



# Pine Brook Press

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

Spring 2016



## TIME FOR SPRING PLANTING? NOT SO FAST!

By John Cathey, Gardening Committee Chairperson

Beautiful sunny skies and temperatures in the 70s. Watching the daffodils bursting into bloom. Spring is here and it's time to start gardening! Not so fast. Mother Nature has a few snowy surprises left before it's safe to start planting. But it is time to start planning. We frequently get snow in late spring. Remember Mother's Day a year ago? I jumped the gun, had my snow tires removed, and planted my gardens with spring flowers. I then found myself throwing blankets over the flowers and getting my car stuck in the snow covered driveway. Turns out late snows that follow warm weather are the rule, not the exception in Pine Brook Hills.

So let's just enjoy the spring snows and start planning for our short growing season in the foothills. As soon as the snow melts and you can see some

ground it's time to start raking the pine duff and cones, cutting back dead flowers from last summer, and planning on beginning a garden or adding to existing ones.



A good place to begin your gardening journey is by starting a garden journal. No matter how much professional and neighborly advice you receive, each yard is its own collection of microclimates and environments. What works great in one location might not work in your yard. Recording your gardening experiences is not only educational for you, but can help your neighbors. There are no failures, if we learn from our experiences.

Soon the spring snows will be gone and with a little planning we can jump right in and not waste

any of our short growing season. Our daffodils will be poking their heads up very soon and our yards will be full of thousands of yellow flowers. It will be a good time to look at your neighbors' yards and add notes about flowers you'd like to grow in the future (daffodils are planted in the fall so you're too late for this spring).

The HOA is starting a gardening and landscaping committee to give residents moral support and helpful tips on what does and does not work in Pine Brook Hills. We'll have some community projects to work on together like landscaping the new entry sign to our community. We'll share gardening tips with each other to increase our chances for success and decrease the failures. We'll visit each other's gardens to share ideas and exchange our extra seedlings and bulbs that may have reproduced beyond our needs. All of our activities will be free and voluntary.

I'm hopeful we'll be able to put together a Pine Brook Hills gardening guide. This would be such a valuable asset for new neighbors, as well as experienced gardeners. Sort of a "Pine Brook Gardening for Dummies." We'll share the go-to flowers that generally thrive in spite of drought and deer. We can give tips on how to prepare your soil type and how to discourage deer from eating your gardens (or at least increase your odds of not sharing your crop with our wildlife). What plants are native, which ones are drought tolerant, when is the best time to plant various species?

Gardening is more than a hobby with many gardeners. It's an activity that invites us to participate in a spiritual way connecting to nature. Walking in your garden or along our mountain trails provides beautiful surprises and moments of gratitude that motivate us to share this experience with others. I invite all my Pine Brook Hills neighbors to share the joys and frustrations of gardening in this uniquely beautiful and challenging place we call home. Let me know if you have questions or would like to join the committee: [gardening@pinebrookhills.org](mailto:gardening@pinebrookhills.org).

## ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE UPDATE

By Eric Erickson, ARC Chairperson

Thank You to Mike Von Hatten who so vigorously led the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) for the last two years. Mike vacated the ARC Chair at the end of 2015 in order to assume the position of Secretary of the HOA Board and to continue his focus on community enhancement initiatives. Mike continues as a consultant to the ARC and provides willing assistance when needed.

The Current Members of the ARC are Tom Anglewicz, Jim Eyster, Rob Gordon, Tim Triggs, Rob Quinn (HOA Liaison) and Eric Erickson, the new Chair.

The ARC has a new webpage. Go to [www.pinebrookhills.org](http://www.pinebrookhills.org) and check it out. There you will find an updated description of the ARC review process and a menu that now includes a new, on-line Application for ARC Review and a listing of Current Projects under ARC Review. Since all exterior construction projects here in Pine Brook Hills of any type including new houses, additions, renovations, painting, re-roofing, re-siding, decking and fencing require prior review and approval by the ARC, we want to make the entire process as easy, efficient and timely as possible.

Fast Track Review: In the last issue of the Pine Brook Press, Mike Von Hatten introduced the development of a Fast Track ARC Review for smaller projects that qualify for a Boulder County EZ Permit. I am pleased to announce that the Fast Track ARC Review is now a reality and can be easily initiated on-line at the HOA, Architectural Review Committee webpage at [www.pinebrookhills.org](http://www.pinebrookhills.org).

Just complete the new Application for ARC Review, which you will find on the ARC webpage, and hit the SUBMIT button. Your application will be automatically transmitted to the ARC chairperson. If your project does, indeed, qualify for a Fast Track Review and you provide the required documentation with your application, you will receive prompt notice of the ARC's decision, electronically.

## 2016 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### HOA MEMBERSHIP MEETING - TUESDAY, MAY 10

**6:00 PM Potluck Dinner**

**7:00 PM Presentation** by Dale Case,

Director of the Boulder County Land Use Department.

*See article on page 7 for more information.*

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

**HOA Board meetings** are open to all residents. Attendance is welcomed and encouraged. Meetings begin at 7:00 PM. Upcoming 2016 Meetings: April 12, August 16, October 4.

**HOA 2016 Membership Meetings:** August 30, November 1.

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE** - Meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM.

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

**BMFPD AUXILIARY** - Meets quarterly. Next meeting: April 24, 2:30 - 5:30 PM. Email [auxpresident@bouldermountainfire.org](mailto:auxpresident@bouldermountainfire.org) for more information.

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

**HOA Spring Gala Party:** Saturday, June 4, 6:30 - 11:00 PM (see ad on the back cover and article on page 7 for details.)

**HOA Ice Cream Social:** Sunday, August 28, 4:00 - 6:00 PM.

## PRESIDENT'S PATTERN

By Brian Wahlert, HOA President.

Although every season is wonderful in PBH, my favorite has to be spring. The gulches on either side of our house gurgle as snowmelt and rainwater drain down to Sunshine Canyon. The grass grows green, with bursts of purple everywhere as the irises bloom. We wear T-shirts and shorts one day and bundle up the next, as a late-season heavy snowfall gives us one last chance to go sledding and build a snowman. Most of the snow is gone within a day, but the snowman sticks around for a while longer. Hummingbirds hover, shimmering bright green right outside our windows, and spotted fawns take their first steps. The new green growth of Pine Brook contrasts beautifully with the white that will linger on the distant mountains well into the summer.



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With all the new life that begins in spring, some pesky bugs come out as well. Living among ponderosa pines, I'm grateful for the work of Pine Brookers to protect our forest from the mountain pine beetle threat of years past. But if your property contains Douglas firs, there's a new threat: the Tussock Moth. This pest has ravaged Doug-fir forest in Carriage Hills, just outside Pine Brook. May is typically the month when the larvae hatch, so be on the lookout for cocoons and take action now if your trees are threatened. Get more information at [www.pinebrookhills.org/ForestHealth](http://www.pinebrookhills.org/ForestHealth), and contact our Forest Health Committee Chair Jim Adams ([foresthealth@pinebrookhills.org](mailto:foresthealth@pinebrookhills.org)) for help. Jim's article on page 13 gives more information about protecting our Douglas firs.

As we move into spring and summer, many of us contemplate improvements to our houses – siding, roofs, decks, fences, etc. If you're considering a change to the exterior of your property, contact our Architectural Review Committee Chairman Eric Erickson ([arc@pinebrookhills.org](mailto:arc@pinebrookhills.org)). The ARC will help you accomplish your project in accordance with Pine Brook's Covenants and Boulder County Code.

Additionally, come to our next HOA meeting on May 10 at the Community Center. Our guest speaker will be Dale Case, the Director of the Boulder County Land Use Department. Land Use is responsible for development review, building inspections, zoning enforcement, wildfire protection planning, and more. Dale will speak to us about how Land Use can help you accomplish your projects and address issues. We'll start with a community potluck dinner at 6:00 PM, and the program will begin at 7:00 PM. Come for one or both – I'd love to see you there.

If you would like to help make our community even more wonderful, we have a lot of ways that you can contribute. Our Forest Health, Gardening & Landscape, and Architectural Review committees can always use more help, so if you enjoy tromping around the forest looking at trees, beautifying your property and others with vegetation, or helping your neighbors accomplish their construction projects, sign up.

Layout of the Pine Brook Press and Pine Brook Directory has been handled by the same two people for years, and those guys would love to train up their replacements.

Next year is the 50-year anniversary of the Pine Brook Hills HOA. What better time to research and publish some Pine Brook history! Would you like to be Pine Brook's historian?

Volunteering is a great way to positively impact the community and get to know your neighbors. Whether you've been here for decades or just moved in, we'd love to have your help. You can always contact me at [president@pinebrookhills.org](mailto:president@pinebrookhills.org).

And finally, whether or not you choose to volunteer, please contribute to our HOA. Your dues cover the cost of printing the PBH Directory; volunteers contribute countless hours to assemble the content and lay it out for publishing. Your dues cover less than half the cost of printing the Pine Brook Press; volunteers solicit advertisements to cover the rest, in addition to all the work to create the content. Your dues cover about half the cost of maintaining and expanding the community-wide fuel break system that protects us from fire because BMFPD does a fantastic job of finding matching grants for our HOA funds. The HOA only requests \$75 a year, although many residents contribute more, and thanks to our volunteers, you get a whole lot for your contribution. Just go to [www.pinebrookhills.org/dues.html](http://www.pinebrookhills.org/dues.html), where you can pay with a credit or debit card online or find instructions to pay by check. For more on the PBH budget, see Peter Gaal's article on the next page.

I hope you enjoy spring in Pine Brook Hills, winner (in a very close race) for the most wonderful season in our community!



**TREASURER’S REPORT:  
Quarter 1, 2016**

By Peter Gaal, HOA Treasurer

This year started with a blast in terms of dues collection. In January a “First Reminder” went to a very broad list of residents and resulted in a flurry of incoming payments. Three weeks later a “Second Reminder” was e-mailed followed by another flurry of payments. As of the end of the first quarter of 2016, total funds collected stand at \$13,718...nearly 50% of the anticipated dues amount. Compared to last year and certainly the year before, we are ahead of where we usually are at this point. However, we can’t rest

house addresses (without names) with the dues status indicated, to make it easier for residents to check whether dues have been paid or not. We’d like to get the percentages higher for 2016.

If this article has reminded you to pay your dues...whether paying by check or via PayPal, make sure the property address is shown, otherwise we cannot credit it properly. All payments are credited to the year in which they are received and cannot be credited to past years. Make checks payable to PBH HOA, and mail to (or drop off at our mail box): 1709 Linden Dr., Boulder, CO 80304. No payment slip is needed if remittance is for dues and the address is printed

	Households		% of total
Properties/Households in PBH (Approximately)	416		100
Total paid in 2015	231		56
Total unpaid in 2015	185		44
	Amount	number	
\$ Equivalent @ 75/year	\$31,200	416	100
Received	\$24,636		
Nominal payments (\$75)	\$9,525	127	55
Excess payments (\$100-1000)	\$15,111	104	25

on our laurels. The rate of incoming payments has dropped since the last reminder. Notably, about 30% of the total dues collected came in via PayPal payments. The chart above provides a summary of dues payments in 2015.

The HOA is planning to continue a vigorous collection process by sending repeat e-mail reminders to residents who have not yet paid. We think unpaid dues are a result of forgetting to pay, rather than intentional nonpayment, and believe the nudges will result in additional payments. In addition to reminders, the Board is considering publishing on the web site the complete list of

on the check. For PayPal payments please follow the instructions on the web site. (Payments other than dues must be done separately from dues payments and indicated as such.)

Our HOA is financially healthy, and we expect this to continue in 2016. The Balance Sheet shown on page 6, outlines 2015 operations and the 2016 budget. While revenues from dues last year were somewhat below expectations, the year closed on a positive note with a \$2516 increase in reserves. The HOA Membership approved the 2016 Budget as proposed by the Board at the January meeting.

My term as Treasurer is ending this quarter because of the mandatory two-year term limit set by our HOA guidelines. It was a pleasure getting to know many in the neighborhood, an opportunity that would have not been available otherwise. I urge all to get involved in the work of the

HOA. It relies on volunteers, and there are plenty of opportunities to put to good use whatever skills one has.

My best wishes to the incoming Treasurer, and best regards to all.

**PINE BROOK HILLS HOA 2015 OPERATIONS AND 2016 APPROVED BUDGET**

Line	REVENUES	2015		variance year end	2016 BUDGET
		BUDGET	ACTUAL		
1	HOA dues	26000	24636	-1364	26000
2	Memorial		500	500	
3	ARC fees	500	250	-250	0
4	Interest	50	51	1	50
5	Pine Brook Press ad revenue	2750	2854	104	2750
6	Misc. unclassified.	0	-215	-215	
7	<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>29,300</b>	<b>28,077</b>	<b>(1,223)</b>	<b>28,800</b>
8	ACCUMULATED CARRY OVER	25,000	25,000	0	
9	ACCUMULATED RESERVES CASH	39526	39526	0	
10	<i>TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS (by year end)</i>	<i>93,826</i>	<i>92,603</i>	<i>-1223</i>	
11	<b>FIXED EXPENSES</b>				
12	ARC related (incl. sign)	1000	0	1000	500
13	Bank charges	125	0	125	125
14	Beetle Busters	500	0	500	600
15	Dues and subscriptions	50	0	50	0
16	HOA meetings/Socials/maintenance	6800	2133	4667	4500
17	Insurance	1750	1682	68	2000
18	Legal and Professional Fees	2000	1208	792	2500
19	PB Press	4500	5394	-894	5000
20	PBH Directory	0	0	0	3000
21	Administrative mailings (4)	1200	0	1200	500
22	Supplies and postage	300	55	245	100
22a	Garden Committee			0	1750
23	Web hosting	0	0	0	0
24	Welcome Committee supplies	200	145	55	0
25	Misc. unclassified.	1000	147	853	500
26	<b>FIXED TOTAL</b>	<b>19,425</b>	<b>10,764</b>	<b>8661</b>	<b>21,075</b>
27	<i>SPECIAL EXPENDITURES (unique for year)</i>			0	
28	Fire mitigation	30000	32579	-2579	10000
29	Weed whacking	2700	2553	147	3700
30	Disater related (memorial)	600	0	600	0
31	Safety and Security/Sinage/Roads (new sign)	1000	4090	-3090	
32	<i>SPECIAL EXPENDITURES TOTAL</i>	<i>34300</i>	<i>39222</i>	<i>-4922</i>	<i>13700</i>
33	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>53725</b>	<b>49986</b>	<b>3739</b>	<b>34775</b>
34	<b>RESERVES (projected for end of year)</b>	<b>40,101</b>	<b>42,617</b>	<b>2516</b>	<b>36,011</b>
35	<b>31 December, 2015</b>				
36	Checking balance	6255.76			
37	Savings balance	35730.25			
38	Total Cash on hand as of 12-31-2014	<b>41986.01</b>			

## MAY 10 HOA MEMBERSHIP MEETING: BoCo LAND USE

By Allen Saville

Join us for the next HOA general membership meeting to hear Dale Case, Director of the Boulder County Land Use Department, speak about the Land Use Department and its relationship to PBH. One of the objectives of the Land Use Department is to work more closely with neighborhoods in Boulder County.

Among the responsibilities of the Land Use Department are zoning, the Land Use Code, and enforcement. Since our Pine Brook Hills covenants are very similar to the provisions in these County documents, there are many situations in which PBH and the Land Use Department work together. It is fortunate that the Land Use Department has as its purpose to “actively [promote] the preservation of the integrity of our landscape, conservation of natural resources for a sustainable future, and provision of safety and well-being of the citizens of Boulder County through the best in service, public policy, and process.”

Among other things the Land Use Department currently has responsibility for comprehensive planning, building permits, building inspections, mapping, zoning enforcement, forest health, and wildfire protection planning. The Land Use Department has gotten some press recently as it is the County Department that has responsibility for establishing the regulations for marijuana grow houses and is currently working with the Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners to change these regulations.

As usual, the HOA meeting begins at 6:00 PM with a potluck supper and socializing, and the program starts at 7:00 PM. Come to learn more about the work of the Land Use Department and to ask questions that you might have about that work.

## MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS!

By Veronique Foster, Social Chairperson

A great way to get involved in our community is through the programs sponsored by the HOA. Meet your neighbors and learn something new at the quarterly HOA potluck dinners and meetings

(see the Community Calendar in this issue for the schedule). And attend one of the two annual events organized by the Social Committee:

**The Spring Gala Party**, Saturday, June 4, 6:30 – 11:00 PM.

**Summer Ice Cream Social**, Sunday, August 28, 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Be ready to party at the Gala. Look for details in the ad on the back cover of this issue. Once again, we are grateful to Art and Sue Rancis for hosting the event at their beautiful home. Last year over 50 people spent a delightful evening enjoying fabulous food and the view from their deck, visiting with neighbors, and dancing. Again this year, the libations will be provided by PBH and you just dress up (ready to dance) and bring a delicious dish to share. I hope to see many of you there!

Mark your calendar for the Ice Cream Social, a family affair. Children and adults alike enjoy ice cream, fun games, and the company of many neighbors at the Fire Station.

For more information or to get involved, contact me at [SocialChair@PineBrookHills.org](mailto:SocialChair@PineBrookHills.org).



## WELCOME TO PBH NEWCOMERS

With Jo Wiedemann

**Pat and Kelly Brown** moved into Pine Brook Hills in December, excited to purchase their



first home together as newlyweds. Natives of New York, New Jersey, and South Dakota, respectively, they have both lived in

Colorado for about 15 years. Pat is an aerospace engineer and works for CU LASP. Kelly works at CU's Law School and has a small nutrition practice. They enjoy hiking, snowshoeing, biking, exploring, and whitewater kayaking. They're eager to spend time on their PBH deck and get settled into mountain living!



## ENHANCING PBH: The Perseverance Garden Project

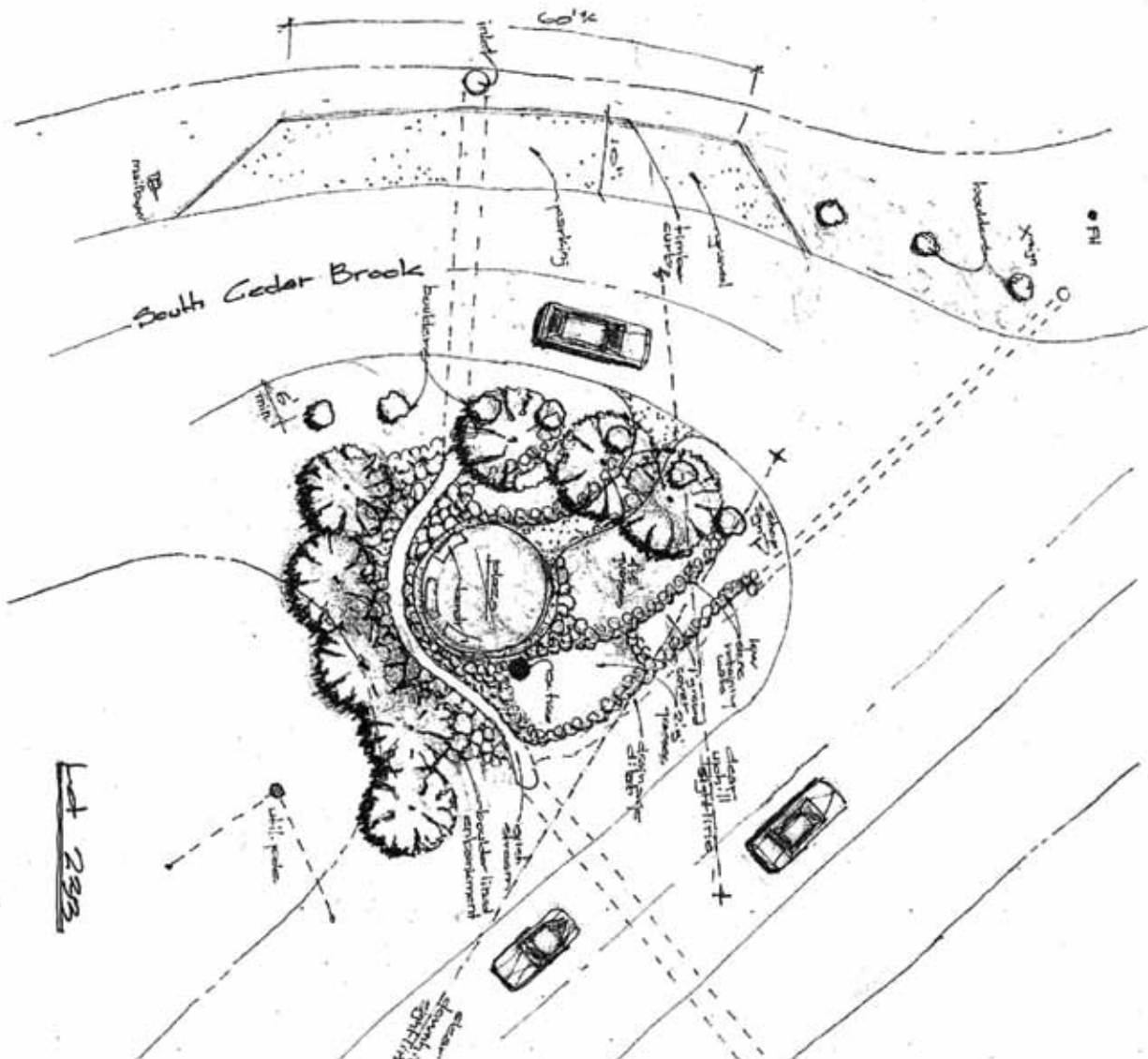
By Mike Von Hatten

Now that we have a new sign at the entrance to Pine Brook Hills, enhancing the entry further is in the works. The area at the intersection of South Cedar Brook and Linden sustained damage from debris flows that caused the death of two young people. The HOA has initiated a project at the site to clean it up, make it more useful to the community, honor our volunteer emergency responders, and commemorate the lives lost there. The initiative will recognize the heroism demonstrated by volunteer BMFPD

firefighters and residents at that location and throughout PBH as the community came together to not only survive the flood event, but to come out stronger and better.

Visually, the project will be a significant improvement as residents and visitors enter PBH. The adjacent area serves as a bus stop for many school children. This effort will better define parking and waiting areas and increase safety.

Boulder County has reviewed, approved, and licensed the plan shown in the drawing below. A significant amount of funding for the project is in place. Through the efforts of Steve and Glennis Smith, \$2000 has been raised to date. Another





donor has promised to match other residents' donations up to \$6000, so currently a total of \$4000 is available to get the project started.

Additionally, a number of residents have donated materials for the project and a team of residents hauled away 1200 pounds of debris in the fall. EZ Excavation has promised to donate some labor to the effort and now that the water main along Linden is in place, will be providing assistance for further clearing of the site.

Work on the Plaza is planned for this spring and summer with completion targeted for fall 2016. Work will begin with additional site clean up, stump removal, and grading. Rocks will be placed on the hillside behind the plaza and in the streambed to stabilize the soil. Planting areas, a small plaza, some seating, and landscaping will be created...all through the efforts of residents. The newly formed PBH Landscape and Gardening Committee under the leadership of John Cathey promises to assist with the landscape design and planting efforts.

#### What can you do to support the effort?

- **Make a tax-deductible financial donation.** Checks should be made payable to Boulder Mountain Fire Protection District and note that the donation is for the Perseverance Garden Project. Include your name and address. Send the donations to BMFPD at 1905 Linden. *Remember...every donation will be matched, so whatever you give provides double that amount for the project!*
- **Attend a "community barn-raising" activity** this spring and summer to lend a hand. Watch for messages on the Forum and signs posted at the site for dates and times. Volunteers will help develop the site, the landscaping, and the new plaza.
- **Donate materials.** If you have landscaping materials or rocks you don't need, donate them to the effort. If you have access to equipment that could help with the building, loan it to the team.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Mike Von Hatten ([mvhconsultant@earthlink.net](mailto:mvhconsultant@earthlink.net))

## RECENT SIGHTINGS: Four legged residents of the 'hood.

### Mountain Lions...

Wildlife is abundant in PBH and yes, we do have an active Mountain Lion population. For tips about living safely with wildlife go to our website: <http://pinebrookhills.org/Living/Wildlife.html>.



Photos from Kevin Smith.

### Bobcat...

Not as scary as the guy above.



Photo by Carol Shui


### Pine Marten...

Cute and rare in PBH



Photo by Bob Olliver.

The masthead photo on the front page are of the same guy? gal? and also from Bob.

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## FOREST HEALTH: The Douglas Fir Tussock Moth

By Jim Adams

Forest west of Pine Brook Hills has been severely damaged by the Douglas fir Tussock Moth. TM infestation is active now in parts of Pine Brook Hills. Caterpillars defoliate trees from the top down. Young larvae eat tender new needles first, then older needles as they grow. They disperse downwind by “ballooning” on silk threads. If you are near TM infestation and have Doug-fir trees you want to keep, hire a contractor now to spray their tops with Bt-k (a naturally occurring soil bacteria that controls caterpillars).



Active Tussock Moth presence is revealed by defoliated Doug-fir tops and by cocoons. **Cocoons with eggs on your house or**

**trees indicate an immediate threat.** Cocoons are one inch long. Larvae usually hatch in May.



They climb to the top of the nearest Doug-fir and begin to eat new needles. If their food includes Bt-k, the caterpillars die.

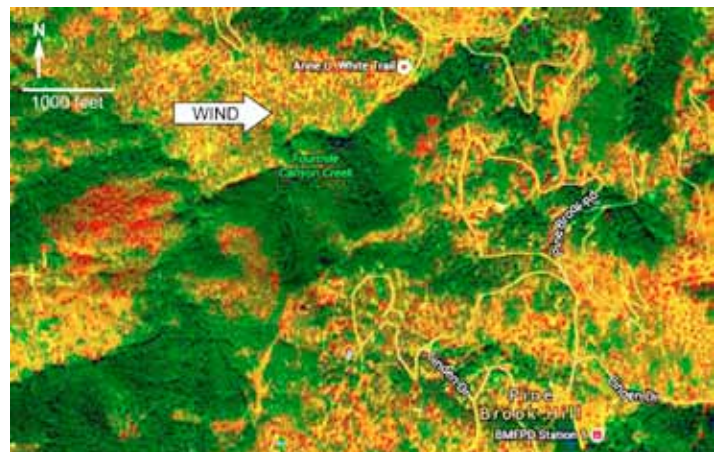
When cocoons with eggs are on or near your property, call a contractor (see a list at the webpage below) **before** the larvae hatch in May, and make arrangements to spray. **Timing is critical.** Bald Doug-fir trees are easy to spot, but finding cocoons under the eaves or in bark

fissures requires effort. Do not touch cocoons because the caterpillar hairs built into them are irritating. (Mountain Pine Beetle defense is simple; damage is done under the bark over many months, and it is easy to find and remove a fading brood tree that is covered with pitch tubes.) Generally Ponderosa Pine is dominant in southern PBH, Doug-fir grows better on damp north-facing slopes.

Now is the time to inspect your property for Doug-fir trees, bald tops, and cocoons. E-mail Forest Health (see below) if you need help, and please report any sign of TM presence.

Tussock Moth outbreaks are checked naturally by their associated virus, NPV, that activates after several years. We may be near the end of the TM outbreak that damaged nearby forest, but we can't count on that. The PBH Forest Health – BeetleBusters team works with the Fire Department Mitigation Crew and private county and state foresters to determine where TM is active. Our at-risk area is where Doug-fir is thick. Please help by reporting bald tops or cocoons wherever you see them. We will directly notify property owners who should spray Doug-fir trees they want to keep.

The latest and best information is at <http://www.pinebrookhills.org/ForestHealth>. The aerial image below shows forest damage caused by TM. Many Doug-fir in northern PBH are downwind from heavily infested areas. We need volunteer inspectors to hunt cocoons along the western side of PBH. Please e-mail [foresthealth@pinebrookhills.org](mailto:foresthealth@pinebrookhills.org), if you would like to help.



[Photo at webpage: Forest damage\_PBP Spring 2016]



## 'Tis the Season to Purge Your Spurge (Again!)

By Morgan Crowley with  
Wildlands Restoration Volunteers

In 2014 Wildlands Restoration Volunteers (WRV) organized dozens of volunteers to offer assistance pulling toxic Myrtle Spurge in Pine Brook Hills. This year we will be back offering assistance again to addresses which we weren't able to reach in 2014. Work is underway locating infestations throughout Pine Brook Hills, Boulder Heights, Bow Mountain and Carriage Hills, but we won't reach everyone and now is the time to Purge your Spurge!



Volunteers help "Purge the Spurge" in Pine Brook Hills

### How you can help?

Pull and bag your Myrtle Spurge and bring it to one of the scheduled "Purge Your Spurge" exchange events below.

**Saturday, April 16th from 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon at the Boulder County**

**Fairgrounds** at 9595 Nelson Rd., Longmont, CO 80501 (in the southeast lot with access off Cattail Rd. next to the Longmont Humane Society).

**Saturday, May 7th from 9:00 – 12:00 Noon at the OSMP Cherryvale Office** located at 66 South Cherryvale, 80303. The City of Boulder Purge event will be in coordination with the first annual CoNPS native plant sale pick up.

**When Purging Spurge, it's important to remember to follow these safety precautions!** Myrtle Spurge is highly toxic and the sap from the plant can seriously harm you.

- **Always wear eye protection, rubber or latex gloves and long sleeves when pulling the plant.**
- Bag any plants you pull and dispose of them in the trash. **Do not compost Myrtle Spurge.**
- Myrtle Spurge is a perennial. Be sure to pull up the entire taproot to prevent re-growth.
- Pull Myrtle Spurge every spring! Myrtle Spurge seeds can be viable for up to 9 years, so remember to check every year for any new growth.

For more information contact: Morgan Crowley, Weed Campaign & Restoration Project Coordinator for WRV at (303) 543-1411 X 3#.





## BMFPD Auxiliary News

By Ann Blonston, Co-president

### Spring Quarterly Meeting set for April 24 at 2:30 PM

The spring quarterly meeting is a special one for the Auxiliary: it's held at a member's home and includes a special program. Residents interested in the Auxiliary are encouraged to attend this meeting. With extra time to visit with one another, it's a good time to get a feel for the opportunities and camaraderie we find in our organization.

Please contact [auxpresident@bouldermountainfire.org](mailto:auxpresident@bouldermountainfire.org) for the location of the meeting.

The special program will be led by Sue Brundege, a seasoned facilitator for mission-driven organizations and a recent arrival to the fire district. We'll discuss our collective vision for the Auxiliary, brainstorm ideas for engaging members and increasing revenue, and find ways to make our work even more productive and fun.

### 5th Fire Safety Sale April 16 & 17; Fire Safety Store Open Year-round

Since the Auxiliary initiated the Fire Safety Sale, four residents have saved their own homes by using training and extinguishers from the Fire Safety Sale.

Sale times are 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM each day. Saturday, April 16 the sale is held at PBH station; on Sunday, April 17 it moves to the Boulder Heights station at 50 Overlook Road. Residents are always welcome to attend either event, and any of the education events held during the sale. Details are at [www.bouldermountainfire.org](http://www.bouldermountainfire.org).

Chief Benson keeps fire safety education and equipment sales going year-round. Residents may order extinguishers, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, reflective sign kits, and other items online at [www.bouldermountainfire.org](http://www.bouldermountainfire.org) and pick them up at the station. Chief Benson will take the time to instruct residents in proper use of an extinguisher and accept non-working extinguishers for recycling. Residents who need help installing detectors need only ask the Chief. Fire personnel are happy to assist.

### Start Crafting for Boulder Mountain Handmade


Nancy Callis will once again lead crafting sessions this summer, and reminds us that it's never too early to start working on items to sell at the Auxiliary's main fundraiser held in November. She's a font of ideas and encouragement. Contact her for suggestions or advice in selecting saleable items: [nlcallis@aol.com](mailto:nlcallis@aol.com).

### New Resident Packets Available for Landlords, Tenants

The Auxiliary publishes a welcome packet for newcomers that covers emergency communication and the unique challenges of mountain living. Landlords – place one in your property for your tenants. Renters – feel welcome to request a copy of your own. Our collective safety is enhanced when we are all savvy about safety. Please contact Geri Oliveira at [goliveira@wkre.com](mailto:goliveira@wkre.com).



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125 Meadowlook Way  
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at the house**

**PLEASE RSVP by Monday, May 30th  
[socialchair@pbh.org](mailto:socialchair@pbh.org)**