like to contribute to future projects (and receive a tax deduction for your contribution), go to <http://pinebrookhills.org/CommunityFund> to learn more, or just send a check to the PBH Community Fund at 1907 Linden Drive, Boulder, CO 80304. If you shop at Amazon, register to participate in Amazon Smile, their charitable giving program. You just need to register the Community Fund as your chosen charity here: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/82-1516892>. After you've registered, Amazon will direct a portion of your future purchases to the Community Fund. Thanks for helping to make Pine Brook an even more wonderful place to live!

THANK YOU, JO WIEDEMANN!

For the last seven years, Jo has headed up the HOA's Newcomer Welcome Committee. She gathers information and photos for the column that runs in the quarterly Pine Brook Press, and she delivers packets of information personally to all who are new to the neighborhood. Two years ago, her daughter Cyndi Wiedemann joined her on the committee. Jo and her husband Herb have owned property in PBH for 28 years, moving into their home here 25 years ago. Jo is an active volunteer in the community. In addition to her work with the HOA, she volunteers with the BMFPD Auxiliary in various capacities, including organizing the popular Home Tours program in the '90s. She and Cyndi are helping with this year's baked goods collection and are both part of the effort to donate art and craft items for the Auxiliary's Boulder Mountain Handmade Market.

The HOA thanks Jo and Cyndi for their contributions to the Newcomer Welcome Committee and welcomes Megan Bolitho who will be taking over the program. Megan is jumping right into neighborhood volunteer opportunities. She has been an integral part of the Auxiliary's BMH artist team this year, in addition to taking this new HOA position. If you have ideas for additional ways to help our new residents feel welcomed and part of the PBH community, let Megan know.

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BMFPD AUXILIARY HOSTS COMMUNITY EDUCATION SESSIONS AND GEARS UP FOR BOULDER MOUNTAIN HANDMADE

By Ann Blonston

Homeowners' Insurance in the Mountains: Over 60 residents of the fire district gathered at Station 1 on a Sunday afternoon to talk insurance. Gary Sanfaçon, Boulder County's Disaster Recovery Specialist and a mountain resident, offered an energetic review of lessons learned — often the hard way — by residents affected by the Four Mile fire and the 2013 flood.



Gary Sanfaçon presents insurance information to residents

New Resident Welcome: Chief Benson welcomed new fire district residents at the fall New Resident Welcome on September 17. These twice-a-year Auxiliary-sponsored sessions instituted in 2014 are designed to help newcomers jumpstart their fire safety knowledge, and learn how emergency services are provided in foothills communities.



Chief Benson helps new residents learn about fire safety

Gary Sanfaçon's slide presentation is available on the Auxiliary's website: bouldermountainfireauxiliary.org>Links & Info.
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Boulder Mountain Handmade Market, the Auxiliary's annual fundraising event, returns to Boulder's Elks Lodge on November 10 & 11, with a full range of fun for shoppers. Among the 60 plus independent artisans appearing this year are BMFPD residents Amy Mundinger, Ann Kruglak, Dana Birke and Ernest Fetrow. View the artisans' gallery at bouldermountainhandmade.com/artists

Fire district residents are the reason the event is such a successful fundraiser. Donations of an exceptional range of homemade baked goods have led to the BMH Bakery's reputation as Boulder's best bake sale. Every item in the Auxiliary's ever-popular art and craft market is handmade by residents. With over a month until the event, there is still time to sign up to bake, donate art or craft work, perform at the market, or volunteer to help your friends and neighbors at the event.

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SETTLING IN TO MOUNTAIN LIVING By Cheri Cathey



Velvet Antler, Photo by Ramon Diaz

I've called Pine Brook Hills home for many years and am excited to see new families move in refreshing our community. There are many unique aspects of this neighborhood that might be missed at first glance...or take a while to figure out. Living in the mountains with wildlife, quiet vistas, dark nights, and a complex eco-system takes a special kind of stewardship. From a long-time resident to our welcome newcomers, here are a few tips and thoughts to consider. If you have lived here awhile, like me, these ideas can serve as reminders to all of us about what we need to do to take care of this place we call home.

Volunteering is a big aspect of PBH. As Judy Tupy mentioned in her interview in this issue's Familiar Faces, we have a long history of neighbors helping neighbors. It's great to get involved. While many tend to look at charities and volunteer positions in the City or County, we have so many ways to volunteer right here in our

immediate community. Consider taking an active role in the HOA and its projects: Board positions and committees, social activities, enhancement efforts, the gardening group. If you want a little adventure, talk to Chief Benson about training as a firefighter. Or join the Auxiliary in providing community education, fundraising, provisioning, and recognition to support fire department needs. Opportunities like these give you a chance to contribute to the "can do" spirit of the neighborhood, while getting to know your neighbors through worthwhile projects that benefit all of us.

Understanding the eco system of these foothills environs can be complicated. Make an effort to know what grows here naturally and doesn't need a lot of water to thrive. Talk to the BMFPD Fire Mitigation crew about what to plant that mitigates the danger of fire on your property, particularly close to your home. Ask your landscaper to tell you about xeriscape gardening to minimize the amount of water it will take to keep your garden looking good. Learn to identify the few really noxious weeds that grow in PBH—myrtle spurge, poison hemlock, cheatgrass—and remove them from your property.

Water is precious to Coloradans, especially those living in the mountains. Think about landscaping with something other than a traditional lawn that needs to be watered. Besides keeping your water bill down, conservation efforts will preserve this natural resource for our children.

Light pollution is particularly noticeable here in the foothills where many of us enjoy looking at a dark nighttime sky to enjoy the stars. Boulder County has requirements for new homes that involve the use of downward-directed exterior lights. Although most of our homes aren't required to meet those new guidelines, consider replacing exterior lighting with options that meet these requirements. Turn your lights off at night! There is no need to leave the lights on all the time...use them to take your pets out or guide a guest to her car...then turn the lights off.



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Noise pollution can be especially annoying to neighbors. Most people who live in the woods moved here to enjoy the sounds of nature. Loud music, barking dogs, roaring engines...even loud talking can be disruptive to those around you. Sound carries in our hills and valleys, requiring us to be quieter than someone in town might need to be.

Fire Mitigation is critical to giving your home the best chance of survival in a forest fire. Trimming the vegetation around your home, especially dry grasses, to create a defensible space decreases available fuels. In most areas our forests are significantly overgrown, but that doesn't mean clear cutting is the answer. Some of our trees have taken 100 to 200 years to grow. Ask the BMFPD Mitigation Crew to do a free audit on your property to help you figure out whether you need to remove one tree or a bunch of trees to return the forest on your property to its natural density and be fire-safe. Take a look at the Mit Crew's website for more details about wildfire preparedness and to request a site visit: <https://www.bmfmitcrew.com/>.

Wildlife is often a reason people move to PBH. They want to get closer to nature. When your neighbor tells you he saw a bear, take it seriously. We live in the Wildland Urban Interface and the animals were here first. Don't give them a reason to interact with you or your pets. It might not end well. Be careful about bird feeders—most wildlife experts caution against them. Don't leave your pets outside unattended or leave their food outside. Be particularly cautious at dawn and dusk when animals are patrolling. As the apple pie story on p. 19 illustrates, bears really do come inside, if they have the opportunity and a reason.

Trash disposal is tricky here. Garbage and recycling bins need to be kept in locations where the animals can't get to them and the high winds can't blow them down the street or into the neighbor's yard. Put your bins out on the morning of scheduled pick up. The

night before just doesn't work here—gives the critters too much access.

Driving in Pine Brook is a great experience. It feels like you're getting away from it all when you leave the increasingly congested streets in the city and reach Pine Brook's wide-open roads and gorgeous views. Walkers and joggers, bicyclists, children playing, school buses, pets, and wildlife all share our roads, so drive cautiously. The combination of narrow roads, sharp turns, and blind corners make certain locations in Pine Brook especially hazardous. Take your time and enjoy the journey.

Be prepared for winter weather. As we move into the winter season, talk to your tire expert about snow tires and discuss when is the best time to have them put on the car. Make sure you keep emergency equipment in the car: warm clothes, a flashlight, water, battery cables. Watch the forums for road information and when Chief Benson says stay home, stay home.

PBH is not just a suburb of Boulder. It's really more like a village. It has unique challenges and an incredible community of neighbors who support one another. Watch for twice a year New Resident Welcomes sponsored by the BMFPD Auxiliary to hear Chief Benson give information and advice about settling in to your new neighborhood. Sign up for the online forum at this link to get advice and information about the neighborhood: <http://pinebrookhills.org/Forum/index.html>. Go through your new resident packets provided by the HOA and the Auxiliary, and let someone know if you have questions. Knock on your neighbors' door and say hello, if they haven't already knocked on yours...we are all looking forward to welcoming you.

Thanks to Emelie Griffith, BMFPD's Mike Palamara, and Brian Wablert who along with the PBP Editor contributed to this article.



PBH resident Tom Anglewicz displayed Lodgepole Pine and a Japanese Black Pine artwork at the Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society exhibit at Denver Botanical Gardens in September. Tom is president of the society and a frequent exhibitor at this juried show.

PBH ROADS IMPROVED By Peter King-Smith

This has been a better than average year for road paving in Pine Brook. Significant sections of Pine Tree, Upper Timber, Hawk, Bristlecone and Alpine have been resurfaced. Several additional sections on Upper Timber and Wild Horse have been marked and will hopefully be completed by the time you receive this Pine Brook Press issue.



Each year members of your Roads Committee and HOA drive all PBH paved county roads to compile a priority list which we submit and review with BoCo Road Maintenance. The county makes the final decision as to where and how much can be done in PBH each year. Paving resources are quite variable from year to year depending on other road projects in the county, materials, crews, and funds available. We usually submit about five sections annually for consideration with the hope that we can get two or three done. In recent years this has been the typical result, but this year has been much better.

Our priority list is based on road condition with safety first and traffic volume second. If your road has not yet had work done, it is most likely that the volume of traffic is less than other areas. Should you want to suggest any section of road for consideration please email the Roads Committee at Roads@PineBrookHills.org or use the roads maintenance request link on the Roads page of the PBH website. To identify a section(s) for consideration, it must be on a paved road, be a quarter mile or less (however, multiple reported sections can be contiguous), must not be on a private road, and you need to provide street addresses at the start and end of the section.

BoCo Road Maintenance has been very responsive to the priority list the Roads Committee has provided to them each of the last few years, and this year they have been able to address considerably more than just our priority requests. Over recent years they have worked closely with us to significantly improve the safety of our roads for residents, fire and emergency crews, our kids on school buses and their drivers, the county's snow plow operators, and recreational users.

Securing long term funding for the rebuild of all BoCo subdivision roads, including the rest of our roads, is a process that we have been working on for many years. We were able to have Linden re-classified by the county as a community use road and as such it has been rebuilt and will continue to be fully maintained by the county. We met last May and will continue to meet regularly with County Commissioners and BoCo Transportation to get this resolved. Everyone wants an answer, but consensus as to how to raise around \$70M is still elusive. In the interim we'll continue to work to keep our roads as safe as possible which has actually gone pretty well over the last few years.

Better PBH roads does NOT mean you can now drive faster! Please show respect for the work we've done over the years to make our roads safer. It has taken significant volunteer time and a great deal of county funding to make our roads safer. Please don't negate our efforts by driving faster. While the Roads Committee has no desire to be the speed police, here's something to think about. Driving the three miles from upper PBH to Linden and Broadway at an average speed of 30 mph takes 6.0 minutes and at 35 mph it takes 5.1 minutes. If you make a conscious effort to allow 1 minute longer each way to go 5 mph slower every time you drive up or down you will make PBH roads dramatically safer for yourself, your family, the wildlife, and all the rest of us.

You'll be surprised how nice it is to relax a little and soak in the beauty of our surroundings while driving at a more leisurely pace for the small part of your drive that is PBH. Who knows, the karma this can bring may allow you to be more relaxed as you leave and return home and so enjoy this special place even more. Try it and see...

BEARS AND APPLE PIE By Evie Gray

Neighbors Bernie and Johanna Bach had an unexpected visitor this summer, as have a number of PBH residents. They were enjoying a quiet afternoon at home—Johanna was reading, and Bernie was in his office on the phone—when Johanna heard a noise like the bread drawer opening in the kitchen. She called out, “Is that you, Bernie?”

No response.

She heard another kitchen noise as something dropped, and asked again, “What’s up?”

No reply.

She asked again, this time poking her head around the corner to look into the kitchen. That’s when she saw the back end of a bear exiting through the kitchen door! She screamed so loudly that the bear paused in his departure to look around at her as if to say, “What in the world is wrong with this screaming woman?” The bear shuffled up the hill in untidy haste as Johanna continued to scream.

Bernie, who was on the phone with a client, ended the conversation, saying, “I have to go now. My wife is screaming.”

Bernie and Johanna ventured cautiously into the kitchen, and discovered that the bread drawer was open, and the apple pie that had been on the counter was completely consumed, leaving only the licked-clean pie dish and a tiny bit of the burnt crust around the top edge.

Johanna said she had left the glass kitchen door open to enjoy the cross breeze, and the bear had entered through that door to snatch a tasty snack...and broke nothing! She won’t be leaving that door open anymore. As per the Bach’s youngest son Eric, “Don’t worry. The bear won’t be back—not after tasting Mom’s pie!”

EDITOR’S NOTE: We are delighted that the Bach’s bear visit could result in a chuckle for all of us and that Joanna, Bernie, and Eric are safe. On a serious note, many homes and properties have had bear visits this summer and fall. Our bears are beautiful creatures...from a distance. Best not to leave your doors open, your pets outside alone, or provide food for other animals that might attract them to your home. Be sure to check out the suggestions in the article on pages 16-17 regarding living safely with our mountain wildlife.

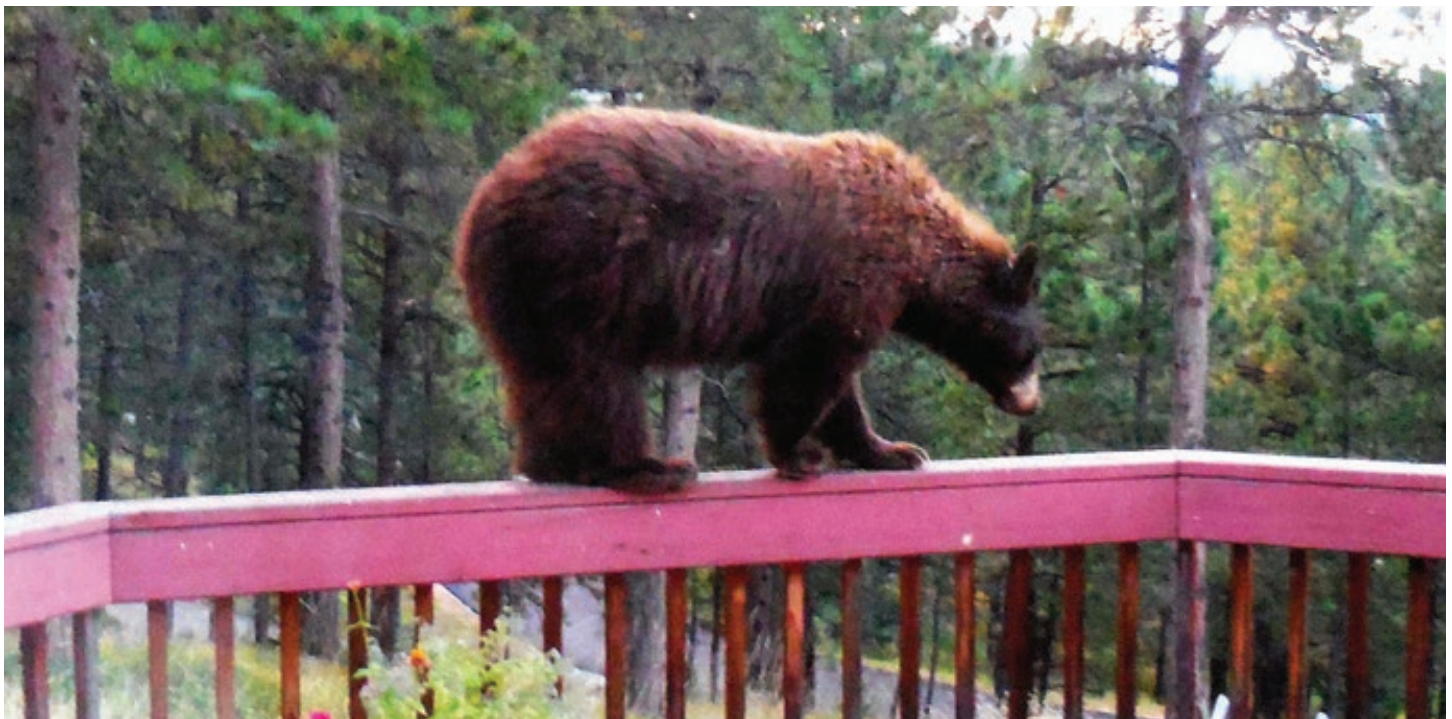


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OCTOBER 30 HOA MEETING

By Rob Quinn

Join neighbors for the last HOA meeting of 2018. Sharon Bokan, Small Acreage Coordinator for Colorado State University Extension will present “Small Animals and Insects in the Boulder County Foothills.” Potluck dinner begins at 6:00PM followed by the presentation at 7:00PM. Come for dinner or the presentation...or both. It promises to be an interesting evening.

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