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THE INTERNET AND OUR BRAINS: HOA TALK

At the HOA meeting on April 19th, we'll be joined by the author and PBH resident Nicholas Carr, who will discuss some of the themes from his bestselling new book [The Shallows: What the Internet Is Doing to Our Brains](#).



Nick and his wife Ann moved to Pine Brook Hills in December 2009, when he was putting the final touches on *The Shallows*. Published in June 2010, the book grew out of a much discussed 2008 article that Nick

wrote for the *Atlantic Monthly* called "Is Google Making Us Stupid?"

The book argues that the tools we use to think with (our "intellectual technologies") influence the way that we think. The printed book, by filtering out distractions, encouraged deeply attentive thinking, which helped human beings become more contemplative and reflective. The Internet, argues Nick, has the opposite effect. It bombards us with distractions, dividing our attention and leading to more superficial ways of thinking.

The *New York Times* called *The Shallows* "a measured manifesto," and *American Scientist* said it was "a book everyone should read." Join us on April 19 to hear Nick share his ideas and lead a discussion on the effects of the Net.

DEER IN THE DINING ROOM

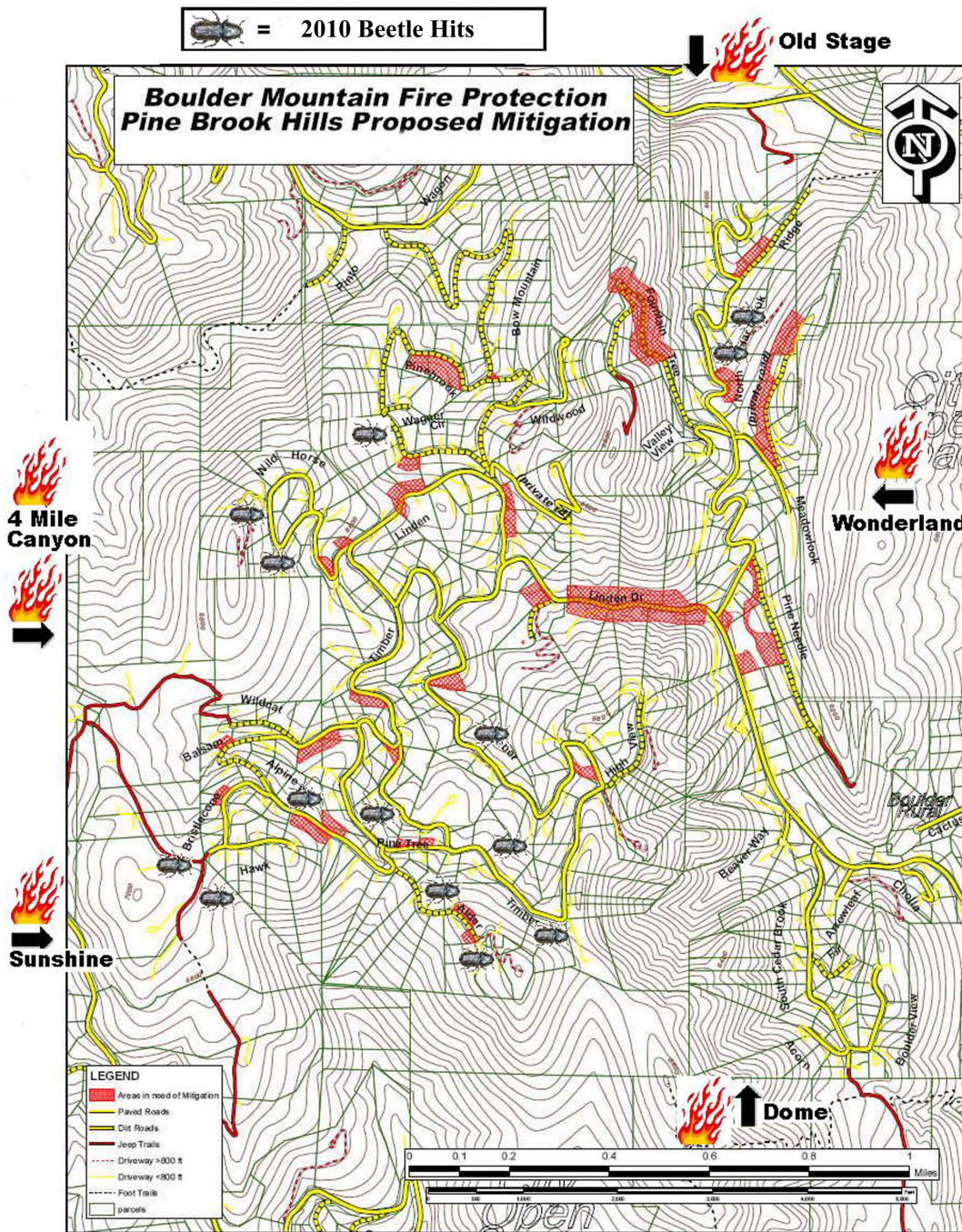
By Julius Hummer

The Hummers on Alder Lane have many visitors, including deer. This year the group of 17 includes siblings, a brother and sister who must have been born very late as they are unusually small, probably around 50 lbs. each. The older deer have become knowledgeable about garage doors and know to get out of the way when the door opens. But little Bucky the Fearless didn't get the memo and found himself inside the



garage when the door came back down. I discovered him there, but when I turned my back for a moment the fawn was gone. Where to? Our dining room. Well, he was hungry. Still, a deer in the house is a problem, even an adorable little fawn. What if it hurt itself in its attempt to escape? Janet Hummer tried some role modeling, opening the door to the deck and calmly walking through, leaving the door open. Bucky got the message and did likewise. His mother and sister were waiting outside. Imagine the story that fawn had to tell!

RECENT FIRES, BEETLE HITS AND PROPOSED MITIGATION



This map shows the fires that have burned around the perimeter of Pine Brook Hills since 2002.

A substantial amount of work has been done to thin the forest and establish fuel breaks. However, there are still areas, shown in red, where mitigation is needed. On completion, these projects will reduce the threat of property damage by wildfires and make evacuation routes safer.

The volunteer Beetle Busters are fighting the other threat to our mountain paradise. The map shows locations where beetles have been found in 2010, resulting in prompt removal of infected trees. To help this effort, join the Beetle Busters. The next training session will be held at the Community Center/ Firehouse, 1905 Linden Drive, on April 30th., 9 A.M. - noon for newcomers and 1:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M. for current Beetlers. Call 449-0997 for more information.

A SUGGESTION FOR ECOLOGICAL FUND RAISING TO FIGHT BEETLES

Jim Adams writes, "Fund raising idea --Back in New England we made candy from maple sap. Just boil it down and pour it on snow. We have ponderosa sap "pitch tubes" that look similar to maple candy, some are gooey, some are crusty. They are easy to harvest and sell on the web."

Jim suggests selling Pine Candy as a fundraiser.

April Fool!



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

HOA MEETING, April 19. Potluck at 6 P.M. followed by new neighbor introduction. At 7:10 P.M. Guest Speaker Nick Carr, a Pine Brooker and internationally known author (see p. 1) will discuss how the Internet affects human cognition. Business meeting at 7:45 P.M.

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

AUXILIARY GARAGE SALE: Drop-off 10-2 on 5/7, 5/8, 5/14 & 5/15. Sale: 9-4 on 5/20 & 5/21, 12-4 on 5/22. See page 9.

BEETLE BUSTER TRAINING - Learn how to fight the epidemic. April 30th, 9 A.M. - 12 noon for new people, 1:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M. for current Beetlers. Call 449-0997 for info.

FIRE BOARD - Meets the 2nd Monday of every month at 6:30 P.M. at either the Pine Brook or Boulder Heights Firehouse. Call 440-0235 for specifics.

FIRE AUXILIARY - Generally meets once a month on Sunday at 4 pm; to find out dates and locations please call 444-9851 or 720-295-2660.

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

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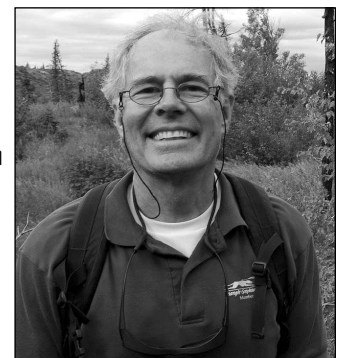
What is the Internet Doing to our Brains?

By Bill Alexander, HOA President

Our next HOA meeting will be on Tuesday, April 19th starting at 6:00 P.M.

Remember, all residents and lot owners here in PBH are invited. If you can't make the early potluck, come later to listen to Nick Carr. Contribute your thoughts, ideas and suggestions on the various topics during the business meeting

As all of you know, the Revised Covenants were ratified by a majority of every one of Pine Brook's seven individual units. Since they are now legally binding for all Pine Brook Hills lots and lot owners, you should consider downloading and printing them from the PBH HOA web site. Also, you might wish to download the HOA bylaws that were changed last year. Just go to www.pinebrookhills.org, click on Covenants down on left side, then click on the two documents at the bottom of the page. Note that the Covenants shown here are exactly what was recorded in Boulder County records except we didn't include the



hundreds of signature pages.



Celebrating ratifying revised covenants with cake.

On the volunteer front, you will remember from the last issue that we needed some more folks to help the many fine residents that already serve. We

were fortunate to have several people volunteer for the Architecture Review Committee - thank you one and all. Now we still need help for the following:

PBH HOA Board Nominating Committee -

Most of our existing HOA Board members are term limited. We need folks to help identify new board member candidates for the 2012 PBH HOA Board.

PBH HOA Board Members for 2012-2013

We need a new VP, Treasurer, and Secretary to join Dave Davies and Bill Alexander on the Board. Please consider volunteering - to do so call me, Bill Alexander 303-544-1333.

I hope to see you all at the April 19th meeting. It should be cognitively educational!



THE TREASURER'S TROVE

By Pam Creswell

Oh my gosh! Spring is here already and what is more beautiful than our neighborhood forest in Spring. Lets continue our HOA programs to save the forest from fires and beetles.

Please express your support and appreciation of these and other programs through your generosity when paying your annual dues.

We recommend \$75 or more but appreciate any amount. Checks, made out to PBH HOA, can be dropped off at the HOA box by the firehouse, or mailed to :

HOA
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Thank you in advance for your generosity!

ON THE WATER FRONT

With Bob de Haas

After the Fire - News from the Filter Plant Upgrades

By the time you read this the District should have completed the filter plant upgrades and have the new additional process operational. The purpose of these upgrades is to reduce the amount of total organic carbons in the water so that when it is filtered and disinfected there will not be as many disinfection byproducts formed. Disinfection byproducts form from the reaction of chlorine with organic carbons.

Typically this has not been a problem in the past but....the raw water we will be transferring into the reservoir originates from the Four Mile Canyon burn area. As a result of that fire the amount of organic carbons in the raw water is expected to increase significantly this spring and early summer. The new process will allow the District to remove these organic carbons, keeping the finished water within the limits imposed by the State of Colorado and the EPA. As most of you will recall, these filter plant upgrades are being funded by a State grant that the District was able to obtain because of the impact the fire will have on our raw water quality.

The District will keep you informed as the year progresses as to how well the new process is working. The District is committed to continuing to provide SAFE potable water for your use!

Speaking of Water Quality, What is the Level of Hardness?

The District has been asked whether the hardness of the water has changed over the last year. Accordingly the District has re-tested the hardness level to see if there has been any real change. This test was taken in February and showed the level was 119 ppm of CaCO3 (calcium hardness). The test previously showed a level of 134 ppm in November. There are pro's and con's of hardness.

The pro's are:

1. It keeps the water neutral so that it does not leach copper or lead from your household plumbing into the water you drink and use for cooking.
2. It means that the District does not need to add corrosion control chemicals to the water to prevent such leaching, so there are fewer chemicals in your treated water.

The con's are:

1. It can cause spotting on your dishes and fixtures

(ie faucets).

2. It can cause plugging of humidifiers and evaporative cooler pads.

From there it is mostly a matter of personnel preference. Some people prefer the taste of hard water while others like soft water. One of the ways to prevent spotting of the dishes from a dishwasher is to use liquid/gel soap instead of powder; this helps because the liquid/gel soaps dissolve more efficiently than the powders.

Some residents opt to soften their water with water softeners. Again this is personnel preference. When you soften the water it makes it more aggressive and therefore more likely to leach copper and/or lead from your plumbing fixtures. If you soften the water, then it is recommended that you flush the water for a minute or two if it has been sitting in your pipes for six or more hours, such as when the water has been sitting overnight while you sleep or during the day while you were at work. The flushing flushes out the water that might have leached any copper or lead and gives you fresh water to use for drinking or cooking.

The District does not soften the water as not only is it very expensive to do (especially at our size of operation) but the chemicals that are used to soften the water at our level are not only carcinogens themselves, but are very dangerous to use and handle.

This is the same reason the District does not add fluoride to the water and never has, even when there was a big push by the State and the EPA to do so. The District always has felt that having more fluoride should be a personal decision, not a District decision. The interesting part is that now the EPA is lowering the optimum level of fluoride that should be in the finished water. The only fluoride that is in your water is what occurs naturally.

Water Quality testing results can be found on our website at pinebrookwater.com.



SPA TRIGGS

Daredevil ski racer and past HOA Prez, Tim Triggs recovering from a bad spill.

Good Luck Tim!

PS...Have you thought about taking up knitting?

A BOULDER TSUNAMI?

By Allen Saville

A tsunami? Not really. But did you know that there is a serious and real danger of significant flooding along Fourmile Creek and Fourmile Canyon Creek, caused by the effects of the Fourmile Canyon Fire? It is true. It is actually possible to have a tsunami-like flood coming into parts of Boulder. (It is actually flash flooding - not a tsunami - but it could happen very fast with little or no warning, and it is distinctly possible to have a rather large wall of water rushing down the canyons.)

People within our Pine Brook Water District and Boulder Mountain Fire Protection District are working diligently with Boulder County and other folks to address this issue. However, this is not a situation that can be prevented! The only thing we can do in the short run is to see about getting some type of early warning in place and helping people know how to get out of the way.

Much work and continuing analysis is presently underway, and any flooding event will obviously depend on the amount of rain and/or snowmelt we get over what period of time, but here is a gross oversimplification:

If the areas burned by the Fourmile Canyon Fire get a rainstorm that we would probably consider a "not-too-unusual-moderately-hard-rainfall" - it could result in significant flooding with the potential of extensive property damage and even loss of life. The areas at risk are those in the lower sections of Fourmile Canyon, the flood plain associated with Boulder Creek all through Boulder and the flood plain along the very pleasant little intermittent stream that runs along the Anne U. White Trail and thence down through Wagon Wheel Gap and on to Lee Hill Drive (this is Fourmile Canyon Creek).

The really disturbing news is that the time between the beginning of the rainstorm that could cause the flooding and the actual flooding in these areas could be a little as 20 minutes!

Here's why. The Fourmile Canyon Fire made a drastic change in the water carrying capacity of the Fourmile Canyon watershed. The fire destroyed trees, vegetation and ground cover that usually hold moisture and reduce the run-off of rainwater and snowmelt. The fire also scorched the earth and made the soils more hydrophobic - which means that the soils do not absorb water the way they used to. Now, water just

runs off quickly, collects in prodigious quantity in the watershed, and rushes downstream. So now it takes a lot less water to cause a lot more flooding than it did before the fire.

The severity and extent of the flooding depend on the amount of rain and/or snowmelt we get in the burned area and the intensity of the rain. If that area gets a bunch (very scientific term) of water in a relatively short period of time, it is VERY serious! Especially in the first such flooding event, the flood waters will push down all manner of ash, debris, tree trunks, assorted other junk, and even boulders. It is distinctly possible that we could have multiple such flooding events. The problem will not be solved until nature has a chance to repair the damage, and that takes time, even with help from re-vegetation efforts.

Keep in mind, it does not have to be raining here in Pine Brook Hills for the flooding to occur. The flooding will be caused by water in the Fourmile Canyon Fire burn area, and that includes a burned area just west of Carriage Hills and south and west of Boulder Heights. That is the watershed than funds Fourmile Canyon Creek, that runs by the Anne U. White Trail and on through Wagon Wheel Gap. As we all know, it is possible for that area to get rain while it is bone dry over here.

The County is planning public education/information sessions about all of this. Our Boulder Mountain Fire and Rescue folks have already conducted briefings on the situation and have drafted initial response plans. But, given the exceedingly short time frame between the start of a rainstorm that could cause this flooding and the resulting flood damage (remember - as little as 20 minutes), early warning and individual awareness and preparedness are the real keys.

Climb to Higher Ground

This flooding danger is real and could happen at any time of the year. If you hike the Anne U. White Trail or visit Wagon Wheel Gap you need to be aware of the weather conditions and your general risk situation. Remember, time is very short; you may have little or no warning. Your only alternative may be to climb to higher ground - FAST.



SMART KID: Kristy Hupka was featured in a February 17 Daily Camera story about an Alexander Dawson School team building a full size robot for regional competition.

SAVE THE PINES

Remove any infested brood trees, spray "pet" trees and consider using Verbenone packets. Marla Saville is organizing a group rate purchase of Verbenone. To participate, write marla@saville.us.



EVACUATION MAPS FOR YOUR SMART PHONE

By Allen Saville

If you have a smart phone, you can download a PDF version of the evacuation route maps. In order to be able to read the maps in enough detail you may need a good PDF reader "app" on your smart phone. One good one that works on Droid type smart phones is "RepliGo." One that seems to work well on the Apple iPhone is "GoodReader."

To get the files of the evacuation maps go to www.pinebrookhills.org/Maps.htm. There is one map for PBH and one for Boulder Heights and Carriage Hills.

If you want more information about evacuations for you and your pets, go the fire district website (www.bouldermountainfire.org) or contact Marla Saville (phone: 303.442.1682; email: marla@saville.us).



NEW COMER NEWS

Kent Jessee moved here from San Diego and Lake Tahoe with his black lab Diesel. He consults in the area of Corporate Asset Protection/ Risk Control.



He chose our community for its beauty and close proximity to downtown, yet with a mountain feel. Kent loves hunting and fishing, snow sports, golf, flying & gliding, sports cars, and

both college and professional Athletics.

Paul and Lindsey Sabini moved from the Mapleton Hill neighborhood in Boulder to Pine Brook Hills in January. Lindsey works as a Dementia Specialist for Sun Healthcare and oversees the Western Division.



Paul is the CEO & Founder of Mapleton Hill Media, a design and development firm on the Pearl Street Mall. The couple were married in October of 2010 and could not be happier with their new home. If you are out and about, as the weather warms up, odds are you will bump into them on a bike ride, hike, or walk around the neighborhood.

Varadaan and Riitta were married at the Starhouse in 2008 and moved in to Pine Brook Hills on their first anniversary. They remodeled a special house in a place they love, close to nature. They enjoy meditation, travelling, and cuddling in front of the fire. Varadaan is a practitioner of Ayurveda, the traditional medical system of India, and teaches clients at



Boulder Ayurveda. He reads pulses, creates herbal formulas, guides deep cleansing programs and more. Riitta, a Naropa trained somatic psycho-therapist has a private practice

and also coaches. She also enjoys and teaches yoga-like movement forms called Gyrokinesis® and Gyrotonic® that involve arching and spiraling movements, and increase the body's strength and vitality. Riitta is Finnish, and they visit her parents and enjoy a beautiful lake in Finland where there are no motorboats, the sky turns orange, and the birch trees heat the sauna. Riitta's daughter, 20, lives in Boulder. Varadaan, a Colorado native, has renewed a passion for turning vases and bowls from beautiful woods, has a couple of writing projects, and is developing www.sustainability.org. He created the Solstice Center at 3rd and Pearl, where he and Riitta have their offices. Riitta loves nature, children, is studying Sanskrit and is currently working to bring education and health to the poor in Bali.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Neighbors,

It is with a mixture of sadness, nostalgia, and regret that my son Scott and I have left Pine Brook Hills. With a lot of urging from family and because we plan to live in Memphis for part of every year to be near grandbabies, it seemed wisest not to leave our home and our large lot unattended. As a result, we have joined the Boulder flatlanders. Twenty years ago I designed and

built my Pine Brook home, my dream house, and have loved every moment spent in it while looking over the hills, being visited by deer, birds, and even sometimes a stray bear. Even walking the dog was a treat with such lovely scenery on all sides. Pine Brook is truly a fine community. I have so enjoyed our friends and neighbors. From the time we moved in, we have been welcomed and helped by other Pinebrookers. The homeowner's association is special indeed with all those volunteers giving unceasingly of their time to make sure everything runs smoothly and safely. Thank you all for a grand twenty years spent in your midst. My splendid memories of my time spent in Pine Brook Hills will be with me always. Those who live there are lucky folks indeed.

Sincerely,

Eleanor and Scott Patten



ARE WE HAVING FUN YET?

Or ... More than you never wanted to know about impellers, exhaust systems, and diesel engines

By Jo Davies

The many PBH residents who are sailors may find this amusing!

About the middle of February, twenty four members of our sailing club flew to Tortola in the BVIs to charter four 44-foot sail boats for a trip to St. Croix and Cul-ebra. Our party of six arrived first so we got first pick of the boat. We chose Sea n' Ski. Why not? Seemed a perfect match! Oh did we make a mistake!

We spent the night on the boat at the sail base and the next day we had a diver and two mechanics check out the boat. The bilge pump had run all night, which all six of us were worried about. In non-sailing talk that means the boat was taking on water. The diver reported no problems with the hull, both engineers reported no problems though one claimed to have fixed a leaking toilet which in his opinion was the problem. With these assurances we set sail early the next morning for points west - namely St. Croix.

The first step was to check out of British waters and into American waters. Both processes were relatively uneventful, allowing us to head out on the approx 40 mile trip from Tortola. And it was a wonderful day. The sky was blue, the temperatures moderate, the winds a steady 25+ knots. Swells were about 10 ft. Nothing in the mix that we couldn't handle. Within a few minutes

of leaving our anchorage, we raised the sails and shut down the engine. It was a sweet sail and we made excellent time. We arrived at St Croix shortly after lunch, leading our two sister boats by about 45 minutes thanks to good navigating and superb sail trimming. At one point we were flying along at just over 9 knots (speed over ground).

As we approached the harbor, we dropped the sails and started the motor. We cruised around the harbor looking for a mooring or anchorage but didn't find much that we liked so we headed to the other side of the harbor to see if there was anything better. Just as we crossed the ferry channel that runs right down the center of the harbor (the "lane" used by commercial ferry boats and therefore not available for mooring, stopping, etc.), our friend Pat (who was at the wheel) gasped in horror and pointed at the companion way. We were horror-struck to see dense black smoke billowing from below.

My husband David and the first mate quickly went below with fire extinguishers at the ready to assess the situation. A third crew member went forward to ready the anchor should we need it. The remaining crew member and I quickly unfurled about one-third of the jib to give us some steerage. Under sail and with smoke still billowing from below, we tried to pick up a mooring ball but failed.

What to do?

Pat, who was at the wheel, chose to stay close to shore and ordered the anchor dropped and the VHF on. With little steerage we pretty much were obliged to drop anchor in the ferry channel. The options were to beach the boat or sail a potentially hazardous boat into close proximity of many moored and unattended boats.

We got on the VHF right away but the harbor master's response was simply that it was Saturday afternoon and no help was available. At that point we mentioned (somewhat firmly) that not only did we have an engine problem, but we were taking on water at a steady rate, and if our bilge pump failed, which it would do when the battery died, we would sink in the middle of his ferry channel. At that point he promised help fast.

The St Croix harbor master sent Bruce to help us. Bruce promised to fix the engine in no time and get us out of harm's way (harm being the danger of being run down by the ferry). Well he tried but didn't quite get the cigar. He did find a broken impeller in the engine compartment - clue #1. He also found a totally melted muffler-clue #2. Now who would make a muffler out of plastic? The French. Merde!

Not to labor the point, the ferry was now bearing down on us with her horn blasting, Bruce did manage to get the engine to run for about a minute - just enough to get out of the way of the ferry and glide into his marina dock. After tying us up at the dock, he promised to be back at 7:30 on Monday morning to finish the repair job!

With not too many options, we enjoyed the weekend (Valentines weekend) in St Croix.

Come Monday morning Bruce and his minions showed up at 9:30, not 7:30. No, he didn't have and couldn't get parts and Sunsail, the charter company, refused to let him or

anyone else "cut" into the boat. Bottom line, he put in a new impeller (water pump) and bypassed the melted exhaust. At least the engine ran. We felt confident enough to sail back to the base.

Separately but equally important, negotiating with Sunsail was frustrating to say the least. They refuse to service boats outside of BVI waters so we had to return the boat to the BVIs before they would take responsibility. We offered to take the boat directly back to the sail base but they insisted on meeting us at Norman Island. As expected the mechanics showed up first and declared the boat to be, and I quote, "A piece of ****!" They did admire Bruce's work and promised us a new boat in two hours. And they delivered on the promise, which left us having to pack all our belongings and the remains of two weeks of groceries and transfer them to the new boat in mid ocean. Not an easy job - but not nearly as difficult as the next.

Another point of frustration was that Sunsail refused also to pay for repairs. We had to pay for the repair to get us home. In all fairness to Sunsail, they reimbursed us promptly but that was a lot of money



to plonk on a credit card halfway through a vacation.

On the upside, we now had a new boat (nameless) but we had left the BVIs with "Sea and Ski". Sunsail's answer, "Fake it, the authorities will never notice - and for once they were right! We did fantasize for a few days about not returning the new boat - but we did have fun returning a boat that they already had at their dock!

The lesson learned!

If six out of six sailors think there is a problem with a boat, there probably is a problem. Don't be persuaded otherwise!



GARAGE SALE COMING UP

Boy does time fly! Hopefully you have been having fun while time has been flying. Here comes your next chance to have some fun at THE Big Event - the fire department auxiliary's 2011 Garage Sale!

Some folks have gotten an early start. We've already collected some "off-season" donations from folks who were moving or otherwise could not store their donations until the early May collection dates. But it's always best if you can hold on to your donations until our drop-off days.

This is the fire department auxiliary's largest single fund raiser for its work in support of our BMFPD volunteers. To have yet another successful sale, we need help from all of you. How can you help?

1. Donate

We will need lots of donations to have a successful sale. Here are our guidelines:

What makes a good donation: things that are in good usable condition, clean and in working order.

What won't we take: building materials, chemicals, pre-Pentium II computers or incomplete systems (stand-alone monitors, printers, etc.), guns, large appliances, mattresses, custom window coverings. Since we must be able to sell what we get, we do reserve the right to decline any donations.

What types of items are good: almost anything that is not listed in the 'won't take' list.

A car would be a super donation. If anyone wants to donate a running, "registerable" car, please call us. That really gives our bottom line a big boost! If you donate a car, we will basically act as the 'broker' in selling any vehicle. We will have the buyer make their

check out to you and have you in turn write a check to the Auxiliary for the amount of the sale price. A little extra work but much simpler than dealing with the IRS rules!

Of course all your donations are tax deductible and we will provide a receipt. You are responsible for assigning a value to your donations.

2. Volunteer

Many volunteers are needed to make the sale successful. If you have previously worked at our garage sale, we will be calling you to enlist your help again this year. If you have not volunteered before but would like to help out, please call us at 303-440-6132. We have lots of possible "jobs" ... both before, during and after the sale. We are a fun group to work with, so come out and join us!

3. Shop

No matter how much great stuff is donated, it takes a lot of shoppers for us to have a successful sale. Making some purchases at the sale is a great way for you to support our firefighters. This is one of the best sales in the area, so spread the word amongst your friends. We will have flyers available for distribution in advance of the sale. If you would like some flyers (or if you would like to be in charge of publicity for the sale) please let us know. We will also have something that can be distributed electronically. We would appreciate anyone who is willing to pass this along to all their garage-sale loving friends. Every year it seems we have a tractor-trailer load of unsold treasures at the end of our sale. Although we have found them a good home (they go to Goodwill) we would much prefer to sell more of them and raise even more money for our fire department.

Here's the schedule. Please mark the dates on your calendar.

Collecting donations at the Pine Brook Firehouse:

Saturday May 7	10 AM - 2 PM
Sunday May 8	10 AM - 2 PM
Saturday May 14	10 AM - 2 PM
Sunday May 15	10 AM - 2 PM

The big sale:

Friday May 20	9 AM - 4 PM
Saturday May 21	9 AM - 4 PM
Sunday May 22	noon - 4 PM

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FIRE AUXILIARY FRESH STARTS

By Susan Maxwell

What if our Fire Department Auxiliary didn't exist: no Garage Sale, no Mountain Expressions, etc.? What if you were starting an Auxiliary from scratch? That is the goal of Brett Haberstick, the new chief of one of our neighboring districts, Sunshine Canyon.



Auxiliary Co-Presidents Susan Maxwell, left, and Ann Blonston

And he has the added challenge of starting the Sunshine Canyon Fire Department Auxiliary soon after the Fourmile

Fire which devastated his district.

We are very happy that Chief Haberstick asked us for advice. Officers and long-time members have shared ideas with him and will soon meet with his Auxiliary volunteers, an exchange that's good for us, too. Perhaps this will lead to the birth of a network of foothills fire district auxiliaries.

In part inspired by this exchange, our Auxiliary of almost 40 years is taking a fresh look at itself! We are re-visiting our mission, goals, and organization structure. With a 2011 calendar full of fund-raising and community-building projects, we encourage district residents to participate with us.

New volunteers and new ideas are welcome. Involvement can be a couple hours or much more. It's all fun and it all supports your wonderful firefighters.

Right now we're specifically looking for volunteers with skills in public relations, web editorial and community outreach, as well as hands-on volunteers for the spring Garage Sale (see page 9).



CONGRATULATIONS PBH GRANDPARENTS!

Penny and Tim Triggs welcome their first grandchild, Jack Eric (Baby Boo). Parents are Heidi and Eric Bucheit.

Donna and Greg Johnson welcome their second grandchild, Gracelynrose. Parents are Julie and Robert Golter.

50 YEARS AND COUNTING



Janet and David on their wedding day

Long time (43 years) PBH residents Janet and David Hummer celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 25. Keep humming, Hummers!



Roads Committee Update - Bumps in the Road

Since the referendum to provide full maintenance for subdivision roads failed last summer, the Roads Committee has been working with Boulder County Transportation Department to determine our options for keeping Pine Brook Hills roads in good shape. The county is willing to help us create an LID (Local Improvement District) with some financial concessions, if that is the way we want to go. We are pushing for the county to do more!

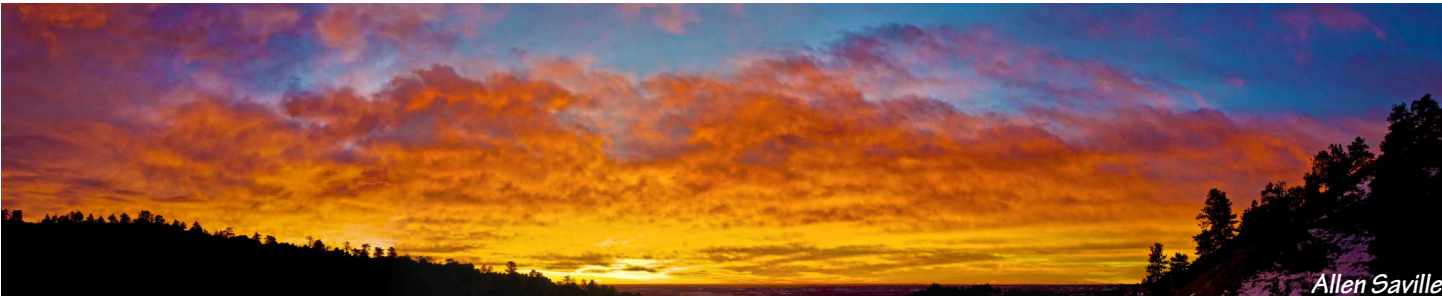
We are creating a two pronged approach to get the county to own as much of the responsibility for the roads as possible:

- **Good Guy Approach** – the Roads Committee
 - Continue to work with Boulder County DOT to determine costs of road repairs
 - County has promised a specific plan (\$\$ & schedule) in May
 - Contacting other subdivisions who have expressed interest in an LID to help manage the costs
 - Roads Committee will create a proposal for PBH based on the data that we obtain
- **Bad Guy Approach** – headed by local 'bad guy', Bill Alexander
 - Tim Foster is researching the 1995 Comprehensive Plan to help us understand what the county committed to subdivisions
 - Obtaining the paperwork that transferred Pine Brook Hills roads to the county to see if there are promises there
 - Working with other subdivisions to create a media splash

Look for more information from Bill on these activities: press releases, rally, and speaking in front of the commissioner.

Contact anyone you know in other subdivisions and invite them to join us.

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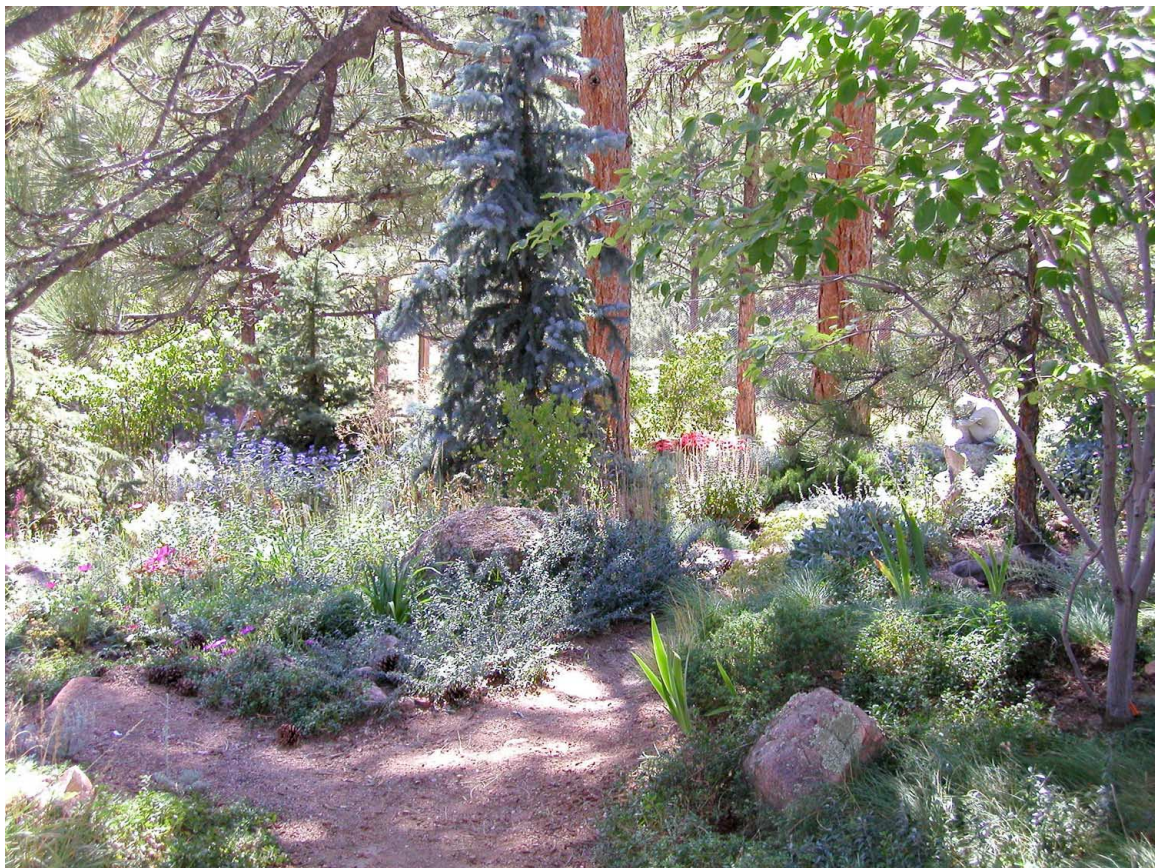
Barry Aaron

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